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Deputy mayor unhappy with lack of golf option

By Patty Brandl Herald contributor

After a lengthy and often heated discussion April 10, the Oshkosh Common Council voted 6-0-1 to designate as a public park about 70 acres of land left over from the sale of the Lakefront Municipal Golf Course to Oshkosh Corp. for its global headquarters.

At a Feb. 12 meeting, the Advisory Park Board had voted 5-2 to recommend that the remaining acreage be used for a public park or some type of green space, citing an online poll where a majority of residents, about 72 percent, said they preferred to have the space become a park rather than a par-3 or par-4 shortened 9-hole golf course.

Deputy Mayor Steve Herman told



city staff that, while he would go along with the decision to convert the land to a park, he was unhappy with the way information on the issue was presented and believed the golfing community should have been able to have more input, adding lat-

er in the meeting, "I'm disappointed in the city staff, the city manager and the parks director for not incorporating all the people."

Herman asked Community Develop-





This Lakeshore Development & Open Space Opportunity map was created by the city last year to illustrate some of the planning concepts considered for the area.

ment Director Allen Davis, "Who made that decision to take those three diagrams out to the community, and why was not one of them a 9-hole golf course?"

The diagrams were prepared in the early part of the sale process, Davis replied, and city staff had not yet been prepared nor had time to design a golf course in the time available. He told the Council that space for planned roads would probably use about two acres of the land, but won't be exactly determined until permits are issued.

Parks Director Ray Maurer reported that there had been about 314 players using the course in 2017, estimating the number of rounds played at 24,523. He added that the total cost of refiguring the land into park space was not yet known. David Borsuk, a Plan Commission member, citing the survey results, told councilors that he completely supports the conversion of the property to a park, calling it a wise choice for a couple of reasons: a lack of park space in the community and the fact that a park would be available yearround to all residents, not just the golfing community.

Mayor Steve Cummings pointed to the lack of park space in the community, noting that golf courses are money losers, and parks are there for the entire community.

"Parks don't have "No Trespassing" signs," he added.

Councilor Tom Pech said that while

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Bike lane on Smith takes new direction

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By Dan Roherty Oshkosh Herald

Community groups as diverse as the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance, Millers Bay Neighborhood Association and Peace Lutheran Church will be reaching for the ground, into the water and organizing recycling efforts to help clean up their little piece of the planet.

Earth Day activities have been making their civic mark for almost half a century on or near April 22 by engaging citizens to mobilize against pollution in its many forms for at least a day if not as an ongoing cause. Earth Day's origins trace back to 1970 and are credited to former Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson and his interest in highlighting human responsibility for enviPhoto FROM FOX-WOLF WATERSHED Alliance The Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance will be cleaning up shorelines in the Oshkosh area next month with the help of hundreds of volunteers.

ronmental protection.

An unprecedented spring snowstorm forced some groups to push their Earth Day activities forward to a more weather-friendly time. Check the organizations'

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By Tom Ekvall Herald contributor

A proposal by the Oshkosh Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee to add a bike lane on Smith Avenue by Oshkosh North High School hit a speed bump at the April meeting of the Traffic and Parking Advisory Board.

After considerable discussion, the board voted 4-2 in favor of an amended proposal that would avoid removing onstreet parking on Smith Street between Jackson Street and Main Street, while allowing designation of a bike lane between Vinland Street and Jackson Street. Opposing the motion were Board Chairman Dan Becker and Common Council representative Jake Krause.

In a separate motion the board unanimously supported recommendation of a bike lane for Main Street from Murdock Avenue to Snell Road that would provide a north-south connection to Winnebago County Park through extending an existing bike lane on Main Street.

Under the adopted recommendation for Smith Street, "sharrows" would be painted on the street to designate shared space for both bicyclists and vehicles between Wisconsin and Main Street. Approval of a bike lane in that area as originally proposed would have required removal of 35 parking spaces due to the present narrow width of the street.

The removal of parking spaces was opposed by resident Ardine Barry, 307 Smith St., who argued that bike lanes going to Oshkosh North would not result in increased bicycle traffic to the school, and that street parking was needed for existing homeowners and those visiting them.

Barry said she had a petition signed by other residents on the street in opposition to the parking removal. She said after the

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Community Bike Program seeks new home Lakeshore

The Oshkosh Community Bike Program, which takes in bicycles from the community and refurbishes them for free distribution, is looking for a new home.

With possible expansion in the Sawdust District area, the group's current location may become unavailable. The program works with schools, churches, juvenile and human service agencies, probation and parole, Workforce Development, Fox Valley Technical College, World Relief, the Salvation Army, Christine Anne and Circles of Support, among others. The program has also sent bikes to Africa through the Salvatorians.

In 2017, the program returned more than 400 bikes back to the community at no cost to participants. The "Bike Shop" is open one day a week and manned by an all-volunteer workforce and has been in existence since 2010. Over the last few years



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The Oshkosh Community Bike Program is currently located at Sadoff Recycling.

it has been housed at Sadoff Recycling.

The program originally received startup money from the Oshkosh Community Foundation and later became a part of St. Vincent de Paul. It started out in one of Jim Staple's buildings on Main Street, then moved to a series of locations that included the former Russ Darrow building next to the outlet mall, the Chief Equipment building, a David's Bridal location, the St. Vincent de Paul furniture building and most recently at Sadoff Recycling.

Program organizers have appreciated all of those landlords and being able to find new homes to keep the program going in an area that is accessible to clients.

The current 5,000-square-foot space includes a heated shop, bathroom facilities, storage for fixed and unfixed bikes, and storage racks for bike parts. Anyone who knows of a similar space available is asked to contact Steve Sagmeister at ssagmstr@ aol.com or St. Vincent de Paul.

Bike lanes

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meeting she had no objection to the approved compromise proposal.

She said she talked to other adult bikers who said "they do not use existing marked bike route lanes because they do not feel safe in them being too close to traffic."

Becker also said he did not believe designation of a bike lane on Smith Street was warranted, citing safety concerns and reflecting a philosophical difference as to marking streets for dedicated bike use.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee has been involved in encouraging bicycle lanes to promote bicycling throughout the city and had designated Smith Street and Main Street as priorities for 2018. The Common Council must still act on the proposals.

The proposal for Main Street, which would remove some on-street parking spots on the west side of North Main Street between Murdock Avenue and Libbey Avenue, had no opposition. On-street parking would remain on the east side of the street.

The newly formed Traffic and Parking Advisory Board represents a merger of the previous Traffic Review Advisory Board

The board also had a lengthy discussion on traffic issues involving Jackson Street. Transportation Director Jim Collins told board members that a speed study is planned for the street with follow-up meetings with the state Department of Transportation to collaborate and explore options as the corridor street is a state highway.

Collins emphasized he feels the discussion should be on the Jackson/New York intersection and not on the corridor as a whole.

Board Member Bill Christianson, who lives on Jackson Street, discussed traffic problems on the street and the intersection, citing a recent major accident at the intersection March 30.



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residents have had the opportunity to reach out to Council members since talk of the sale to Oshkosh Corp. began, he had received little to no response in favor of a new golf course, and he believed that most residents want park space.

"As I'm on Council, I make my decisions in the best interest of the whole community," Pech said.

