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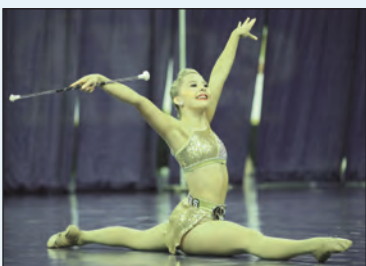
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# Initial plans for new homes approved

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

An Oshkosh developer is planning to build 91 new single-family homes in the southeast corner of the city. The plan is to build the addition to the Casey's Meadow subdivision in three phases with each phase adding 30 homes.

The new homes are proposed to be built north of 20th Avenue and east of Clairville Road.

However, there is an issue between the developer and the city regarding who

should pay for a gravel road to provide the new residences with access to nearby Clairville Road. Discussions between developer Chet Wesenberg of Wesenberg Homes and city officials are ongoing as to which entity will pay to connect Wind-song Terrace and Mockingbird Way.

Wesenberg submitted the preliminary plat to the city for the 91 lots.

The homes are situated on 31 acres of former farmland. The lots will be an average of 10,000 square feet which is similar to the lot sizes of the homes already built

in Casey's Meadow.

Wesenberg thinks the city should pay for the road and the city believes the developer should pay for it. City staff want that road built later this summer but who will pay for the road needs to be decided.

Because the road will have utilities beneath it, there will be a gravel road connecting the two roads for three years as city policy states new utilities need to sit under gravel roads to allow for the utility

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Photo by Jim Koepnick

## Friendly greeting

Thousands of people welcomed a group of 100 Vietnam War veterans to Wittman Regional Airport during EAA AirVenture Friday who were returning from a Yellow Ribbon Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. where they toured war memorials. This is the 11<sup>th</sup> year that the Yellow Ribbon Honor Flight has originated at EAA AirVenture under the auspices of Old Glory Honor Flight. EAA officials said it is an opportunity for AirVenture attendees to say, "Thanks and welcome home." For more information and photos from AirVenture, see pages 4-6.

# Recent WUAA project locates shipwreck in Fox River

## L.W. Crane burned, sank in 1880

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

An underwater archaeologists' group's recent project found over 100 cultural items during a study of the Fox River.

Most notable among the finds is a steamer ship that sank 145 years ago.

The Wisconsin Underwater Archaeological Association (WUAA) found what they believe is the L.W. Crane,

which sank in the river in 1880.

WUAA partnered with the Wisconsin Historical Society (WHS) for the project that utilized high-resolution sonar scanning to survey the Fox River for potential cultural sites. Cultural sites or items are anything of significance in the water. The findings can range from a fishing boat to a ship's anchor to remnants of manmade structures.

The L.W. Crane was built in Berlin, Wis. in 1865. It was a wooden side-wheel steamer used on the Fox River for a time and also ferried passengers and freight

between Green Bay and Oconto in the spring of 1868. The WHS reported L.W. Crane also had voyages on the Illinois River, the Wisconsin River and traveled across Lake Michigan.

While docked at the St. Paul Railroad, the L.W. Crane caught fire and sank to the bottom of the river in 1880.

WUAA's President Brendon Bailloil talked to the Herald about the project. The group was able to purchase the high-resolution sonar scanning equipment with the help of grant funds.

This type of sonar device has side-scan-

ning technology, which allowed WUAA to scan the Fox River from bank to bank with detail. This is different from sonar used for fishing, which searches directly down.

"Those images are so clear that we can see the ribs on the hull of the ships," Bailloil said.

WUAA works in waterbodies across Wisconsin like the Crawfish River near Aztalan State Park and the Root River in Racine. In the Crawfish River a number

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Project seeks models of civility nominations

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The Oshkosh Civility Project (OCP) is marking 15 years of its grassroots work, and, as part of the anniversary, its leaders are seeking nominations for 15 “Torchbearers” who peers consider models of civility.

“Since its birth, our volunteer organization has spoken to dozens of civic groups, spread our message to local government and K-12 partners, been a fixture at Osh-

kosh Farmers Markets and a host of other activities to encourage our leaders and neighbors to practice civility,” said OCP founder and core team leader Walter “Scotty” Scott. “Having undertaken 15 years of this important work and partnership building, we’re turning to the public, be they friends, neighbors, co-workers or others throughout the Oshkosh area, and asking them to help nominate the good people they see as models of civility – the

torchbearers who embody the practices and values we believe are essential to a healthy, connected, civil community.”

Organizers said candidates should guide people to pay attention, listen closely, be inclusive, don’t gossip, show respect, be agreeable, apologize sincerely, give constructive comments, suggestions and feedback and accept responsibility.

The 15 Torchbearer honorees selected by the Oshkosh Civility Project’s Core Team will be introduced at the Oshkosh Area School District’s Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration in January.

“We look forward to a wave of inspiring nominations and finding 15 people who are making it a point to live out the principles the Oshkosh Civility Project has based its 15 years of community volunteer work around,” Scott said.

Nominations for the Oshkosh Civility Project Torchbearer recognition are due Sept. 15. More information can be found at facebook.com/OshkoshCivilityProject and oshkoshcivilityproject.org.



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Road reconstruction

Construction season continues in Oshkosh with a new fire hydrant being installed last week at the corner of Bay Shore Drive and Broad Street. The reconstruction of Bay Shore Drive is expected to last until September. Crews will be completing sewer, water and concrete paving work as part of the project.

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July 30, 1920

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# Artist to exhibit for first time during The Night Gallery

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The Night Gallery returns to Algoma Art Alley on Saturday with a juried exhibition showcasing an eclectic mix of regional talent in Downtown Oshkosh.

The exhibition will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. and is held in conjunction with the



Ducas

Oshkosh Gallery Walk, a year-round celebration of local art held the first Saturday of each month.

Samantha Ducas is one of the featured artists and will be making her public debut. She is described as a self-taught artist whose work radiates imagination, emotion and perseverance.

“I have never come across an artist like Samantha Ducas,” said Amie Brownfield, who has spent nine years as a member and four years as the board president at Jambalaya Arts. “Not only is she incredibly talented, but she is also completely unaware of how amazing her art is. When the ‘jury’ reviewed the artist submissions for the

Night Galleries, it was a no-brainer to accept her into this exhibition.”

Brownfield said the panel to select the artists includes her and representatives from ArtSpace Collective, the Oshkosh Fine Arts Association and the Oshkosh Art Collective.

From childhood, Ducas immersed herself in drawing and painting. She later earned a degree in graphic design before the digital revolution reshaped the field. Though she never received formal fine arts training, her artistic instincts and design background laid the foundation for a unique and compelling visual language, Brownfield said.

Despite living with a degenerative nerve disease, Brownfield said Ducas continues to create with remarkable tenacity. She works across multiple mediums on canvas and paper, pushing through her physical limitations until she no longer trusts her hands to hold her brushes, pens or markers. At that point, she transitions her work into the digital realm, where she meticulously assembles and refines each piece, adding intricate details that bring her visions to life.



Submitted photo

Four Wolves is one of the pieces Samantha Ducas has created that is described as showing how talented she is as a self-taught artist.

“When she received her acceptance email, she was floored and incredulous that we chose her to participate,” Brownfield said. “She had mentioned in her acceptance reply that she was disabled and had never done anything like this before. My reply was that she’d be fine and that I and the team at the gallery would assist her where needed, and we would answer any questions and offer advice on anything she might need to participate.”

Brownfield visited Ducas at her home earlier this month.

“One of the first things she said to me was that this was the first time she had ever shown her work to someone,” Brownfield said. “I could not be more honored and completely mesmerized as we paged through the binder. Each turn of the page

revealed another image that took my breath away.”

Ducas’ portfolio features several captivating series, each revealing her ability to craft ethereal worlds that are both visually stunning and emotionally resonant. Her art invites viewers to step into dreamlike landscapes where imagination reigns and beauty emerges from adversity.

“I gave her the bad news,” Brownfield said. “I thought that everyone should see her art, and it was too late; she already was an artist.”

Brownfield asked Ducas to bring some of her originals to the show at the Night Gallery so people can see how she creates.

“She is over the moon and still stymied that this is happening for her,” Brownfield said. “This is why I created these events. To find artists and give them a chance to be seen and known for their work. I feel as if I found another Vivian Maier, but she is still very much with us.”

Other artists slated to take part in the exhibition include Erin Slattery Black, Kathleen DiBerardino, Alec Ramirez, Ann Schultz and Shirley Wilkinson.

## Gallery Walk features meeting with area leaders

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A meet-and-greet with area leaders is set for Saturday during the Oshkosh Gallery Walk. The meeting takes place from 6 to 8 p.m. under the dome in the original William Waters part of the Oshkosh Public Library.

The leaders scheduled to appear include Winnebago County Executive Gordon Hintz; University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Chancellor Dr. Manohar Singh; Oshkosh

School Superintendent Dr. Bryan Davis, Oshkosh Public Library Director Darryl Eschete and Oshkosh Fire Chief Tim Heiman.

The event is being organized by Citizens for a Stronger Oshkosh (CSO) in cooperation with the library. Since the meeting is taking place during the Gallery Walk, each leader has been asked to bring a favorite piece of personal art or something to reflect where they find beauty.