Many in the community supported the sale of about 30 acres to Oshkosh Corp. with the understanding that the remaining acreage would be a public park and open to all, said Councilor Lori Palmeri, and spoke of a study done a few years ago by the League of Women Voters that showed Oshkosh was lacking in public park land.

"Whatever happens to the remaining property is going to have a lasting effect for a long, long time," said Councilor Debra Allison-Aasby, who abstained from the vote. She said there are too many unknowns, and that there's no rush for the city to begin designing the park.

Outgoing Councilor Caroline Panske questioned Maurer about the need for an immediate timeline in creating the proposed park. He replied that the parks employees need direction on whether the land should be maintained as a park or a golf course, and assured her that Council would be able to decide when and how the park development will happen.

Herman said he would support the park but added that it was too early in the process to make a decision on designing it.

Before the final vote, Herman said he was disappointed with the way things were handled.

"I wasn't advocating for or against one way or the other," he said. "This is a process - and it was disgusting, I'm sorry to say, in my opinion," adding later, "The process is decided long before it even comes to us."



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Community News Briefs

Comments from fish, wildlife hearings detailed

More than 6,800 people came out statewide to participate in the 2018 Spring Fish and Wildlife Hearings and Wisconsin Conservation Congress county meetings held April 9, including 151 people in Winnebago County.

The public hearings provide residents an opportunity to comment and indicate preference on proposed fish and wildlife management issues, Conservation Congress advisory questions, and to submit resolutions for rule changes they would like to see.

Most voters, including those in Winnebago County (79-59), favored the idea of reducing the walleye bag limit on the Lake Winnebago system from five to three. County voters also went with the state majority in supporting Wisconsin Conservation Congress advisory proposals relating to increasing guide license fees and requirements and against requiring the registration of all nonmotorized watercraft.

Winnebago voters also favored, 74-50, expanding the prohibition on use of whole/ live fish for bait with setlines or bank poles in Winnebago system counties.

The majority voting on the department's wildlife management advisory questions supported restricting the transportation of deer harvested in CWD-affected counties, while Winnebago County voters were 92-45 against that restriction.

All statewide hearing results and the questions are available at dnr.wi.gov, and searching for Spring Hearings.

Meeting results, along with written comments on the evening's questions and DNR recommendations are used to advise the state Natural Resources Board. This year's results will be reviewed at the board's May 23 meeting in Madison. Votes are nonbinding and are presented to the Natural Resources Board as a gauge of the public's support or nonsupport for proposed changes.

Two accused of keeping place of prostitution

A search warrant was executed at JJ's Health Spa at 1775 Witzel Ave. and a related residence on Witzel by investigators from the Oshkosh Police Department's Vice and Narcotics Unit.

Documents, electronic devices and more than \$16,000 in cash were seized. A 45-year-old female and a 52 year old male, both from Oshkosh, were taken into custody and transported to the Winnebago County Jail on charges of keeping/maintaining a place of prostitution.

Investigators said the female is operating similar businesses in the Fox Valley area. Anyone who has information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Oshkosh Police Department.

Oregon St. construction project well underway

The Oregon Street reconstruction project is in full swing with general contractor PTS Contractors installing storm sewer from the Fox River bridge to West 8th Avenue, sanitary sewer between West 9th Avenue and West 11th Avenue, and water main from West 8th Avenue south.

Falcon Drilling & Blasting is continuing predrilling work for rock removal south of West 14th Avenue. AT&T and Wisconsin Public Service are continuing to make adjustments to their facilities between the Fox River bridge and West 16th Avenue.

A main AT&T feed that was damaged at Oregon and West 9th required extensive work to restore service, and city officials said all customers should be reconnected now. AT&T is working with PTS to install the permanent fix, which is expected to take several weeks.

Weekly progress meetings at 8:30 a.m. Thursdays that offer businesses and residents updates on progress have been moved to 808 Oregon St.

Riverfront brownfields work cited in DNR report

The state Department of Natural Resources recently highlighted Oshkosh's efforts in brownfields cleanup of the former Mercury Marine facility on the Fox River. The property was placed into the DNR's Voluntary Party Liability Exemption program and construction was completed on each newly created parcel in this section of the Marion Road/Pearl Avenue Redevelopment Area.

The former Mercury Marine site now consists of age-restricted housing complexes The Rivers and The Rivers Phase II, the 80-unit Anthem apartments and the Marion Riverwalk.

The city acquired the closed facility in 2006 with hopes to convert the property into a new community asset. The property housed industrial facilities since the mid-1800s, including a lumber business, candle company and a bulk fuel tank farm. The site was later owned by Kiekhaefer Aeromarine Co., who sold it to Mercury Marine in the mid-1970s. Metals, petroleum contamination, and chlorinated compounds were identified in the soil and groundwater.

The city removed much of the contamination while using buildings and parking lots to serve as a cover over the residual contaminated soil.

Park improvement projects outlined

By Tom Ekvall

Now that spring has arrived, major improvements at several city parks will begin as part of a \$1.8 million capital improvements program for 2018, Parks Director Ray Maurer told members of the Parks Advisory Board at its April 9 meeting.

Park improvements described include renovation of tennis courts at Menominee Park, South Park playground improvements, Fugleberg Boat Launch project, Spanbauer Field, and Riverwalk renovation at Leach Amphitheater.

Assistant Parks Director Chad Dallman said that the city plans to redo the present five tennis courts at Menominee Park into three tennis courts and four pickleball courts with completion anticipated by Sept. 1 if weather permits. Dallman said nets will be up until construction begins.

Deputy Mayor Steve Herman, filling in as chairman for the meeting, urged the Parks Department to publicize other locations for playing tennis while the reconstruction work takes place.

With regard to South Park, Dallman said a new playground will be developed with rubber surfacing and a perimeter walk. He said the old equipment has already been removed and new work should be installed by May 15 and open to the public at a later time. The park is also undergoing major renovation as part of a stormwater management project by the Public Works Department.

The use of rubber surfacing material on the playground should result in a significant cost savings to the city over the long



term instead of using wood mulch as with other playgrounds. He said the city will probably spend around \$21,000 on wood mulch for area playgrounds and often has to replace the mulch every other year.

Spanbauer Field, he said, will be redesigned for youth play only with the project to start in late August after league play ends. Dallman said he hopes the field will be ready for play by next spring.

At the Fugleberg Boat Launch, restroom renovations are planned and should be completed by the end of August. Development of an additional launch ramp and dock is anticipated to begin as a project this fall along with additional lighting planned for this year.

The Riverwalk Renovation work to straighten out sidewalk issues by the seawall will begin this fall after conclusion of events at the amphitheater.

In other action, City Forester Bill Sturm updated board members on a recently implemented five-year tree pruning zone plan for the city with first year work in the central area of the city north of the Fox River already completed. He said the department has about 10,000 trees to maintain with the zone plan dividing the city into five zones with 2,000 to be maintained each year. Sturm said his office will still respond to urgent resident complaints where immediate pruning is essential.

The city's Arbor Day celebration begins at 9 a.m. April 26 at the Menominee Nation Arena, and will include a tree planting and recognition of parties involved in helping with the city's tree program.

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Mack reflects on school leadership years

Superintendent looks back on six years with district

By McKenzie Konop Herald contributor

Stan Mack II, retiring after six years as the Oshkosh Area School District's superintendent of schools, sat down to answer questions about his achievements in improving the school district, his expectations on his new replacement (before the selection of Vickie Cartwright) and his future plans.

How did you start as the superintendent of Oshkosh?

"Before starting in Oshkosh, I was retired in 2009 from previously working on the Board of Administrators in Minnesota as the superintendent. After retiring from my superintendent position, I was working on a board in Minnesota responsible for the accreditation of the colleges and universities that wanted to give licenses to individuals who wanted to become superintendents, principals, community directors and special education directors. I was later contacted by a former partner of mine I worked with who knew me from helping him place other superintendents in Minnesota. He asked, 'Have you ever thought of working in Oshkosh?' They were interested in me because I had the experience from being the superintendent in Minnesota since 1982. After going through the necessary interview process, I became the superintendent of Oshkosh in 2012."

What important lessons have you learned from your experience at Osh-kosh schools?

"I have learned this is a caring community that really focuses on education for children around Oshkosh. The university and Fox Valley Technical College are both influences on having a good attitude toward education. The faculty and staff at the colleges, and having the community with all sorts of people with different backgrounds who value education so much, have made my work here a positive experience."

What accomplishments have you achieved over the years at your time here in Oshkosh?

'The first accomplishment I would say, thanks to my executive team, would be through strategic planning on the passage of two referendums. The referendums provide additional resources to the school district now and into the future. Students from third to 12th grade were provided computers to use so we can change how we give instruction to students. I believe the 9,000 devices we have given to students has had a positive outcome. We have also supplied teachers with technology instructors to help them with individual devices we have given them so they can teach their students how to use these new gadgets. We have expanded the support and the infrastructure, which was a major help in improving instruction in the community. "Another accomplishment is we have built a relationship with the greater community. I have always believed as a superintendent schools in isolation cannot do the job well by themselves. They need to be partners with the community and establish a good connection with the local news media. We have also rebuilt a relationship with the Chamber of Commerce in the business community, which I believe is a crucial accomplishment. When I came to the district, I discovered it had kind of turned its back on its community and a community that had turned its back on its school district. We have been working hard

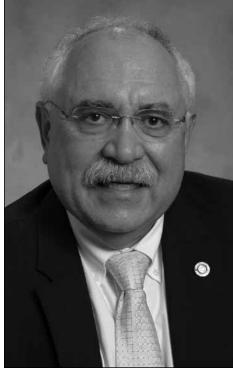


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Superintendent of Schools Stan Mack will retire from the position in June.

on rebuilding a relationship so we have a respectful working affiliation. All of our work is focusing on partnerships on student internships dealing with other varying works in the community and working on the Public Library Board, Museum Board and also assisting with a committee for an overall comprehensive plan for the city. These pieces all come together to create positive partnerships throughout the community.

"The last important accomplishment is being present all throughout the community. I attend local community events, like softball games, so people can come up and talk to me. I give people access to me to talk about their concerns and I believe that builds a trust between me and the community."

What sort of qualities do you hope to find in the new superintendent?

"I would hope they know and understand how important the aspects of public education in Wisconsin and the Oshkosh community are. I also hope they know how they need to be engaged in the community including the fact the superintendent needs to live here, has to be a party to the community, needs to get to know the people and to be a partner with them. I believe it is critical for the superintendent to be a No. 1 advocate for education and to work with all our staff through a relationship based on good trust and ethics. The new superintendent needs to be ethical and truthful in the community."

What do you hope the new superintendent brings to the table to improve the school district?

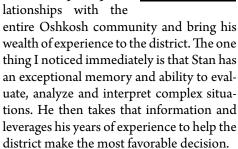
School, city officials express their appreciation for Mack

David Gundlach, deputy superintendent of the Oshkosh Area School District, and Oshkosh City Manager Mark Rohloff answered a few questions about their relationship with Superintendent Stan Mack.

What has it been like working with Superintendent Mack?

Gundlach: Stan Mack is the ninth superintendent I have

had the pleasure of working with throughout my career. He is definitely one of the most exceptional educational leaders that I have had the opportunity to learn from. It has been fun to watch him develop deep relationships with the



Rohloff: I have thoroughly enjoyed working with Stan. He has taken the time to understand community issues and has brought a broad perspective to any discussions we have had, be they issues regarding schools, economic development, a city de-

partment, or how we may coordinate the work we do for the public. Not every com-

are white, while 22 percent are minority children. We have been trying to address minority children's needs and we are making progress, but we are still trying to close that gap. The achievement gap is one of the most vexing issues and if there was a perfect solution, we would have fixed it already."

How would you describe your relationship with your staff?

"I love my staff and I believe they love me. The staff all throughout the ranks know how much I care about them. I was out visiting the schools this morning and the wonderful conversations I have had with teaching staff, principals and others across the district have reaffirmed their relationship with me is a positive one. My opening convocation addresses over the last three or four years have ended with standing ovations. This shows the relationship I have with my staff is one that they know I advocate and support them in doing the very best job in serving the children in the district." munity has as close a working relationship between its school district and city government, so we have been blessed to have such a good working relationship. Stan has fostered a collaboration so that we may work through complex issues facing our community for everyone's betterment.

How would you describe his personality?

Gundlach: I would describe his personality as professional, calm, reassuring and caring. People instantly feel at ease around him and he quickly builds a sense of trust with those he interacts with.

Rohloff: Stan has such a quiet, reserved manner about him, but don't let that fool you. Beneath that calm demeanor is someone who is passionate about schools, and more importantly, the children who attend them. He has used that approach to explain complex issues in a matter-of-fact way that everyone can understand. In doing so, he has provided calm, steady leadership to the school district and the community as a whole.

How do you hope everyone in the community remembers him?

Gundlach: I am certain the district and community will remember the "Stan Mack Years" as those of stability, improvement and building of our community through education. He has helped the district and community to grow together and I am so proud to have worked with him.

Rohloff: I hope that Stan will be remembered as someone who took the reins of a school district that was looking for steady direction and worked closely with his school board and the community to create a vision on how Oshkosh schools can be a source of pride in the community.

be working right after high school, going to the military or attending college. This makes me value teaching in our schools and I think everyone in the community sees how much I care about students and their education."

How do you hope the school district improves after you leave?

"I still hope the district will be able to continue to keep delivering high-quality instruction to students and will eventually be able to close the achievement gap I talked about earlier. The district needs to be well prepared to regulate the rapid change in student expectations and the needs of the community. We want to create the foundation for students to have the skills necessary to both do things right away and adjust to change as their career path changes."



GUNDLACH

"I wish the new superintendent all the success I have had in this district and more. I hope they are able to prepare the school district for the wave of new learning that needs to occur. Where we are at today is a district that is now different and more financially stable than the one I first came to in July of 2012. I am happy to be leaving a district that is far more sure of itself and is better prepared to face the future instead of the nervousness that previously existed in the summer of 2012."

What are some challenging experiences you had to face while working as the superintendent?

"One issue I have encountered is trying to close the achievement gap for children coming from poverty and minority families so they are able to read and do math at similar levels majority children learn at. About 78 percent of the children in our district How do you hope the students, staff, parents and everyone else in the community remembers you?