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# EAA AirVenture attendance continues to increase

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Officials said attendance at this year’s EAA AirVenture increased to a record 704,000 visitors, topping last year’s mark of 686,000.

“This year’s highlights and activities also set the foundation for what’s to come in the world of flight, and that is perhaps the most exciting development of all,” EAA CEO and chairman Jack Pelton said. “This year’s success is a credit to our 6,000 volunteers, our staff members and our partners as they continue to raise the bar on what’s possible as we bring the aviation world to Oshkosh.”

More than 10,000 aircraft arrived at Wittman Regional Airport and other airports in east-central Wisconsin. At Wittman alone, there were 16,246 aircraft operations in the period from noon July 17 to noon Monday, which is an average of approximately 108 takeoffs or landings per hour when the airport is open.

EAA said the total number of showplanes was 2,543, including 995 vintage aircraft, 910 homebuilt aircraft, 361 warbirds, 101 ultralights and light planes, 75 aerobatic aircraft, 74 seaplanes and amphibians, 18 rotorcraft, and 9 balloons.

More than 15,000 sites in aircraft and drive-in camping accounted for more than 40,000 visitors. A record number of 962 exhibitors were represented at the event. A total of 2,305 attendees registered at the International Visitors Tent from 94 countries, including the first-ever registered visitor from Senegal. As a significant number of international visitors do not officially register at the tent when they arrive, the actual international visitor total is much higher.



Planes fly overhead as the Goodyear blimp passes by during last Wednesday’s EAA AirVenture night airshow.

Photo by David Hall

## Recreational safety improvements

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy has introduced a new rule intended to remove outdated regulations impeding innovation and safety in a growing recreational sector of aviation.

“I can’t think of a better place than at the largest general aviation airshow in the U.S. to announce that we’re unleashing American ingenuity. This new rule will promote

better designs, safer materials and upgraded technology in the recreational aviation sector,” Duffy said last week during EAA AirVenture. “Our recreational pilots and plane manufacturers have correctly noted outdated regulations were inhibiting innovation and safety. No more. Let’s bring this industry into a new age.”

Duffy said the light sport aircraft (LSA) sector is continuing to grow for recreational use.

According to the FAA, LSAs are small, lightweight aircraft that are “easy to fly.”

## Plans for 2026

As the look ahead begins for next year’s event, plans were announced for EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2026 to feature a renewed emphasis on helicopters and VTOL aircraft as part of a newly formed partnership with the Robinson Helicopter Company and Vertical Aviation International (VAI), a membership organization dedicated to supporting the vertical lift industry.

“While we’ve always had a welcome rotorcraft presence at our annual convention, this new partnership will enable us to showcase more GA and commercial helicopters as well as the many fascinating innovations happening in the world of vertical lift,” said Ren Scott, EAA vice president of business development, sales and events.

Beginning next year, AirVenture’s Aviation Gateway Park will have a dedicated space for displaying aircraft, showcasing new technology and recruitment for new jobs in the vertical lift industry. EAA plans to promote the new space through several communication channels and by attending events such as VAI’s Verticon in Atlanta in March 2026.

EAA also plans to develop more helicopter parking areas with easier access to camping.

More details on the new space will be announced as they are finalized. EAA AirVenture is scheduled for July 20-26, 2026.



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Painter Rivers Ashton of Lincolnton, N.C. works during a live art demonstration last week at the Seaplane Base during EAA AirVenture in Oshkosh.

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## Love is in the air

Pilot Scott Yoak proposes to Rachel Lietzke moments after she directed his plane to a stop in front of the crowd during last Friday's afternoon airshow at EAA AirVenture. "He flew amazing and then pulled a fast one on me," Lietzke posted on Instagram. "I said yes to forever and my best friend."

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# Air bosses keep skies safe over EAA AirVenture

By Barbara A. Schmitz  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

As crowds watch an airshow, all they see are the planes, the moves, the speed and the beauty. They don't see all the work that goes into making it safe, not only for the pilots, but also for the spectators watching below.

That's the air bosses' job. EAA AirVenture Oshkosh usually has five air bosses working during the week, with four working in the stand for each show: one talking to the airplanes, another coordinating with the main tower and the north tower, still another providing an extra set of eyes and the last working with Warbirds.

The four watch to make sure each and every detail is being met. Head Air Boss Wayne Boggs has spent the last 40 years at Oshkosh, ensuring that all air bosses are trained and competent, and that safety is always paramount.

The world realized that training was needed to be an air boss after the Reno Air Races Reno air crash in 2011. (Boggs was not the air boss that day.) On Sept. 16, the Galloping Ghost, a highly modified North American P-51D Mustang, crashed into spectators while competing, killing the pilot and 10 people on the ground. An additional 69 people on the ground were injured.

After the Reno accident, Boggs was one of several asked to testify to the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) in Washington, D.C. The first question he was asked was what does it take to become an air boss. His answer: A business card.

"A group of us decided we needed to do something before the NTSB or the FAA developed something that we couldn't live

## Boggs at a glance

- Wayne Boggs retired from the FAA in 2004, having worked as an air traffic controller at Chicago O'Hare International Airport, and as a manager or supervisor at Meigs Field to the FAA headquarters. He had accrued 40 years of federal service: 10 years in the Marine Corps and 30 years at the FAA.
- The International Council of Air Shows (ICAS) has recognized Boggs' work as an air boss to keep airshow performers and audiences safe for more than 35 years. He received the ICAS Sword of Excellence, and was inducted into the ICAS Hall of Fame in 2019.
- Boggs has also been named an honorary Blue Angel boss and Thunderbird. There have been only 11 honorary Blue Angel bosses since 1946 and only two are still alive.

with," Boggs said. So the group came up with training and standards that are still in use today. The FAA Air Boss Recognition Program (ABRP) has three levels of air boss qualification: basic, standard and recognized. The higher the level, the more requirements that need to be met, said Boggs, who is one of the few to have attained the recognized status.

Boggs said to be a good air boss you need to have a tremendous amount of situational awareness and be able to multitask, think quickly and make a decision. It also helps to have worked as an air traffic



Photo by Barbara A. Schmitz

Air Boss Wayne Boggs on the stand July 22 during the EAA AirVenture afternoon airshow.

controller and to be a pilot.

"In the air traffic environment, you need plans in your mind and your mind needs to be constantly moving because airplanes are moving," Boggs said. "If plan 1 isn't going to work, what are you going to do?"

Being an air boss for an airshow is similar. "You're multitasking and keeping the show on time, while also keeping it safe for the pilots and the people viewing," he said. "It's very much having situational awareness 360 degrees around you and paying attention, knowing the moment you quit paying attention that's when something is going to happen."

The job can be stressful because your decisions can have life and death implications, he said. So it's also important to have a sense of humor, too, to take the edge off things during high-stress situations.

The days begin early for AirVenture air operations staff. They have tentative schedules before AirVenture begins, but once the event begins they usually hold four briefings each morning. The first, at

7:30 a.m., includes everyone who is involved on the air side of the operation. That's followed by briefings for Warbirds, those who have never flown at AirVenture before, and then the actual airshow. If something special is happening that day, there may be additional briefings.

"After that, you have a chance to find a quiet spot and get your game face on and focus on what you need to do," he said.

At 79, Boggs continues to mentor, train and certify air bosses. He also works at 20-26 airshows across the country each year and operates his business, John-Wayne Air Cavalry, LLC, an aviation planning and event services company.

"My goal is to leave the field better than I found it," Boggs said, "and I have accomplished that."

He and his wife of 56 years, Carolyn, talk about when he'll retire, but he said he isn't ready yet, saying, "But I want to step away with people remembering me for being good at what I did, rather than the SOB who should have retired a few years ago."



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# Top twirler Johnson takes baton to international level

By Tim Froberg  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Sienna Johnson tried playing youth soccer as a kid, but the sport didn't stick. "I would just sit there, waving at the crowd and smiling," said Johnson with a laugh.

Johnson went a different route with athletics. She gave an intriguing new activity a whirl...and it involved a twirl.

The 2025 Oshkosh West graduate is an expert baton twirler. She delivered several



Johnson

top finishes in a national competition earlier this month at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind.

Johnson emerged as the national collegiate downfield champion – which she refers to as “showing off” while marching downfield.

She also took first in the senior rhythmic twirl (a solo performance set to music), second in the grand national solo (a two-and-a-half-minute routine of constant twirling) and third in the Miss Majorette of America which consists of various categories, including modeling and solo baton competition.

“I was really happy with my performance,” she said. “I love going to nationals. It’s always fun to meet twirlers from all over the country that are at the same level as you. It can be a stressful, and you really have to focus on your routines.”

Johnson will try and build on her stellar performance at nationals by taking her skills to the international level. The 17-year-old will compete as a member of Team USA in the 2025 International Ba-



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Sienna Johnson, a 2025 Oshkosh West graduate and member of Julie's Touch of Silver Dance Studio, will compete as a member of Team USA in the 2025 International Baton Twirling Federation World Championships in August.

ton Twirling Federation (IBTF) World Championships Aug. 8-10 in Turin, Italy. She earned the opportunity to compete in Europe by placing in the top two for Elite Solo in January.

It will be Johnson's second World Championship appearance. She competed two years ago in the event at Liverpool, England where she landed gold and silver medals.