"I hope they remember me as a loving, caring individual who truly believes in them. I want them to have a sense that they are valued by me. A critical goal of mine is to make sure everyone in Oshkosh, including students, staff and parents, understand how they have made the community a greater place. All of our futures are dependent on what teachers do in preparing students in what their next step in life is, whether it What are your future plans after retiring?

"I am not sure yet, but I hope to do some university teaching. I have a lot to share in teaching future school administrators and also in discovering pieces regarding creating an environment that prepares individuals for people skills that are necessary for being a superintendent. To be a superintendent, a person needs to understand public service.

Superintendents who develop a big ego will not be successful because I believe a person has to have their feet on the ground to be able to deal with everyone you work with. Superintendents have to be able to be respectful to their staff and everyone around them."

Watercity Wrestlecon jumps at arena spotlight

By Kevin Damask HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

After months of planning, All-Star Championship Wrestling of Wisconsin is ready for its "WrestleMania moment."

ACW Wisconsin, an Oshkosh-based pro wrestling promotion, is putting the final touches on its biggest show to date - Watercity Wrestlecon, April 21 at the Menominee Nation Arena. This is the promotion's second Watercity Wrestlecon event and gives ACW Wisconsin a chance to feature wrestling legends while showcasing its own talented roster of performers.

Watercity Wrestlecon also marks the promotion's first show in the new arena. While it's not quite the Mercedes-Benz Superdome, site of WrestleMania 34, for ACW Wisconsin co-owner Josh Weimer it's a step up for the promotion. Last year's inaugural Wrestlecon was held at the Sunnyview Expo Center.

"We knew, with this new arena being built, we wanted to go there," Weimer said. "That was our No. 1 goal for this year. But we didn't know how to go about doing that."

In the past few years, ACW Wisconsin has developed a loyal, passionate fan base and they pushed to have local wrestling featured at the new arena. Due to a groundswell of support on social media, ACW Wisconsin found its ticket to the big time.

The arena, home to the Wisconsin Herd, the Milwaukee Bucks' G League affiliate, opened last fall. Arena management posted a message on Facebook asking fans what other events should be featured at the arena besides basketball. ACW Wisconsin fans came calling.

"We saw some of our fans commenting, saying, 'We want ACW Wisconsin,'" Weimer said. "We thought that was great and so we put it out there, telling fans, 'Hey, go bombard this page' and our fans did it. Eventually (arena management) reached out to us last summer saying they wanted ACW Wisconsin there. ... It was one of those dreams that turned into a reality."

Greg Pierce, president and managing partner of Menominee Nation Arena, said





All-Star Championship Wrestling of Wisconsin will showcase regional and national talent in its April 21 event at Menominee Nation Arena.

Watercity Wrestlecon presents another chance to highlight entertainment at the new arena.

"I was a wrestling fan back in the 1980s and '90s and I'm thrilled to have ACW in our building," Pierce said. "They put on a great show. Between that and all the other things we're doing, there are just so many events the community is itching for that they don't have to drive somewhere else to see."

ACW Wisconsin has a long history in the Fox Valley, but it has seen ups and downs. The promotion originated in Green Bay and was purchased by former WWE wrestler Dylan "Hornswoggle" Postl, an Oshkosh native, in 2008. Another group ran shows in Green Bay under the ACW Wisconsin brand, but Postl owned naming rights. With his WWE career drawing to a close, Postl and a group of friends restarted the promotion in 2013 and began running shows in Oshkosh.

"It was strictly because Dylan was bored," Weimer said. "He was employed by WWE at the time and they weren't using him on TV so he was just sitting at home. He wanted something to do so we just started running shows."

The new ACW Wisconsin ran its first show in front of about 125 people at a venue in the Fox Cities. After a successful debut, the promotion scheduled another show at the same bar but it burned down before the second show. Scrambling to find a venue, ACW Wisconsin booked the Electric Lounge, but the venue lost its

"We had to do our own catering," Weimer said. "Being that it was our second show with the promotion coming back, we barely knew what we were doing and it was kind of chaotic."

After humble beginnings, ACW Wisconsin found a home at the Elks Club in Oshkosh and ran a few shows. It didn't take long for the company to build a strong local following, eventually outgrowing the Elks Club. "That's when we developed our relationship with the Masonic Center," Weimer said.

ACW Wisconsin has been running shows at the Masonic Center for about three years. Weimer said the building's structure, combined with its unique acoustics, makes it an ideal setting for wrestling shows.

"The management has always been so good with us, in helping us out," Weimer said. "There's just so much history in that place and for ACW to be a part of that history going forward, we're really blessed to continue that partnership."

With its arched ceiling, crowd noise shoots up and gets filtered back down to performers in the ring. Weimer said it pumps up wrestlers even more and crowd reaction is vital to a wrestling show's success.

"The music is loud, the bumps are loud and the fans are loud," Weimer said. "Then you have that nice little balcony that overlooks it where some of our cameras shoot from. It's an absolute perfect venue for (independent wrestling) shows."

The promotion runs at least a dozen shows per year, including an event at Oshkosh West High School with sales going back to the school.

Weimer knows filling almost 4,000 seats for Watercity Wrestlecon in the arena will be a tall task, but he said tickets are selling well less than two weeks before the show. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. with a meetand-greet and the show begins at 7 p.m.

'The fan response has just been unreal," Weimer said. "When we started selling tickets in January, the first row sold out in 20 minutes, second row within a day and the third row within six days. It's getting big and we're hoping to double the amount of people we had last year."

ACW Wisconsin has brought in some heavy hitters. Newly minted WWE Hallof-Famer Jeff Jarrett is scheduled to attend, along with former WWE star The Hurricane, and ECW legend The Sandman. In addition, the card features the promotion's top stars such as Sadist, TW3 and Logan Lynch battling former WWE mainstays Ryback, MVP and Scott Steiner in singles bouts. Also scheduled is a \$5,000 battle royal and plenty of tag-team action.

The lineup changed a bit in the past couple of months. "Million Dollar Man" Ted DiBiase was scheduled to appear but had to drop out due to a booking issue. Jarrett will step in to replace DiBiase. Also, Sunny, one of the original WWE Divas from the 1990s, will not appear due to legal issues.



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Apprentice options are solid choice

What do you want to do with your life? A question we should all be asking our kids.

We all want our children to be successful. What if we can't afford to pay for college? What if we don't have to?

I would like to address the word apprenticeship. For too long we have associated a negative connotation with that word. Almost as if it is looked down upon as a secondary education. There is a lot of honor in these programs, not to mention being paid to learn a trade that pays quite well. There are youth apprenticeships available for juniors and seniors that lead to adult apprenticeships.

Shea Electric is just one great example of how the high school youth apprenticeship program can gain entrance for an aspiring student into an adult apprenticeship. Dan Shea is an active Chamber member who supports career exploration for students in middle and high school. Dan learned about Wisconsin's Youth Apprenticeship Program and selected a student to work for him.

Youth apprenticeship is a program that allows students to try out a career and see how it fits for them. A previous article through the Chamber compared it to long, hands-on interview process.

That student was so successful working for Shea that he is now an adult electrical apprentice with Dan's company. As an adult apprentice, he is learning on the job while getting his education as an electrician paid for.

It is important that we increase these options and educate students on them even before they get into high school. Parents tend to be the biggest hurdle. We must break the ideal that if our children do not attend college we have failed them. As great as college can be, it simply isn't cut out for everyone.

Even for those thinking about going to school after high school, companies offer great continuing education programs that will pay toward technical and four-year degrees. Do you know there are companies offering continuing education opportuniwithin manufactur[.] ties to their employees ing and health care? With the job market becoming increasingly tight, you can expect more employers to look for ways to invest in their employees in this manner. Wouldn't you commit to a job for a few years to have your student loans covered? There are options out there. We need to realize the honor of the trades again. We need to reduce our tunnel vision as parents and realize that not all classes take place in rooms. We need to make the connections for those with degrees and without jobs. We need to create more partnerships with businesses and college to help make education more obtainable for those who simply cannot afford it. Hopefully more employers go down this route, especially at the youth level. Are you an employer intrigued by this and want to know more about youth apprenticeship? Reach out to Patti at the Chamber to get involved. patti@oshkoshchamber.com.



Longtime NASA flight director Paul Dye will speak about his experiences with the space program April 19 at the EAA Aviation Museum.

NASA flight director to speak at EAA series

From EAA

Paul Dye, who was a NASA flight director for 24 space shuttle missions between 1993 and 2013, will be describing his experiences within America's space program as part of EAA's Aviation Adventure Speaker Series on April 19.

The presentation begins at 7 p.m. in the EAA Aviation Museum Founders' Wing and is open to the public. Admission is free for EAA members and \$5 for nonmembers.

Dye was NASA's lead flight director for three shuttle missions: STS-79 with Atlantis in 1996, which featured the first exchange of astronauts for the Mir space station; STS-86, also with Atlantis in 1997, with a crew composed of American, Russian and French astronauts; and STS-91 with Discovery in 1998, which was the last shuttle docking with the Mir space station. As flight director, Dye was responsible for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the space shuttle team during these human spaceflight operations.

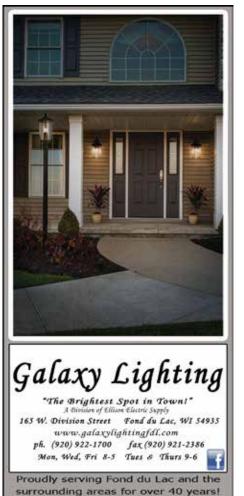
Before becoming a flight director, Dye held a leadership position in NASA's Mechanical Systems Division. During that time, he was a member of the team that traveled to Russia to study the possibility of docking the American space shuttle to the Mir space station.

Dye also has a close connection to EAA and aviation. He is an aircraft builder, starting with his construction of a Van's RV-8 aircraft. That led him to his post-NA-SA career as editor-in-chief of Kitplanes magazine. He is also a member of EAA's Homebuilt Aircraft Council, which helps develop policy and programs to assist the amateur-built aircraft community.

Snowstorm forces events postponements

Last weekend's spring snowstorm across the Fox Valley forced many business and event cancellations, and carried into Monday as most Oshkosh public and private schools canceled classes, including the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

The Feed the Body, Feed the Soul concert sponsored by Oshkosh Corp. that was set for April 14 at the Menominee Nation



Arena is being rescheduled with a new date announcement expected this week.

The Oshkosh Symphony's Chamber Music concert also will be rescheduled after its April 14 cancellation.

The WAMI music awards ceremony that was set for April 15 at Appleton's Performing Arts Center also was postponed to a later date to be announced.



Day of Caring set by United Way

For the 23rd year, the Oshkosh Area United Way is inviting residents to improve the conditions of the community by volunteering for the annual Day of Caring from 7:30 a.m. to noon May 4.

The United Way will bring together parents, children, retirees and teams of employees from companies to support the work of nonprofit organizations.

This year, volunteers can help the Red Cross install smoke detectors in homes, participate in a book drive for a summer reading program, yard work at the library, Boys & Girls Club or Christine Ann Shelter, or helping Growing Oshkosh get its Urban Farm ready for spring.

Volunteers are also needed to help assemble book bags and write encouraging notes to young readers. In past years, teams have cleaned, painted, raked, written thank-you notes and read to children. The commitment will be brief -four hours. The day will kick off with a light breakfast courtesy of event sponsor BMO Harris. All volunteers will receive a hot breakfast and a Day of Caring T-shirt.

To register, call the United Way at 920-235-8560 or at www.oshkoshunitedway.org.

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Earth Day

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schedules to confirm whether their original event plans were changed.

The Oshkosh area's abundant shorelines make the waterways a particular focus for some groups' deployment of volunteers young and old to eliminate some eyesores on the landscape.

The Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance (FWWA) is coordinating a cleanup of the Fox-Wolf River Basin with the help of more than 1,100 volunteers who had signed up for the April 21 effort that had to be moved to May 12 due to the snowstorm. Organizers hope the volunteer numbers hold up with the shift in dates.

The annual event raises public awareness about the need for healthy waterways and an opportunity for civic engagement.

More than 50 cleanup sites have been organized so far throughout northeastern Wisconsin, including eight in the Oshkosh area. Volunteers are provided with supplies and will meet at their cleanup site at 9 a.m. to learn about the watershed and ways to improve water quality and protect the resource. Cleanup T-shirts and materials will be handed out.

FWWA is hosting a picnic in Appleton afterward for volunteers. More information on the cleanup and educational opportunities are at www.FWWA.org.

The Millers Bay Neighborhood Association has cleaned up Menominee Park's Millers Bay shoreline for the past five Earth Day weekends, according to association member Wendy Thompson, with the sixth annual Operation Clean Sweep originally set for April 22 (new date pending). Litter will be picked up along the shoreline from the New York Avenue fishing pier to Ames Point, the Washington Triangle and along the Emmeline Cook Elementary School fence line.

"I take a bag and gloves when I visit nature sites, two simple concepts that make a difference," said Thompson. "If we all went outside and picked up any trash we see, in honor of Earth Day, Oshkosh would look



Photo FROM FOX-WOLF WATERSHED Alliance The Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance cleanup has been rescheduled to May 12.

so much better and those that live here would celebrate."

There are events in more than 192 countries coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network. The network's 2018 focus is on the exponential growth of plastics by creating support for a global effort to eliminate single-use plastics along with regulation for their disposal.

Peace Lutheran Church and Sadoff Iron & Metal Co. are teaming up the day before Earth Day to collect recyclable electronics and keep them out of landfills. The Community E-Cycle Fundraiser from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the church parking lot will allow people to drop off unwanted electronics.

Sadoff has a comprehensive service for recovering and recycling usable e-waste components as well as safely and securely disposing of dangerous materials.

"Valuable metals, both common and exotic, should not be put into our landfills," said Janek Cieszynski, lead account representative for Sadoff's E-Recycling & Data Destruction subdivision, "and neither should toxic substances. That's what our company is all about."

Some items require a fee to cover the costs of breakdown and mitigation, includ-



ing TVs and microwave ovens. Large appliances such as washers, dryers and full-size refrigerators are not accepted but can be dropped off at Sadoff's facility at 36 E. 10th Ave. for a fee.