“I’ve never been to Italy, so I’m really excited,” Johnson said. “Going to World two years ago was the best experience of my life. It was an incredible experience and allowed me to learn more about twirling

seeing how it’s done outside the United States.”

In addition to the world-class competition, Johnson will also have a chance to play tourist.

“We’ve extended our trip a couple days, so we’re going to Sicily and will get some time to spend on the beach,” she said. “Should be a lot of fun.”

Shortly after the Italy trip, Johnson will take her top-notch twirling and academic skills to the University of Missouri where she will study economics and international business and be one of three featured twirlers in the Mizzou marching band.

“Ever since I was a little girl, I wanted to become a collegiate twirler,” Johnson said. “I grew up watching girls from my studio go on to become twirlers at the University of Iowa, the University of Georgia and a bunch of other big universities. I would go to their games and watch them and I wanted to be like them. They were my mentors and I wanted to do that, too. So it really will be a dream come true.”

Johnson had to audition to land a spot in the “Mizzou” marching band and will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for being a band member.

“The band was a big part of picking a college, although I also focused on my major,” she said. “When I went down to audition in March, I absolutely loved Mizzou, the people, the campus, the band, everything.”

Johnson is just as dazzling in the classroom as she is with a baton in her hand. She was a high honors student at West who finished with a 3.95 grade point average.

“I’ve always been good at math and have always wanted to become a lawyer,” she said. “Economics should help me understand the back side of business. I’ve taken Spanish classes for the last six years and have loved it. So I felt that with my foreign language skills, international business would be amazing.”

Reaching Johnson's elite level of twirling takes years of practice and competition. She has been working with the baton since the age of three when her mother, Rachel, signed her up for dance classes at Julie's Touch of Silver Dance Studio in Oshkosh. Julie's is in its 45<sup>th</sup> year of opera-

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# Police join U.S. Marshals to serve arrest warrant

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Police Department worked with the U.S. Marshals Eastern Wisconsin Violent Offender Task Force to serve an arrest warrant for a Milwaukee man staying in Oshkosh.

The coordinated operation led to the arrest of three people. OPD reported a 39-year-old man from Milwaukee was taken into custody for a Milwaukee County warrant.

Two others, a 33-year-old Milwaukee woman and a 31-year-old Oshkosh woman, were arrested when the search warrant was executed around 9 a.m. on July 24 at a residence in the 600 block of Jackson Street.

OPD confirmed that the 39-year-old man arrested for the Milwaukee County warrant is Willie Thigpen.

OPD was not able to confirm any of the

## Suspicious fire at Oshkosh Defense being investigated

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Police Department is looking for information regarding an individual who allegedly set a box on fire in the Oshkosh Defense parking lot earlier this month.

OPD released a statement last week regarding a suspicious fire that took place outside Oshkosh Defense at 2307 Oregon St. Officers responded to a fire at the building at 2:12 a.m.

The fire was extinguished by an Oshkosh Defense employee and there were no reported injuries from the incident.

OPD alleges surveillance video shows the suspect walking up to the entrance of the

other people arrested as part of the search warrant as the department policy states it cannot name any individual until they are charged by the district attorney's office.

Online court records show Thigpen is facing one count of possession with intent – amphetamine/methamphetamine, greater than 50 grams.

The charge could lead to up to 25 years in prison, followed by up to 15 years of extended supervision.

Winnebago County Jail records show the 33-year-old woman was arrested just after 9 a.m. July 24 and is currently being held on referred charges of harboring and aiding a felon and resisting or obstructing an officer.

Charges have not yet been filed against her or anyone else involved in the arrest warrant by the district attorney's office.

building holding a box and then lit the box on fire after placing it near the building. The fire caused some damage to the building.

Two videos were released that do not show the suspect lighting the box on fire. One video shows the suspect walking in a parking lot toward a building holding a box. A second video shows the suspect exiting the parking lot with the time stamp on the video reading 1:53 a.m. on July 10.

The police department is investigating the incident as arson and is asking anyone with information to contact OPD detective Paul Frey at 920-236-5700 or contact Winnebago County Crime Stoppers at 920-231-8477.



Photo from Winnebago County  
Amanda Tennyson was the Winnebago County Public Health's Harm Reduction Program coordinator.

# County mourns loss of employee

Oshkosh Herald

Winnebago County employees are mourning the passing of a colleague after her sudden death last week.

Winnebago County Executive Gordon Hintz announced in an email to county staff the passing of Public Health's Harm Reduction Program Coordinator, Amanda Tennyson.

"Amanda was a fierce and passionate advocate for meeting people where they are at and incorporating harm reduction approaches into all aspects of her work, particularly when engaging people with substance use disorder. She treated everyone who stepped into her office as a person, not as someone defined by their addiction or struggles," Hintz said.

He continued, "During her years with Public Health, she used her vast knowledge and experiences to provide all of us with education on harm reduction and the impacts of the system on individual people.

She never hesitated to share her skills and background to reduce stigma and increase her impact in the community."

Tennyson was featured in the Herald's Fentanyl Awareness series last year. The series provided first-person accounts of people and professionals who are affected by fentanyl in the community.

"Without programs like the one I operate and the people who do this work, I wouldn't be here today to share my story and for that, I am eternally grateful," she wrote. "Be the change you want to see in the world; the change starts with you."

County employees can contact the Winnebago County Crisis Center to discuss the situation. A free and confidential Employee Assistance program is also available to county employees.

"Pay attention to what you are feeling and experiencing. Pay attention to your co-workers too, help can be hard to ask for," Hintz said.

## Drug case dismissed after suspect jailed 17 months

Oshkosh Herald

In a surprise move, the Winnebago County District Attorney's Office requested a large felony drug case be dismissed without prejudice after the suspect spent the last 17 months in jail.

Jerry Slack has been released from Winnebago County Jail where he was in custody since February 2024. His charges were all dismissed last week by the district attorney's office.

Slack, 35, was facing multiple fentanyl and cocaine-related felony charges after being taken into custody last year. Those charges were all dropped after assistant district attorney Wyatt Reinke submitted a motion to dismiss the case to the court.

Winnebago County Circuit Court Branch 5 Judge John Jorgensen was presiding over the case and ordered the case be dismissed without prejudice. When

a case is dismissed without prejudice, it means the plaintiff can potentially refile the case.

In Reinke's motion he wrote, "The State has recently reviewed new information. Based on the new information, the State no longer believes further prosecution of this case is appropriate."

If the case went to trial, Slack faced a total of 55 years in prison, followed by up to 35 years of extended supervision for the six felony charges he was facing.

A civil case linked to the criminal case was also dismissed. In that case, the Oshkosh Police were suing to get control of almost \$4,000 of cash and a 2006 Land Rover that was in Slack's possession when he was arrested.

The criminal complaint alleges Slack sold controlled substances to multiple confidential informants which eventually led to the Oshkosh Police SWAT team assembling to arrest Slack in February 2024.

The criminal case faced numerous delays due to the circumstances of the investigation and arrest of Slack. Multiple attorneys needed to step aside from the case because they had conflicts of interest.

Three public defenders withdrew from the Slack's case since last March. Each of the attorneys entered the case then learned the identities of the confidential informants.

All three public defenders said in court they had to withdraw because the attorneys had previously represented one of the confidential informants.



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# Housing plan

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pipes to settle before paving the road.

When the Plan Commission met on July 15 the preliminary plat was approved for extending the subdivision.

There were plans in the city to expand the subdivision around 20 years ago; however, that didn't happen with the housing crash in 2008.

The current plan calls for the construction of three new roads within the subdivision and two connections to Clairville Road.

When Windsong Terrace and Mockingbird Way are connected, the entire street will be named Mockingbird Way and connect the subdivision to Clairville.

City staff and Wesenberg reported that negotiations are ongoing regarding which party will finance the construction of the gravel roads.

"I'm not willing to pay for it," Wesenberg said. "There's other property owners (on Windsong Terrace) that are going to benefit from it to the north and the south. I think that's very unfair to put it on me, as a developer, to build those costs into the 90 lots that I have."

Plan Commission members Margy Davey and Kathleen Propp said they were disappointed in Wesenberg's response.

"I think the neighbors and all of us would like to have some connection soon," Propp said of the gravel road.

The Wesenberg Homes website states there is one vacant lot currently in Casey's Meadow on Casey Trail for sale at \$86,000. Wesenberg Homes also advertises homes on its website that are available in the subdivision ranging from \$372,000 to \$457,000.

# Top twirler

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tion and instructs students in recreational baton twirling, tumbling, modeling and different types of dance, including ballet, jazz, tap and hip hop.

Julie's studio owner Julie Seckar-Anderson has worked closely with Johnson since the day she picked up a baton. She says that Johnson's devotion to the sport is a major reason why she has reached such an advanced level.

"She's definitely one of the most dedicated individuals I've ever worked with," said Seckar-Anderson. "She's very focused and she will put the time in."

"As far as her skills go, she is just really quick. Her speed is over the top. That's because of the amount of time she puts in. Competitive twirling is all very intricate. Timing is a huge thing. Timing the baton with body movement is not easy and it takes a lot of practice."

Johnson doesn't take shortcuts or coast on her natural talent. She practices with the baton two-to-three hours every day.

"There is a lot more to it than just throwing a baton up in the air and catching it," Johnson said. "You need really good hand-to-eye coordination, but to make it at the national or world level, you have to be super dedicated and have a great work ethic. Just practicing – that's how you get good in this sport."