Sadoff will be assisting a similar effort by the Oshkosh West Booster Club and its Junk for Jerseys promotion May 5 in the West parking lot and at its facility.

"Our mission is to care for creation the way we believe God intended us to do," said Alicia Alsberg, a member of Peace Lutheran's Caring for Creation Team. "So we're committed to finding ways to use the Earth's resources more sustainably while being more protective of the environment we all share. The problem we create from e-waste is serious and needs to be addressed, and when better to take the initiative than the day before Earth Day."

The church will receive a portion of the recycling value of some of the items. Other

nonprofit groups interested in arranging a similar e-recycling fundraiser can contact Cieszynski at 920-238-0286 during business hours.

Elsewhere, the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh is combining its Social Justice and Earth Week celebrations under the theme of A Dialogue in Sustainability. As part of UW Oshkosh's Tree Campus USA commitment, the grounds crew will be planting trees (weather permitting) this week and next. An array of speakers are scheduled on various sustainability themes.

Oaklawn Elementary School fourthgrade student council members will be delivering Earth Day bags around the neighborhood from 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. April 19, and Oshkosh West High is just one school that will be holding Earth Day related activities such as giving greenhouse tours, dismantling computers for recycling and working on crafts using recycled items.



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April 19

The Four Phantoms in Concert, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave. April 20

Color-Brave Photo Project: Black and Brown Faces, A New Narrative, 11 a.m., Paine Art Center and Gardens, 1410 Algoma Blvd.

Mother-Son Superhero Date Night, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Community YMCA, 3303 W. 20th Ave.

The Four Phantoms in Concert, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave. Comedy Improv Show, 9 p.m., Back-

lot Comedy House, 424 N. Main St.

Phocus at Fletch's, 10 p.m., Fletch's Local Tap House, 566 N. Main St.

April 21

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Runaway to the Bay, 7 a.m., Menominee Park

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 9 a.m., Merrill Middle School

ACW Watercity Wrestlecon, 4:30 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

The Four Phantoms in Concert, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave. Comedy Improv Show, 9 p.m., Back-

lot Comedy House, 424 N. Main St.

Spring Heat: Honor Society Music Group Concert, 9 p.m., Sunnyview Expo Center, 500 E. County Y

April 24

Community Conversation Tour on substance abuse, 6 p.m., Primo Restaurant

April 25

Mile of Style: Style Show and Din-

ner, 4:30 p.m., Oshkosh Convention Center, 2 N. Main St.

April 26

Bourbon, BBQ and Blues, 6 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

Community Conversation Tour on substance abuse for youth and parents, 5:30 p.m., Primo Restaurant

April 27

Comedy Improv Show, 9 p.m., Backlot Comedy House, 424 N. Main St.

April 28

USA Ultimate Frisbee North Central Regional Championships, 7 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center, 500 E. County Y

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 9 a.m., Merrill Middle School

Kids Run4Hunger, 10 a.m., Leach Amphitheater, 303 Ceape Ave.

Route 66 Family Ice Show, 2 p.m., Oshkosh Community YMCA, 3303 W. 20th Ave.

George Winston: Clinic and Conversation, 4 p.m., Heid Music, 1750 W. South Park Ave.

Winefeast, 5 p.m., Oshkosh Convention Center, 2 N. Main St.

The Undisputed Truth Championship Boxing, 7 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

Comedy Improv Show, 9 p.m., Backlot Comedy House, 424 N. Main St.

April 29

USA Ultimate Frisbee North Central Regional Championships, 7 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center, 500 E. County Y

Oshkosh Marathon, Half Marathon, 7 a.m., Leach Amphitheater

Business Briefs

Dr. Francisco J. Zornosa of Ascension Mercy Hospital received the I See You Care national award from Advanced ICU, which recognizes physicians, nurses and administrators that go above and beyond to make the relationship between the hospital and Advanced ICU work flawlessly. Zornosa advocates for best practices, identifying care issues and developing new protocols, resulting in advancements in the quality of care of ICU patients at Mercy Hospital.

Quill Creative, a brand development and advertising agency in Oshkosh, won two American Package Design Awards from Graphic Design USA for craft beer packaging entries in the Wine, Beer & Liquor category. The awards recognize Quill Creative's ingenuity and creativity for its packaging designs for Pigeon River Brewing Co. in Marion and Fifth Ward Brewing Co. in Oshkosh.

Independence Financial, a financial planning and securities firm managed by Michael L. Scott, had a ribbon-cutting March 21 with the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce at its new location at 1488 W. South Park Ave. The offices were previously on Ohio Street.

Choice Bank is relocating to new headquarters July 9 at 1041 Emmers Lane, Oshkosh. It will close its 2450 Witzel Ave. location July 7. More information can be found at www.choice.bank.

Brand Bags owner Chery Lauritch will be placing her custom-designed leather totes



The Cold Soda Club has released "Passing Greenbush" as a five-song EP.

Cold Soda Club band releases 'Passing Greenbush'

The Cold Soda Club, an alternative rock band of college students originally from Sheboygan, two of them at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, has released a five-song EP titled "Passing Greenbush."

The group, formed in 2011 while in high school and originally known as The Inventors, has been performing the last two years in the Fox Valley area, including Oshkosh venues such as the French Quarter, Twisted Roots, Screwballs, Reptile Palace, The Nickel and UW-Oshkosh events.

Lucas Goebel and Trevor Damkot attend UW-Oshkosh, Matthew Theobald is

at UW-Madison, and Tyler Maxon attends Lakeland University in Sheboygan. They draw their musical influences from rock, blues, classic rock, jazz, funk and pop.

The EP was created at Paradyme Productions in Madison, working with Bill Maynard and Justin Hind. Maxon is on lead vocals, Damkot on lead guitar, Theobald on bass and percussion, and Goebel on drums.

The band is working on new material for a full-length album for release by the end of the year, and has a May 11 Oshkosh appearance at Molly McGuire's beer gardens.

Rise Up teen event at Best Western

Rise Up, a resource fair for teens, will take place from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. April 19 at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel. The free event will feature a dinner catered by Best Western Catering and entertainment by hypnotist Crimson.

The Winnebago County Teen CCR is composed of a variety of groups that deal with teen dating; all forms of bullying and exploitation; the emotional, mental and

physical aspects of self-harm; domestic abuse; sexual assault; and suicide.

The theme of this year's event is "Rise Up! Do Your Part," which will include a community resource fair consisting of several agencies that support teens on pre-college programs and mental wellness topics.

Registration is available by contacting Brooke at teenadv@christineann.net.

UW-Oshkosh stages 'The Tempest'

The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh's stage production of "The Tempest" will be performed April 26-29 at the Fredric March Theatre on campus.

Directed by Merlaine Angwall, the and cross bodies in CoworkAtTheMall.com Shakepeare play is about a violent storm at Water Tower Place, Chicago. The new that shipwrecks King Alonso, his son, Ferconcept for Water Tower Place gives small dinand, and Duke Antonio on an island, business owners access to mall visitors. Lauwhere Prospero, the banished Duke of Miritch also participates in co-working space at lan, lives with his daughter, Miranda, and Rise & Grind in Oshkosh

his servants, the spirit Ariel and the resentful Caliban. Beset by intrigue on all sides, Prospero musters all of his powers and battles the villains to regain his rightful status.

Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$14, \$5 for UWO students, \$6 for students and alumni, and \$11 for senior citizens.

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By Alex Wolf

April 19, 2018

Herald contributor Head coach Brett Hartman said his Wildcats have goals to finish in the top half

Wildcats have goals to finish in the top half of the Fox Valley Association this season and believes that's possible because they added 15 members this season.

Hartman said a lot of the point scorers for this year's team will be coming from the juniors and seniors.

"I have high expectations; we have a lot of talent and some great leadership in our upperclassmen to help keep the team focused," Hartman said.

Junior Evan Wendland (sprints) is the top returner for West after making it to state a season ago. He also said senior Justice Schultz has impressed him early on and will be a part of the relays and compete in hurdles.

Senior Cole Woldt is a thrower who has made some great gains, according to Hartman, and leads the field event athletes.

Some new faces that should be making

Boys track

an impact this season include junior Sean Bougie (sprints, jumper), sophomore Kunle Akinleye (sprints), freshman John Thill (distance) and said the pole vault, high jump and distance groups have been dominated by the underclassmen.

Oshkosh North

After finishing fifth in the Fox Valley Association last season, head coach Steve Danza hops to get back into the top five this season.

Danza said team strengths this season will be relays, hurdles and distance and some of the top returners this season include Ray Brewer, Zach Quinn, Adam McAvoy, Dom Brown and Chandler Spanbauer.

Spanbauer, Brewer, Quinn and Brown all made appearances at the state tournament last season. The Spartans also get Wesley Schiek – who transferred from Valley Christian this season. Schiek was the Division 3 state champ in the 1600 and 3200 runs last year while also making it to state in the 800.

Other newcomers who should make an impact include Devon Zahn, Ethan Hinderman and Logan Boese.

Lourdes Academy

After sending a handful to the WIAA state meet a season ago, Lourdes track coach Tim Moore says the excitement having that experience has motivated his team entering the new season.

All returning athletes who qualified to state a season ago are all seniors and those are T. Jackson Moore, Colyar Newton, Axel Frank and Marshall Pecore. Moore made it in the 1600 (finished seventh) while Newton, Frank, Pecore and Moore were part of the 1600 relay team that finished eighth.

Moore said freshmen Peyton Kane (1600 and 3200) and Charlie Wolfgram

(long jump, high jump), along with senior Connor Barfknecht (high jump) should make an impact this season.

Valley Christian

The Warriors will be without Wesley Schiek, who transferred to Oshkosh North this past year. Schiek was a state winner last year in the 1600 and 3200 runs and head coach Carey Holtz said he will be greatly missed.

One of the top returners for Valley Christian includes John Geffers, who made it to sectionals last year in the 110 hurdles. Holtz said the senior will be ready to go and believes that sectional experience will help him.

Freshman Elijah Wade should also make an impact this season in the distance races, along with Luke O'Brien, who Holtz said their times have been very close so far this young season.

Holtz also mentioned that Diego Griese should have a strong year in the 200.



Lourdes looks to make another state run

By Alex Wolf Herald contributor

The Lourdes girls track and field team had a historic season a year ago, finishing fifth as a team at the WIAA Division 3 state meet.

The Knights have a shot to do that again this season as they return a handful of those members who won a state title or placed high last year.

Alexis Rolph, a junior, returns after participating in the 800 relay team that finished second at state last year, and will also be running in the 200, 400 and other relays.

Senior Carly Vandenhouton returns after helping the 3200 relay team win a state title last season while also making it in the individual 3200. She will also run long distance individually.

Other key returners from last year's team include sophomore Ellen Moore, senior Delaney Gresser and sophomores Joely Hurkman and Raechel Russo.

Coach Tim Moore said some new faces that should make an impact include freshmen Nora Sammons (sprints) and Lauren Hamil (high jump).

Oshkosh North

Head coach Michelle Carbiener said the team has a lot of new athletes this season so she's excited, but knows it might take some time to find where they fit on the

Girls track

team.

North has two juniors returning who made it to the state tournament last year in Ashley Wissink and Nydia Griffin. Griffin participates in sprints and qualified for state in the triple jump. Wissink qualified in the pole vault.

Sydney Clark and Sydney Knepfel should also have big impacts on this year's team and Carbiener said the two have state experience in cross country.

Some new faces that Carbiener said should make an impact this season include Hanna Reichenberger and Mia Nettekoven.

Oshkosh West

The Oshkosh West team returns most of its point-getters from a season ago so head coach Brett Hartman hopes his team can finish in the top half of the Fox Valley Association this season.

Hartman said numbers are up about 20 this season so that should help after failing to compete in a lot of events because they were so short-handed.

Megan Best is the Wildcats' top returning point scorer and the junior qualified for the state meet last year in the 100-meter "Her focus at practice and positive attitude around the other girls helps keep everyone focused and working hard, and I have high expectations for her this season," Hartman said.

Hartman said Jenna Kiraly, another junior, will contribute a bunch of points this season and is the defending conference champ in the 200 – while running for both

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The team, which plays with a 12-inch ball and 6- to 12-inch pitching arc, has five to six regional tournaments, along with a Fort Myers, Fla., tournament in November.

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Prep Sports Roundup

BASEBALL

North held to one hit in loss to Hortonville

Hortonville's Jason Jennerjohn and Drew Lauterborn combined to pitch a one-hitter as Oshkosh North was shutout 5-0 in a game played in Oshkosh last Thursday.

Hortonville jumped out to a 1-0 lead after the first inning but then scored four runs in the fifth – getting three runs on an error - to add insurance runs.

Charlie Stenson took the loss for North, pitching 4.2 innings, giving up two earned runs while striking out five.

West struggles offensively in loss to North Lightning

The Wildcats outhit Appleton North 6 to 5, but ended up losing a 4-1 Fox Valley Association contest last Thursday on the road.

Tim Kohl led the Wildcats with a 2-for-4 day at the plate, with a double and the team's lone RBI. Mike McBriar suffered the loss for West.

Lourdes opens season with win over Montello

The Knights picked up a 13-3 win over Montello in the season opener. No other information was available.

SOFTBALL

Supple leads Oshkosh North past Hortonville

Sydney Supple struck out 13 batters as she helped lead the Oshkosh North softball team to a 9-1 win over Hortonville in a game played at home last Thursday.

She allowed one run on five hits in the win while going 2-for-5 at the plate. Sophie Averkamp had a four-hit day with a double and two RBI.

The Spartans are leading the way early in the FVA with an undefeated record.

UW-Oshkosh's WRST marks 52 years on air

WRST-FM is celebrating its 52nd anniversary with an open house from 3 to 6 p.m. April 20 at its studios on the fourth floor of the Arts and Communications Center on campus.

WRST is the oldest FM station in Oshkosh and started with only 10 watts of power and a four and a half hour weekday

Appleton North tops West in final inning

The Appleton North softball team scored three runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to pick up a 10-9 win over Oshkosh West in a Fox Valley Association game in Appleton last Thursday.

Brianna Davis was 3-for-4 with an RBI, Megan Footit was 2-for-3 with two RBI, Leah Engstrom was 2-for-3 with three RBI and Leah Welch added a two-hit day for the Wildcats - who finished the game with 14 hits.