All that practice has involved sacrificing valuable time outside of school – something most teens would be hesitant to do.

"I've been working at this pretty hard since I was eight," Johnson said. "You have to make sacrifices to become good because you have to get that two-to-three hours in the gym every night. You need to

be dedicated and you need to persevere because you're going to have practice days that aren't so good when you will drop (the baton) or you just don't want to practice. You have to be able to rise above that."

In addition to all of her competitions, Johnson has performed in countless area parades and Christmas shows over the years along with football games as a member of West's marching band. Despite her multiple years handling the baton so skillfully, Johnson says the pre-performance butterflies never disappear.

"I still get nervous," she said. "But I feel like it's just a part of competing at such a high level. "Working with Julie (Seckar-Anderson) has been great. She's taught me to calm down when I get stressed and just focus on the baton – like nothing else matters - and just have fun. You don't even think about dropping or failing when you get locked in."

Johnson doesn't plan to pursue twirling after she graduates from Missouri, but there is a good chance her baton will never collect cobwebs.

"I don't think I'll compete after college, but depending on where I end up, I might find a studio someday where I can teach," said Johnson. "Or maybe help out somewhere as a coach. Right now, I'm just excited about going to Italy and then, Missouri. I think both are going to be amazing."



Submitted photo

Sienna Johnson recently earned the national collegiate downfield champion and took first in the senior rhythmic twirler among her awards at a national competition at Notre Dame earlier this month.

# Car show, pig roast coming to Algoma

Oshkosh Herald

The Town of Algoma Fire Department is hosting a car show and pig roast. The event will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug 16 at 2060 Omro Road in the lot in front of Skipper Bud's Oshkosh at the intersection of Wisconsin Highway 21 and Interstate 41.

Activities include a pig roast, corn roast, refreshment and raffle tickets for sale to raise

funds for the volunteer fire department.

Car registration will be from 8 a.m. to noon with awards and raffle drawing at 2:30 p.m. The entry fee is free for spectators and vehicles, but donations will be accepted.

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# WUAA project

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of indigenous cultural sites were found, and Baillod said they discovered an overturned car in the Root River.

The sonar scanning has GPS built in, allowing the WUAA team to map and locate over 100 cultural sites on the river.

“The Fox River in Oshkosh is like a time capsule,” he said.

This is because there has not been dredging or scouring of the river floor like other waterways. Baillod said the floor of the Fox River has many boats as the recent project was able to locate many items related to Oshkosh’s history.

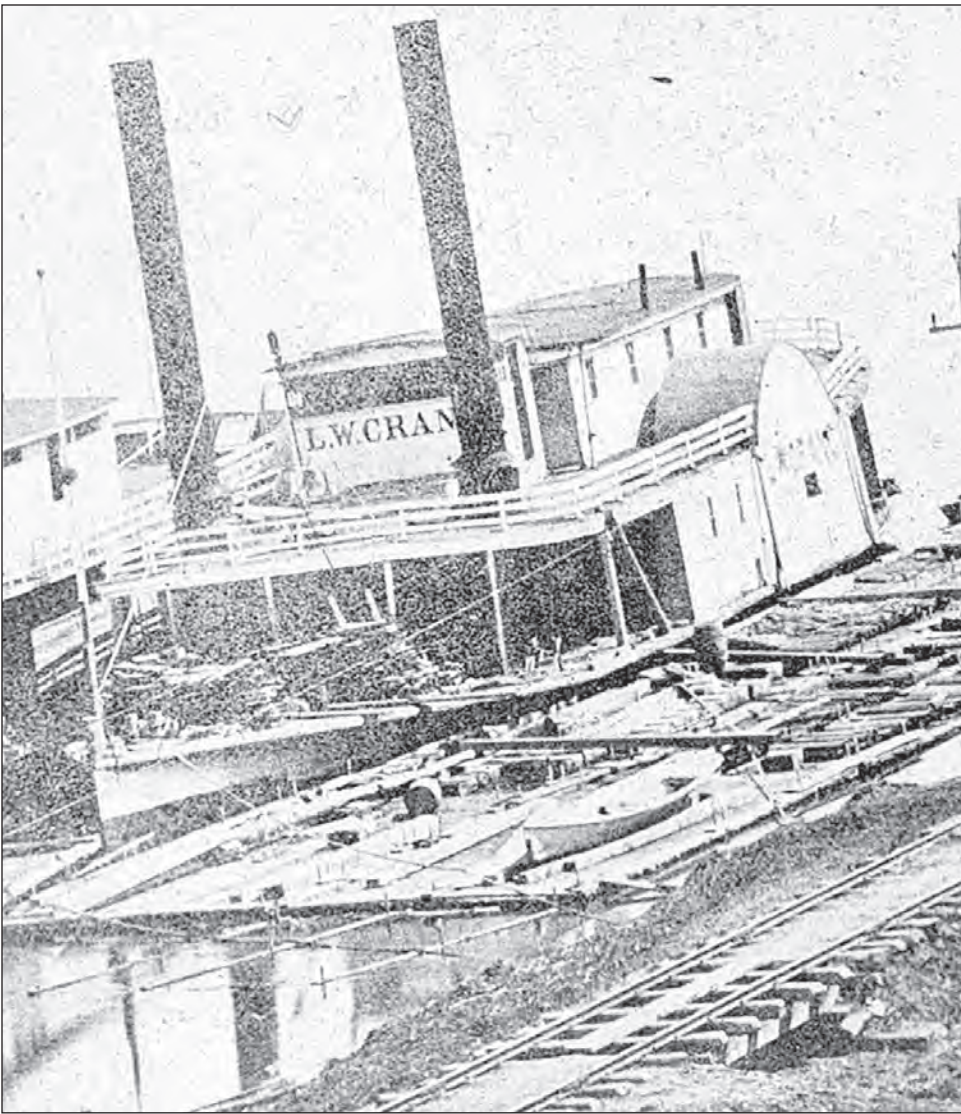
Initially, the WUAA was searching for a different ship from the 1800s that sank in the Fox River in similar circumstances to the L.W. Crane. The Berlin City was a wooden steam paddle ship built in Berlin and would make regular trips transporting passengers and freight between Berlin and Oshkosh. It was built in 1865 and caught fire and eventually sank in November 1870.

The WUAA was searching for the Berlin City after the ship’s anchor was pulled out of the Fox River near the convention center, Balloid said.

One fascinating aspect of the WUAA find is that most of the ship is not underneath sediment which naturally is added to the riverbed over time and covers most objects if not disturbed or removed.

The Fox River is about 25 feet deep where the L.W. Crane has settled near the Convention Center. The wreck is 90 feet long and 20 feet wide and was located on the opposite bank of the river where it was believed to have sank.

The Fox River was instrumental for



The L.W. Crane sank to the bottom of the Fox River in 1880 after it caught fire while docked in Oshkosh. Underwater archaeologists believe they have found remnants of the ship during a recent survey of the river.

Europeans traveling the region. Whether it was the French, Jesuit Missionaries or British explorers, the river was the waterway allowing explorers to traverse from the Great Lakes to Green Bay into the interior of Wisconsin and eventually get to

the Mississippi River.

Baillod summed it up by saying, “The Fox is the center of early exploration.”

However, items from that time, dating back to the mid-1600s, are unlikely to be found with sonar scanning due to the ac-

## Altrusa Club awards scholarships to students

Oshkosh Herald

Altrusa Club of Oshkosh recently awarded five \$1,500 scholarships to area students.

Anna Borst is a graduate of Oshkosh North High School pursuing a degree in clinical laboratory science from UW-La Crosse this fall. She hopes to work in a hospital lab or clinical research.

She has been active in a variety of activities including Communities, Student Council, Link Crew and athletics. She enjoys spending time with her family including her dog Ivan as well as being active



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WUAA

A ship closely resembling the L.W. Crane was discovered using high-resolution sonar scanning of the Fox River.

cumulation of sediment over hundreds of years.

The cultural items the WUAA found included a number of old docks, two fishing boats, debris from industries that used to line the river and manmade structures.

“There are large caissons of rock pile from the former railway bridge near the mouth of the Fox when it meets Lake Winnebago,” Baillod said. “We found scattered debris from an old shipyard.”

A full report of the survey was completed by the WUAA and is available at wuaa.org. The survey mapped the Fox River from the Oshkosh Avenue bridge near Sawyer Creek south to where the river meets Lake Winnebago.

“This was a tremendously successful project,” Baillod said.

The WUAA has plans for a similar project on Lake Michigan and plans to come back to Oshkosh and survey the northern section of the Fox River.

outdoors.

Sam Benesh graduated from Oshkosh West High School and will attend UW-Milwaukee in the fall, studying special education and adapted physical education. He participated in basketball, cross country, track and tennis, as well as a part of the Sources of Strength and Connected Clubs.

Lily Moderson graduated from Oshkosh West and will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison majoring in biochemistry/microbiology on the pre-PA/pre-med track. She enjoys traveling, playing tennis, reading, and spending time with her friends and family.

Alyssa Pankau will be a fourth-year student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Pharmacy. She earned her bachelor’s degree at UW-Eau Claire double majoring in biology and Spanish.