Lourdes tops Montello in doubleheader

The Lourdes softball team finally got its season under way last Thursday, picking up 9-7 and 9-4 wins over Montello in a doubleheader played on the road.

The Knights trailed 6-4 going into the fifth, then scored two in that inning followed by another in the sixth to take the lead 7-6, but Montello answered with a run in the bottom half of the sixth before the Knights won it in the ninth, scoring two runs.

In the second game, Lourdes led 2-1 going into the fifth but then the Knights added five runs and two more in the sixth to help seal the win.

BOYS TENNIS Oshkosh West blanks Fond du Lac in match

The Oshkosh West boys tennis team shut down Fond du Lac last Thursday, earning a 7-0 win in a Fox Valley Association match.

Top singles player Neel Raut won 6-2, 6-0 while No. 2 player Grant Counts shut down his opponent 6-0 in each match. C.J. Counts and Jeremy Fleck went on to win their respective matches without losing a match in the 3 and 4 spots for West.

At doubles, Daniel Rucinski and Caleb Schultz won 6-2, 6-0, Jack LaFontaine and Seth Glamann won 6-2, 6-4 and Aaron Jorgenson and Dylan Lippold won 6-0, 6-1.

schedule. The original broadcast facility was a converted lumber company office on the edge of campus.

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relay teams at state last year.

Yiwen Qin is the top field event athlete for West this season, and the senior hopes to make it to state this season after falling one place short last vear.

Some new faces for the Wildcats that hope to make an impact this season include sophomore Hannah Fields (high jump), sophomore Devin Hable (sprints, relay) and freshman Reese Lang (springs, relay).

Valley Christian

The top returners for the Warriors include Carla Van Maanen and Aiden Gehrke, both who advanced to sectionals a season ago in throwing events.

Head coach Carey Holtz said that Amelia Lehman, a sophomore, should be competitive in the 800 and 1600 this year and had cross country to help with that. Holtz said that she hopes Van Maanen, who just missed out on going to the state meet last season, can get there this season while Gehrke should be a big contender as well.

Holtz said the team has a new international student in Rainey Wen, and believes once she gets some experience in she will be helping in sprints and long jump. She also said there are a few other new kids that show promise but haven't had the chance to compete yet.



Oshkosh YMCA Swim Team members (from left) Lillian Arps, Ann Van Hout, Brennan Hoem, Ali Pecore and Gabby Mullally competed at the National Swimming Championships in Greensboro, N.C.

YMCA team swimmers compete in nationals

Several local swimmers qualified and competed earlier this month in the Short Course Y National Swimming Championships held in Greensboro, N.C., at the Greensboro Aquatic Center.

Oshkosh YMCA Swim Team members Ali Pecore, Brennan Hoem, Gabby Mullally, Lillian Arps and Ann Van Hout competed during the week in several events in which they qualified. Highlights included a heat-winning women's 400 medley relay (3:58.37) and Brennan Hoem placing third in his 500 free (4:17.63) heat while breaking the OSHY swim team record for the event. Some of the athletes compete for

area high schools.

Many college swim team coaches from schools such as Duke, Navy, North Carolina State, University of Connecticut and others were watching the athletes while many conducted short meetings with some of the swimmers.

The OSHY swim team during the opening ceremony dressed in Green Bay Packers attire for the athlete parade as the theme of the parade was state pride. The national championship represents the top Y Swim Club team athletes in the nation. Swimmers from all over the country were represented including one from Alaska.

Match for Mack campaign underway

The Oshkosh Area School District (OASD) Education Foundation is conducting a Match for Mack fundraising challenge until the end of June for community members and supporters of public education who can double their donations by participating.

A generous donor will match all donations up to \$20,000 until June 25 to grow the Education Foundation endowment fund in Superintendent Stan Mack's name. In addition, 25 percent of the funds raised will have an immediate impact and be awarded at the 2019 Celebrate Education event. That creates the potential for an additional \$10,000 in grants awarded to local educators during the annual event if the goal is reached.

The OASD Education Foundation Fund was established in 2012, and the

ordinated effort to grow the fund and create an endowment that will allow for more impactful giving. The fund is unrestricted in its purpose, which allows for maximum impact that benefits Oshkosh students, educators and schools each year.

"This match is the largest in the history of our education foundation," said Kim Brown, OASD director of learning.

Mack is retiring as superintendent of schools on June 30. During his six years of leadership, he is credited with monumental improvements throughout the district and community.

Contributions up to \$20,000 will be matched. Visit OshkoshAreaCF.org to donate online or call 920-426-3993. Gifts can be mailed to the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, 230 Ohio St., Suite 100, Os-

Obituaries

Rosalie M. Rice Streetar

Rosalie M. Rice Streetar, age 83, passed away on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at Aurora Medical Center. She was born to the late Frank and Nona (Finney) Van Gieson on April 13, 1934 in Grand Rapids, Mn. She graduated from Grand Rapids High School in 1952; she was involved in glee



club, drama club, science and bowling league. She graduated from Itasca Junior College in 1954; she was involved in the Vikings Staff, yearbook, drama and pep club, a cheerleader and vice president

and president of the kappa's.

She worked as a teacher at Fox Valley Technical College; in the library. She married Harry Rice on August 25, 1956 and they were together until his death on March 25, 1998. Together they had three children. She later married Jerome Streetar on September 13, 2007. She was a member of St Raphael's Parish.

Rosalie is survived by her husband, Jerome; son, Steven Rice; daughters, Jeanne Rice and Susan Thibodeaux; step sons, Kevin (Joan) and Mike (Jan) Streetar; stepdaughter, Mary (Mike) Rantala; grandchildren, Cynthia, David, Cara, Mary Kay, Rice, Opal and Raven Thibodeaux, Alicia, Abby, Sam Streetar, and Trent (Becky) and Ryan Rantala; and siblings David (Sharon)

Correction

APRIL 12, PAGE 6: In the announcement of the Color-Brave Photo Project, the names of UW-Oshkosh professors Susan Rensing and Roberta Maguire were misspelled, and Maguire's role was in crafting the individual stories.

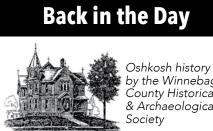
Van Gieson and Francis Van Gieson. Rosalie is further survived by great-grandchildren Amaya Fumbanks and Antonio Fumbanks Jr. and Kierra and Kyrin Rice.

In addition to her parents and husband, Rosalie was preceded in death by her sister Flora Van Gieson and son-in-law, Ken Thibodeaux.

A service for Rosalie will be held at noon on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at Konrad-Behlman East side (402 Waugoo Ave) a visitation will be held at 10 AM until the time of service. Father Matthew Rappl will be officiating.

In Lieu of flowers, the family would like for you to send or bring to the service, your favorite story about Rosalie. The stories will be collected and made into a book. If you would like a copy contact Jeanne Rice.

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April 2, 1958

Governor Signs Bill to Approve Trolling on Winnebago: Governor Thomson signed a bill approving fishing from a moving boat powered by a motor on Lake Winnebago. The new law, which goes into effect May 1, lifts a ban that has been in place since 1923. The action is being implemented as a test with no date yet assigned for the test to end and the results evaluated.

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