She has worked at Walgreens over the last four years as a pharmacy technician and intern where she discovered her passion for pharmacy and helping people during difficult times. After graduation, she will seek residency as a hospital pharmacist, focusing on ER or ICU. Outside of school, she enjoys bowling, reading, traveling and recently registered to play ultimate Frisbee.

Warren Seeley graduated as valedictorian at Oshkosh North High School and will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison to pursue a degree in finance. He participated with the Communities program which allowed him to engage in the community. He developed strong communication and leadership skills.

He played basketball freshman and sophomore years and golf junior and senior years. He enjoys golfing and spending time with friends.

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Racers competed Saturday in the first of two state qualifiers hosted at the Winnebagoand BMX track this season.

# BMX racers hit the track for state qualifier

By Michael J. Cooney  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Winnebagoand BMX track came alive Saturday as 275 riders and their families from across Wisconsin gathered for the first of two state qualifiers hosted at the facility this season.

Track operators Liz and Chris Wieborg, who have been deeply involved in BMX, organized the event.

“We’re lucky to have two qualifiers this year,” Liz said. “Riders must compete in at least three qualifiers in the state to be eligible for the finals.”

Wisconsin has three sanctioned BMX tracks: Winnebagoand in Oshkosh, Central Wisconsin in Wisconsin Rapids and Hodag BMX in Rhinelander, where the state championship will take place later this year.

Saturday’s Oshkosh event attracted both youth and adult competitors, with

approximately 50 adults participating. The gender ratio leaned toward boys, approximately 70/30, but young girls were also present, tackling the same challenging track.

“It’s great to see so many kids and adults out here,” Chris said. “The most exciting part is building something the community can enjoy.”

Winnebagoand BMX is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that operates the track on county-owned property. Volunteers maintain the facility and run the events. The track has been part of the local scene for 42 years, moving to its current location at 4650 Jackson St. in 1997.

For racers, the stakes were high. Winners took home trophies and valuable points toward their state championship standings. Beyond the prizes, the event provided an opportunity to race, connect and uphold a long-standing local tradition.

# Herd renames golf outing for former assistant

Oshkosh Herald

The Wisconsin Herd will dedicate its annual golf outing in memory of former assistant coach Joe Wolf.

The Wisconsin Herd Joe Wolf Memorial Golf Outing will take place Aug. 27 at Lake Breeze Golf Course, 633 Ball Prairie Road in Winneconne. Registration for individuals and foursomes is open now at [herdgolf.givesmart.com](http://herdgolf.givesmart.com).

Each golfer will receive 18 holes, golf cart access, lunch, dinner, one drink ticket, one \$50 Herd Pro Shop gift card, and one ticket to a Herd home game for the 2025-26 season.

Check-in will begin at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. followed by a dinner reception and awards ceremony. The event will also include a raffle featuring NBA/NBA G League jerseys, as well as other prizes, to raise money for the Joe Wolf Foundation. The foundation supports various charities, including youth development programs, food distribution for those in need, cancer research and heart disease prevention.

Wolf passed away in September 2024 at age 59. He had been an assistant coach with the team since October 2023 and spent part of his career playing and coaching for the Milwaukee Bucks.

# Calendar of events

## Wednesday, July 30

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

## Thursday, July 31

Winnebago 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

Winnebago County Fair, 8 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center grounds  
Morgan House Tours, 6 p.m., 234 Church Ave.

## Saturday, Aug. 2

Winnebago 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., Winnebago 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

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

## Tuesday, Aug. 5

National Night Out, 5:30 p.m., Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh, 501 E. Parkway Ave.

## Wednesday, Aug. 6

Music on Main featuring Sly Joe & the Smooth Operators, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

## Thursday, Aug. 7

XRoads Music Festival, 2:30 p.m., Oshkosh Festivals Park  
Waterfest featuring Steely Dane, 5:45 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

## Friday, Aug. 8

XRoads Music Festival, 2:30 p.m., Oshkosh Festivals Park

## Saturday, Aug. 9

Barrels & BBQ Competition and Car Show, 7 a.m., Oshkosh Arena  
Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.  
Wheelchair and Scooter Wash, 10 a.m., J & R Auto Service, 29 Main St.  
XRoads Music Festival, 2:30 p.m., Oshkosh Festivals Park  
Matilda, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

## Sunday, Aug. 10

Inland Yachting Association Championship Regatta, daily through Saturday, Menominee Park  
Summer Fun Run, 6 p.m., Winnebago County Community Park

## Tuesday, Aug. 12

Sarah Hanahan Quartet, 7 p.m., The Howard, 405 Washington Ave.

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Grace Ruedinger, bachelor of business administration, finance  
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# Oshkosh Legion season ends at regional tournament

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Legion bats were kept quiet in a pair of losses last week as the team hosted its Class AAA Regional Tournament at EJ Schneider Field.

Oshkosh fell to the Appleton Doubledays, 3-2, in the first game on Wednesday and were shutout, 5-0, by Sheboygan in a rain-interrupted game that was completed on Friday afternoon.

## Sturgeon spearing tag deadline Friday

Oshkosh Herald

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources reminds sturgeon spearers that the deadline to apply for an Upriver Lakes spearing tag for the 2026 sturgeon spearing season is Friday.

Due to the higher harvest rate associated with the Upriver Lakes (lakes Poygan, Winneconne and Butte des Morts), anyone wishing to spear on the Upriver Lakes is required to apply for a tag. A total of 500 applicants will receive a tag to spear a sturgeon from the Upriver Lakes during the 2026 sturgeon spearing season.

These spearing tags will be issued through a drawing where priority is given to applications with the most preference points. Those applying as a group will have their point value based on the individual with the lowest point total within the group.

Spearers can also choose to purchase a

The Doubledays eventually won the regional title and will advance to the state tournament to be held in Stevens Point.

In the loss to the Doubledays, Oshkosh scored a run in the bottom of the first inning to tie the game at 1. Connor Palmquist plated Shaun Gavin with a sacrifice fly for Oshkosh's tally, but the Doubledays responded with two runs in the top of the second to regain the lead.

preference point in lieu of applying for a tag.

Spearers can apply for an Upriver Lakes tag or purchase a preference point online through the Go Wild system or at any license sales location.

Applicants selected to purchase an Upriver Lakes sturgeon spearing license will be notified by Oct. 1 and may then purchase their Upriver River spearing license.

Any license holder not selected during this drawing will be awarded a preference point towards future drawings and can purchase a Lake Winnebago spearing license.

The 2026 Winnebago System sturgeon spearing season will begin on Feb. 14, 2026, on Lake Winnebago and the Upriver Lakes. The season is authorized for a maximum of 16 days or until any of the annual biologically based harvest caps are reached. Separate harvest caps are set for each system: Lake Winnebago and the Upriver Lakes.

The Legion trailed 3-1 until the bottom of the seventh when Avery Mosloski reached on an error to start the framing and moved to third base on a pair of groundouts. Gavin then delivered a two-out RBI-single that brought Oshkosh to within a run but that would be as close as they could get as the Doubledays retired the next Oshkosh batter to end the game.

Gavin finished 2-for-2 with a walk and accounted for half of Oshkosh's hits in the game. Noah Muehrer and Caleb Lee also had singles in the game.

Gavin was the tough-luck losing pitcher, allowing just one earned run in six innings while striking out two. Oshkosh committed four errors in the game which led to two unearned runs.

Oshkosh was shut out for just the third time this season in the loss to Sheboygan, scrounging up just three hits in the contest – singles by Muehrer, Palmquist and Mosloski.

Sheboygan scored four runs in the top of the third inning and led 4-0 when rain forced the game to be suspended in the fourth inning. Sheboygan tacked on its final run in the seventh inning.

Zach Kiffmeyer took the loss for Oshkosh, allowing eight hits and four runs in three innings, while Mosloski pitched the final four frames surrendering an unearned run. Both pitchers fanned four batters in the game.

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There will also be a session for pitchers and catchers from noon-1 p.m.

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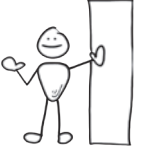
  
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## Jobless rate decreases slightly throughout county

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The Oshkosh-Neenah metropolitan area (MSA) and Winnebago County saw their unemployment rates decrease from 3.2% to 3.0% over the year, while remaining the same at 3.0% between May and June, according to preliminary data from the state Department of Workforce Development.

Preliminary June unemployment decreased in 10 metropolitan areas over the month and stayed the same in the three remaining metropolitan areas. Jobless rates decreased in 12 metropolitan areas over the year and stayed the same in one metropolitan area: Sheboygan.

Jobless rates decreased in 24 of Wisconsin’s 35 largest cities over the month, increased in six cities and stayed the same in the remaining five cities. Rates decreased in 22 cities over the year, while increasing in seven cities and staying the same in the remaining six cities.

Preliminary June 2025 jobless rates decreased in 63 counties over the month, stayed the same in eight counties and increased in one county: Menominee. Unemployment rates decreased in 61 counties over the year, increased in four counties and stayed the same in the remaining seven counties.

Estimates of unemployment and employment statistics are from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## Public library calendar

Some events require registration. Visit oshkoshlibrary.org to register or call 920-236-5203.

### Aug. 1

Preteen Book Club, 4:30 p.m.  
 Teen Book Club, 4:30 p.m.

### Aug. 2

Read to a Dog, 9:15 a.m., ages 5–12  
 Oshkosh Community Jam, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m., all ages  
 Gallery Walk: Meet the Leaders, 6 p.m., all ages

### Aug. 4

Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.  
 Read to a Dog, 4 p.m., ages 5-12

### Aug. 5

Teen Tuesday, 2 – 4 p.m.  
 Adult DIY, 6 – 7 p.m.  
 Storytime for Grownups at Planet Perk, 6–7 p.m.

### Aug. 6

Baby and Toddler Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m.  
 Games at the Library: Trading Card Games, all ages  
 Job Search Assistance, 1–4 p.m., teens and adults  
 Teen Advisory Board, 4:30 p.m.

### Aug. 7

Baby and Toddler Storytime, 10:15 a.m.  
 Teen Animanga Club, 4 p.m.  
 Chess Club, 5–7 p.m., all ages

### Aug. 8

Elementary Book Club, 4:30 p.m.  
 Young Adult Book Club, 4:30 p.m.

### Aug. 9

Craft Swap, 9 a.m., adults

### Aug. 11

Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.

### Aug. 12

Tunes & Tots, 10 a.m.  
 Teen Tuesday, 2–4 p.m.  
 Stitch Together, 6:30 p.m., adults

### Aug. 13

Baby and Toddler Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m.  
 Job Search Assistance, 1–4 p.m., teens and adults

### Aug. 14

Baby and Toddler Storytime, 10:15 a.m.  
 Second Thursday Book Group, 1:30 p.m., adults  
 Adults Animanga Club, 4 p.m.  
 Chess Club, 5 p.m., all ages

### Aug. 15

WonderSTEAM, 4:30 p.m., elementary and preteen

### Aug. 16

Secret Unbirthday Gift Exchange, 11 a.m., adults

### Aug. 19

Winnebago Free Legal Assistance Clinic, 4:30–6:30 p.m., adults

### Aug. 20

Kids on Canvas, 1:30 p.m.  
 Teen Advisory Board, 4:30 p.m.

### Aug. 21

Teen Animanga Club, 4 p.m.  
 Chess Club, 5 p.m., all ages  
 Not Your Classic Book Club, 6 p.m., adults

### Aug. 22

Million Minute Reader Party, 7–8:30 p.m., all ages

### Aug. 23

Games at the Library: Classic Family Games, 10 a.m.–noon, all ages

### Aug. 26

Teen Tuesday, 2–4 p.m.  
 Banned Book Club, 6:30 p.m., adults

### Aug. 27

Job Search Assistance, 1–4 p.m., teens and adults

### Aug. 28

Chess Club, 5–7 p.m., all ages

## Obituaries

### Marilyn J. Kraus

Marilyn J. Kraus, age 95, of Oshkosh, passed away at Evergreen Retirement Community on July 23, 2025. She was born March 7, 1930, in Fond du Lac, to the late Rudolph and Marion (Icks) Lange. Marilyn married Lyle Kraus in Fond du Lac on September 18, 1953. They shared 65 years together and enjoyed many things, including traveling and Polka dancing.

Marilyn found immense joy in her cherished cabin up north, a testament to the artistry and craftsmanship of her late husband, Lyle. It was here that she fostered countless memories with family and friends, surrounded by the beauty of nature that she held dear.

A gifted artisan, Marilyn expressed her creativity through her many talents as a quilter, Hardanger embroidery artist, and knitter. Her heart was woven into every stitch, and her legacy includes over 100 handmade newborn hats lovingly crafted and donated to local hospitals, ensuring that her warmth would touch the lives of many. Additionally, Marilyn embraced the beauty of rosemaling, creating vibrant pieces that reflected her artistic spirit.

Marilyn is survived by her son, David (Nancy) Kraus; granddaughters: Nicole (Joshua) Fenner, Tabitha (Jon) Kraus and Jennifer (Kyle) Villwock; great grandchildren: Rylan Kraus, Addilyn and Grace Fenner, and Landyn Villwock; sister, Dorothy “Dottie” Lange; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, Rudolph and Marion Lange, she was preceded in death by her husband, Lyle Kraus; sons, Steven and Gary Kraus; sisters, Judy (Dale) Kleineschay; father- and-mother-in-law, Adolph and Edna Kraus; in-laws: Elaine (Richard), Ione (Ted), Sylvia (Lester), Merle (George) Kontos and Glen (Eleanor) Kraus.

Per Marilyn’s wishes, a private funeral service will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Eastside, 402 Waugoo Avenue. Interment will be held at Lake View Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Marilyn’s name would be appreciated to Dementia Society of America, P.O. Box 600, Doylestown, PA 18901.

Marilyn’s family would like to express their sincerest gratitude to the staff of Evergreen Retirement Community, as well as Generations Hospice, for their loving and attentive care.

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JoAnne H. Apfeld

May 25, 1929 - July 25, 2025

JoAnne H. Apfeld passed peacefully into the arms of her Lord and Savior on Thursday, July 25, 2025, at her residence in Evergreen Retirement Community. JoAnne was born on May 25, 1929 in Hamilton, Ohio. She attended Miami University of Ohio, where she majored in speech and drama and was an active member of the Delta Zeta sorority, graduating in 1951. On February 10, 1951



she wed E. Burns Apfeld, who she had known since high school and to whom she remained married for 67 years until his death in 2018. She and her husband Burns moved frequently in their early life together, from New York City to Indianapolis, Indiana to Hamilton, Ohio, to Ridgewood, New Jersey and to Rockford, Illinois, before settling in Oshkosh in 1976. At their home on the shores of Lake Winnebago, JoAnne dispensed limitless hospitality to family and friends for nearly half a century. She and Burns especially enjoyed hosting a get-together for friends from Rockford just before each annual men's retreat at

Michael Knight Smith

Michael Knight Smith joined his Heavenly Father on June 18, 2025. He was born to Caroline Vidlund and John Smith, in Appleton WI on July 10, 1937. Mike had two younger brothers, Ross Smith and Steven (DeDe) Smith. At the age of 11, he joined the family of Aunt Marion and Uncle Edward Peotter, in Seymour WI, along with their 4 children Edward Jr. (Anne) Peotter, Betty (Jim) Felt, Marjorie (Don) Beyer, and David (Janet) Peotter.

Mike enjoyed hunting and fishing. He married the catch of his life, Gloria Jean Bohn, in August of 1963. Mike gained more siblings with his marriage to Gloria – Betty (Mel) Wirth, Don (Delores) Bohn, Warren (Gloria) Bohn, Loretta (Ed) Allen, and Doug (Mary Ahoen) Bohn. Together Mike and Gloria have three children who were treasured by their father – Pam (Chris) McClintock, Paul Smith, and Greg Smith. He is further survived by five grandchildren – Bethany (Steven) Lynch, Michael (Jackie) McClintock, Connor (Natalie) Smith, Brendan Smith and Norah Smith, five great grandchildren, many special nieces and nephews as well as beloved family friend – Melanie Hardin.

After graduating from the University of WI Stevens Point, Mike served in the U.S. Army and Reserves for 3 years. He started in the Food and Drug Administration, then joined the IRS where he worked for 38 years before retiring to work for the



family business - Bohn Farms of Waukau, WI. Mike's greatest joy was spending time with his family and friends, especially playing dominoes. Memories of time together at the family cottage on Little Long Lake are special to all. They enjoyed traveling throughout the US, Europe & Asia, but the most treasured trips were those to Kentucky and Minnesota to spend time with their family as well as elk hunting trips to Colorado, fishing trips to Canada, and mission trips with Volunteers in Mission. Mike was a cherished member of Wesley United Methodist Church for 49 years, where he has served in many roles including singing with a beautiful tenor voice until shortly before his passing and serving as finance trustee for many years. He also took great joy in supporting the youth of the church. Mike is preceded in death by his parents, many siblings, and daughter-in-law Anne Langenfeld Smith (Paul).

A Celebration of Life will take place at Wesley United Methodist Church on August 8th with visitation from 10:00am-12:00pm, a service at noon and luncheon to follow. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Mike's memory to Wesley United Methodist Church or the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry. The family extends heartfelt gratitude to Evergreen Manor, his special team at Moments Hospice, and his medical team for their compassionate care and support during Mike's final days.

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Kurt Allen Rolfes

Kurt Allen Rolfes, 67, Fremont, passed away suddenly Tuesday July 15, 2025. He



was born on January 25, 1958, in Oshkosh to Paul and Shirley (Reeves) Rolfes. He married his late Ex-Wife Elizabeth (Farley) Rolfes in 1991 and they had 2 children. Kurt proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force and was part of Operation Desert Shield / Desert Storm. Kurt had many interests including bowling, reading before bed, traveling and visiting museums, attending EAA AirVenture, but his favorite activities were fishing and spending time out in the boat with both his children. Kurt worked at Tyson Foods as Forklift Operator for many years. Survivors included are his 2 children Jarod (Leah Hans) and Krystal, his mother Shirley, 4 sisters: Virginia (Bill) Schmidt, Kris (Jim) Paulsen, Lori Lynch, and Paula Allen; and many nieces, nephews, other

relatives, and friends. Kurt was preceded in death by his father Paul and an infant brother and sister. A Visitation will be held at Nicolet Memorial Gardens (2770 Bay Settlement Road) in Green Bay from 11 AM until 2 PM on Saturday, August 2nd, 2025, with burial and Military Honors to follow. The Holly Funeral Home of Waupaca is assisting the family with arrangements.

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the Jesuit Retreat House. But all were welcome at the Apfeld household. Wherever she and Burns lived, JoAnne was an active member of their church and community. She was president of the Rockford Catholic Women's League and the Oshkosh Women's League, and served on the boards of the Oshkosh Red Cross, Family, Inc., and the Oshkosh Northwestern Consumer Advisory Board. She was a trustee of St. Peter's Parish. She and Burns were active in Marriage Ministry talks in both Rockford and Oshkosh for over 35 years. She also belonged to various other organizations, including the Edgewater Club, the Fireside Antique Club, Learning in Retirement, the Christian Family Movement, and the Foundation for International Cooperation. During her younger years she was active in theater, both in high school and college and, later, in various amateur theater groups. She even helped write and broadcast radio programs for children and adults. And once, just days before after having arrived in New York City, she landed a job at CBS TV by walking in off the street. JoAnne is survived by her three children,

Arlin H. Bakken

Arlin H. Bakken, age 65 passed away on July 11, 2025 at his home. He was born on April 21, 1960 in Troy New York to parents Arlin and Marian Bakken. Arlin was raised on the family farm in Decorah Iowa, followed by moving to Texas after finishing school, to pursue his passion, landscaping. Everything from planting trees to creating outdoor kitchens, ponds and much more. He was an artist. After more than 20 years of "down south", Arlin relocated to the Oshkosh area to help his sister farm and met the love of his life; Fuzzy Elsinger. They married Nov. 20, 2001, having much fun!! If you were lucky enough to indulge in his famous smoked brisket, you knew his other passion, along with "friendly" games of Texas Hold Em. Always wearing his hat and boots, he was recognized by all and loved by many. Arlin and Fuzzy made a surprise trip to Jack Daniels Distillery in Tennessee and had the time of their lives. He was also a collector of Pez dispensers which led to accumulating thousands! Arlin was preceded in death by his parents; Arlin and Marian Bakken, Fa-



Michael (Mary Ann), Patrick (Kristine), and Sarah (Jon), by her six grandchildren, Brendan (Leah), Jordan (Jasmine), Bridget (Austin), Luke (Ariana), Grace, and Christopher; and by her two great-grandchildren, Josie and Emiliano. JoAnne was preceded in death by her father, Norbert F. Holbrock, her mother, Martina (Becker) Holbrock, and her husband, Burns. JoAnne's family wishes to extend its heartfelt thanks to various caregivers at Aurora Medical Center, Evergreen Retirement Community, and AseraCare Hospice, all of whom professionally and lovingly attended to JoAnne during her final years. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at the The Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, St. Peter's worship site, at 435 High Avenue in Oshkosh on Thursday, July 31 at 11:00 a.m., visitation from 10:00 a.m. until Mass. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to The Most Blessed Sacrament Parish.

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ther-in-law; Francis "Buster" Elsinger, Buster's wife; Shirley, brother-in-law; Herky Elsinger and several good friends. Survivors include his wife; Fuzzy Elsinger-Bakken, Tina (Rod) Brown, Bill (Cindy) Bakken, Brenda (Andy) Hageman, Pattie (Lee) Dorn, Bob (Janet) Elsinger, Brad Elsinger, Goddaughter; Lexi Rynearson and faithful companion; Chico Banana Charles, and many, many, nieces and nephews. Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday August 5, 2025 at 12:00 noon at St. Jude Parish (Sacred Heart site) 519 Knapp St. in Oshkosh. A time for visitation will be held on Monday August 4 at Poklasny Funeral Home (870 W. South Park Ave) from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Visitation will resume Tuesday August 5 at 11:00 until the time of service at church. Arlin's family would like to thank Heartland Hospice and the wonderful staff, Tera, Emily, Pao, Leslie and Amy for such tender care and respect they have shown towards Arlin and his family through this difficult time. Also, the dedicated and countless friends who stuck by Arlin and Fuzzy's side till the very end. This village is irreplaceable, God Bless You All!!!

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**Donna M. McCabe**  
Donna M. McCabe passed away on July 12, 2025 at Oak Gardens Place of Altoona, WI. She was born on June 28, 1933 to the late Henry and Gertrude Koch. She married Lt. William McCabe on December 28, 1957 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Oshkosh, WI. The couple were stationed in Denison, TX and Tacoma McCord Air Force Base. William passed away because of an airplane crash while on active duty. Donna graduated from Oshkosh High School and Fox Valley Secretarial School. She worked for the Oshkosh School System at West High School music department and at North High School as a



receptionist for 32 years. Donna enjoyed sewing and traveling. She is survived by her daughter, René (Tom) Lemmer; brother-in-law, Loren Kietzman; grandchildren, Courtney (CJ), Christopher (Becky) and six great grandchildren; goddaughter, Peggy (Pete) McCabe-Schmitz. Along with many nieces and nephews, and very special friends, Cheryl and Mary Lou, that she had known for many years. In addition to her parents, and husband, William McCabe, Donna was preceded in death by her twin sister, Diana Kietzman. A celebration of life for Donna will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Westside, 100 Lake Point Drive, Oshkosh, WI 54904 on Saturday, August 9, 2025 at 4:00 pm. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 3:00 pm until 4:00 pm. In honor of a vibrant woman

who had a life well lived, please feel free to wear your most bright and sparkly clothing to help us celebrate Donna! Burial will take place at St. Jerome Cemetery in Oconomowoc, WI beside her beloved husband.

**Thomas John Neher**  
Thomas John Neher, 39, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, passed away on July 21, 2025.



Thomas was born into this world struggling for life and proved many wrong with his strength, courage, and determination. He grew into a man whose presence brought light, humor, and heart to everyone who knew him. Thomas was fiercely loyal, endlessly funny, and deeply loved by his family and chosen brothers. He was a proud graduate of Oshkosh West High School, and over the years, he worked a variety of jobs—spending many years at Goodwill—but he was especially proud of his most recent position at Amcor, where he found a renewed sense of purpose and pride. Thomas is survived by his parents, Linda and Gary Jolly, and Tom and Nancy Neher; his siblings, MacKensie Jolly, Andrew Kopsi, Amy Formanek, and Andrew Formanek; and his brothers from another mother: Terrance Schroeder, Aaron

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Oshkosh Area Humane Society in memory of Donna.

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Gray, Kevin Curtis, and Tony Zuge. He is also lovingly remembered by his special friends, Anne Van Laarhoven and Heather Tessenair. He is survived by numerous aunts and uncles, some of whom live in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, and many nieces and nephews, all of whom held a special place in his heart. Thomas was preceded in death by his grandfather, his aunt, and his beloved brother, Michael Jolly. A funeral service to honor and celebrate Thomas's life will be held on August 2, 2025, at 2 pm at Poklasny Funeral Home 870 W. South Park Ave. Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54902. Visitation on August 2, 2025 from 12 pm until the time of service. Though his time here was far too short, Thomas made an unforgettable impact. His spirit, strength, and love will live on in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing him. "You are my sunshine." In Lieu of flowers a memorial will be established.

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Obituaries

James J. Hielsberg

James “Jim” J. Hielsberg, age 60 of Oshkosh, passed away unexpectedly due to



natural causes on Saturday, July 12, 2025. He was born on August 15, 1964 in Oshkosh, WI to the late Robert and Barbara (Koch) Hielsberg.

Jim graduated from Oshkosh West High School in 1983. He dedicated over 20 years of his life to Banner Packaging/Bemis before embracing a new chapter at Oshkosh Corporation in 2016, where he continued to be a devoted and respected employee. His strong work ethic, reliabil-

ity, and kind nature left a lasting impression on those who worked alongside him.

He was known not just for his dedication to his work, but also for his incredible skills in the kitchen. From grilling and smoking meats to crafting the best chicken noodle soup, Jim brought joy to many through his food. Music was another passion of Jim’s — especially rock n’ roll, 80’s hair bands, and the timeless tunes of The Beatles. He often had music playing in the background, and his playlists could spark nostalgia and good conversation wherever he went. Jim also had a great appreciation for being with friends and family. Whether it was boating trips and cabin life at Pearl Lake, going for bike rides, or simply spending time with friends around

a bonfire, he found peace and happiness in music and good company. Jim was a proud father and grandfather. While he expressed love in quiet ways, those close to him knew his care ran deep.

Jim is survived by his children, Jamie (Brian) Schwarz, Tanner Hielsberg, and Josie (Dominic Ranieri) Hielsberg; grandchildren, Starlyn, Taygen, and Kobie; sister, Julie Konop; and sister-in-law, Margarita Hielsberg. He is further survived by nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family members, along with many dear friends.

In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by his brother, Greg Hielsberg, as well as his brother-in-law, Mark Konop.

Jim’s legacy lives on in the people who

knew and cared for him. He will be remembered for his love of music, his talent in the kitchen, and the meaningful connections he built with friends and family over the years. A celebration of life for Jim will be held at The Hangar Bar and Grill, 1485 W 20th Ave, Oshkosh, WI 54902 on Thursday, August 7, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions toward Jim’s funeral expenses would be deeply appreciated by the family. Donations can be made via Venmo to his eldest daughter, Jamie Schwarz @jamieschwarz. Details will also be available at the celebration of life.



Kenneth B. Joy

Kenneth B. Joy “Potsie”, age 82, of Oshkosh passed away on Saturday evening



July 19, 2025 at Aurora Medical Center. He was born in Milwaukee on July 22, 1942 the son of the late Kenneth and Ruby (Lee) Joy. He went to school at Palmer grade school, Lincoln and North Division

high school and graduated in 1959 lettering in football. He served his Country in the US Navy from 1960 to 1964 Corpsman by choice, he spoke about helping Soldiers and serving with the Marines during the Vietnam era, including ports of France, Italy and finally at Camp Lejeune, NC. He always wore his Military hats and T-shirts proudly. He was an avid reader of Military history and wartime books and also Sci-Fi. He worked for Team Electronics and two trucking firms, TOPS and C.Y. trucking.

During his retirement up north in Mari-

nette County, town of Wagner he worked for the Public works on road repair, dump site and hauling recycling. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, watching wildlife, shooting red squirrels, he always said One shot got 2 squirrels, not with his eyesight. You could always find him in November deer hunting with the great guys he considered brothers, Ronny, Jerry, Al, Butchie and Jimmy. As many would say Potsie his nickname from his father always had a story you would dare to believe, as the years passed they got wilder. His #1 greatest love was all the people in his life and #2 Cheesecake. He never “Did Not Help Anyone” even if he had to go without. He spent his final years in Milwaukee VA Hospital, Connie Homes LLC in Oshkosh then his final days at Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh.

He is survived by many neighbors he considered family, Kevin (Jackie) Lynch and their family. Phil (Maureen) Jones and their family and was thrilled when both Jed and Jeremy went into the Navy. Wally (Joan) Johnson and also German John Wedig.

Roger J. Brey

Roger J. Brey, age 77 of Oshkosh, passed away peacefully Saturday, July 27, 2025.



He was born March 24, 1948 to the late Joseph and Josetta Brey in Manitowoc. Roger attended St. Josephs Grade School in Kellnersville and graduated from Reedsville High School in 1966.

He served in the U.S. Army with 11<sup>th</sup> ACR USARV in Vietnam and married his high school sweetheart, Kathleen Drumm, on June 5, 1970. In 1974, Roger received his Bachelor’s degree from UW-Oshkosh.

Roger enjoyed spending time with his family, fishing, hunting, gardening, working in the woods, and visiting with neighbors.

Roger is survived by his wife of 55 years, Kathy; son, Michael (Amy) Brey; daughter, Sarah (Spencer) Hastings; and by

seven grandchildren: Cassidy, Cody, and Ella Larsen; Tay and Kaden Hastings; and Skyler and Dracen Brey. He is further survived by his dog, Leia; as well as by three sisters. He was preceded in death by his brother.

A memorial gathering for Roger will be held from 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. on Saturday, August 2, 2025 at Neenah’s Westgor Funeral Home. His remains will be laid to rest at St. Josephs Cemetery, Kellnersville, where military honors will be performed.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to a charity of your choice in Roger’s name.

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He was preceded in death by his four sisters and other relatives and friends.

Special Thank you to Connie Homes, LLC, Aurora Hospice, Aurora Hospital staff. He will be missed terribly by Jim (Lynn) Hickey his Guardians, very close friends during all of his final adventures.

Memorial services will be held on Friday, August 8, 2025 at 6 pm at the Fiss & Bills Funeral Home at 865 S. Westhaven Drive. Oshkosh, WI 54904. Father Louis

Golamari will officiate. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 4 pm until 6 pm. Private committal services will be held at Riverside Cemetery Veterans Section.

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From: First – Danielle Middle – Alise Last – Dolinac

To: First – Dani Middle – Alise Last – Dastralis

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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## CLAY PLAY

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### Palm Tree Pencil

1. Flatten five pieces of clay into palm leaf shapes.
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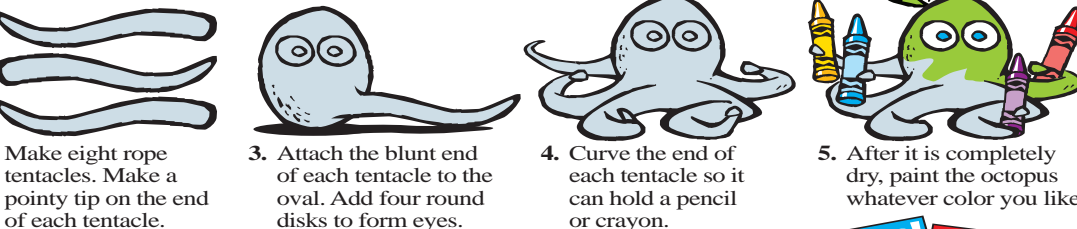
- Morning Bugle newspaper
- large bowl
- dry wallpaper paste
- measuring cup/spoon
- oil of clove

1. First, make some newspaper pulp. Fill a large bowl with little squares of newspaper. Make the pieces about 2 inches square.
2. Cover with warm water. Let soak overnight. Drain away excess water in the morning.
3. To make the clay, squeeze the pulp to remove excess water. Add 2 tablespoons of dry wallpaper paste to one cup of damp pulp. Add a couple drops of clove oil to make your clay smell good. Mix well with your hands until it is pliable.
4. Use the clay to make a **pulpture**. Once dry, your creation can be sanded, painted and sealed.



### Crayon Caddy

1. Make an oval-shaped ball.
2. Make eight rope tentacles. Make a pointy tip on the end of each tentacle.
3. Attach the blunt end of each tentacle to the oval. Add four round disks to form eyes.
4. Curve the end of each tentacle so it can hold a pencil or crayon.
5. After it is completely dry, paint the octopus whatever color you like.




### Door Name

1. Form the letters of your name out of thick clay ropes.

2. Let dry overnight. Once the letters are dry, glue the letters together.

3. Paint each letter a different color. Put your name on your bedroom door with an adult's help.



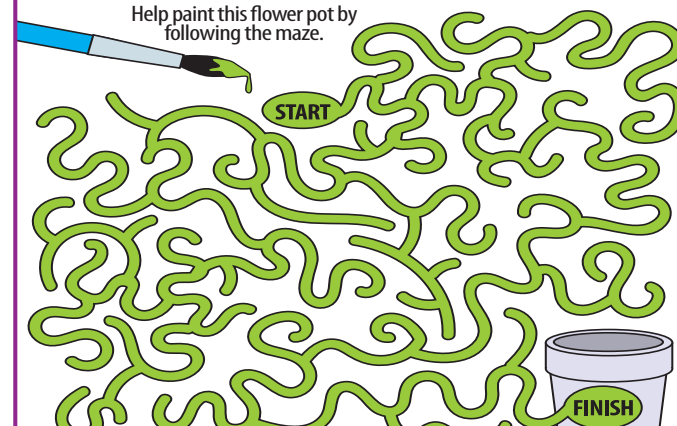
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**Standards Link:** Spelling: Arrange words in alphabetical order.

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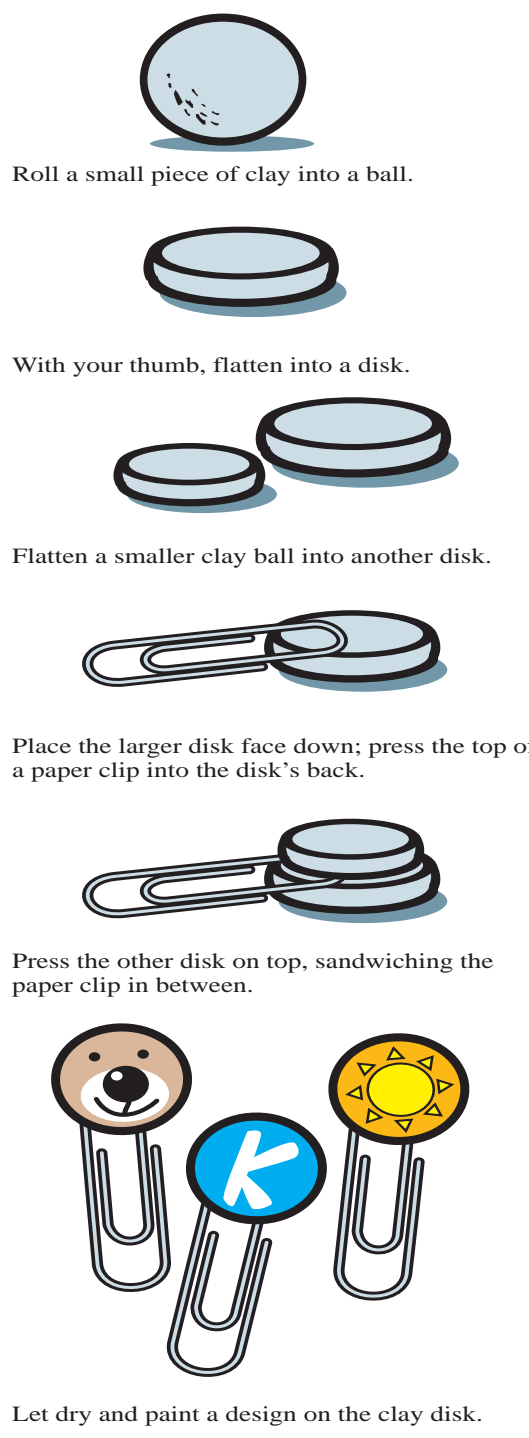
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