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Aviation park slow to get off ground

County's piece of project awaiting funding options

By Patty Brandl
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The city is ready to welcome businesses to the new Aviation Business Park, a joint project of the city and Winnebago County, but funding for a needed taxiway is still up in the air for the county.

The city's goal? To attract new businesses that would buy the land and, in turn, create jobs and increase the city's tax base. The county is looking to lease its land, with direct access to a planned taxiway, to prospective aviation-based businesses, with the end goal of new jobs and lease revenue.

"Oshkosh is a great home for aviation, and we've proven that for decades," said Audra Hoy, director of Business and Economic Development at the Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corp. (GO-EDC).

The 80 acres of land located south of Ripple Avenue on the east side of the Wittman Regional Airport was purchased about five years ago and is split into two distinct sections. The county purchased about 50 acres, and the city owns close to 30 of those. The city's portion is now a Tax Incremental Financing District (TIF), similar to other business parks in the city. A TIF assists with costs related to necessary infrastructure.

The city has completed construction of the infrastructure, which includes lighting, storm and sanitary sewers, water for each lot, as well as a paved road, said Oshkosh Mayor Steve Cummings.

A conundrum now facing the county

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OSHKOSH HERALD PHOTO

The South Main Street area is beginning to take on a new personality with the opening of the Menominee Nation Arena.

When the sawdust settles

South Main district gets game with Wisconsin Herd's arrival

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

Turning a city's historically industrial waterfront areas into more recreational and entertaining parts of town has little trouble gaining public enthusiasm, at least as a cool idea. Moving from the drawing board and assembling a comprehensive concept with city planners and economic development interests defines the real obstacles and opportunities along the way.

Outmoded and nonconforming buildings and spaces – public or private, in use or empty — are not going anywhere fast without considerable incentive or financing packages that are worth undertaking from all sides of the proposal. Oshkosh's economic development push on the southeast corridor of Main Street may have found a solid breakthrough in that regard by exchanging the expired Buckstaff for future Bucks.

The right set of circumstances and persuasive negotiations lured a National Basketball Association franchise to raise its Development League team in a new Menominee Nation Arena, but part of making that become a reality was to be able

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City Manager Mark Rohloff

to swiftly clear the site of the historic and long-abandoned furniture manufacturing plant that was shuttered in 2011. Adjacent to river and lakefront opportunities, and just blocks from the bridge to the main downtown district, the location's potential has been apparent but elusive without public and private momentum to clear the site.

That's where initiatives defined by the city's Department of Community Development and its private partner Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corp., among other entities involved in city growth, were poised to make the Sawdust District an attractive site for the Milwaukee

Bucks organization.

"We had a bunch of planning that we've done over the last year and the Sawdust District is just a piece of that" said Allen Davis, the city's Community Development director. "And that was a timely piece in that about the time we were working on the Central City Investment Strategy, that's when the Bucks RFP (request for proposal) came out. And that's when (Fox Valley Pro Basketball president) Greg Pierce said, 'I'd like to propose something in Oshkosh.'"

As one of about 20 sites identified for the arena project, the Buckstaff location stood out for its potential, but it would take public nuisance ordinances related to disabled sprinkler and alarm systems and a subsequent court settlement with the property owners to even allow access to the late 19th century structure and its various additions.

With legal impediments eventually cleared, city and private crews were able to swarm the east side of South Main to tear out one structural foundation while preparing for another.

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Flu season shifts to severe mode in state, Winnebago

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

Wisconsin's flu outbreak status is upgraded to severe as of Friday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Winnebago County is no exception in seeing a rise in cases, including those that have put vulnerable residents in the hospital.

There have been 61 hospitalizations reported in Winnebago County since Sept. 1, with 40 of those occurring in the first 19 days of this year.

Alana Erickson, communication specialist for the Winnebago County Health Department, said health officials had anticipated this season's surge in influenza cases.

"We knew it was coming and knew it was going to be a bad year, and now the numbers back that up," Erickson said.

There had been more than 600 hospitalizations reported weekly statewide before the severe status upgrade. The state Department of Health Services said as of last week 100 or more people were being hospitalized every day with the flu. Case levels have been measured between moderate and high in eastern Wisconsin, which is trending above the rest of the state.

Winnebago health officials continue to recommend residents get a shot to protect both themselves and others to combat a flu season that runs into early spring. The vaccine can ease symptoms and shorten the duration of the illness while preventing the unwitting transfer to others, especially those considered more vulnerable.

Children under 10 years old and adults

More information

The state Department of Health Services' weekly influenza report can be found at www.dhs.wisconsin.gov.

over age 65 are especially encouraged to get vaccinations, along with those with other underlying health problems.

Distinguishing this respiratory-based strain of flu from a severe cold is usually about the added muscle achiness and fever that come with it.

Erickson said that once people get in the mindset of staying home there can be a reduction in cases spread by contact as those suffering from it try toughing it out at

work or going to public events.

"Maybe your neighbor is too old or they have a young child and they can't (get immunized), so you can do your part and step up," she said.

Vaccination levels statewide are running a little behind the pace of last year, according to the DPH's respiratory virus surveillance report, with a 31.3 percent rate marked on Jan. 6. Erickson said that with the county's flu rate currently higher than has been seen in four or five years, residents have plenty of flu season left that a vaccination could protect against.

"We haven't hit our peak yet," she said. "You never know how long the season is going to last or how severe it's going to be."

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"At one point this year the demolition crew was taking down the last buildings, the city's public works crews were taking down slabs and foundations, and Bayland Construction crews were putting the geopiers in for the arena, all on the same site," Davis said. "So it was coming down, getting cleared and going up all at the same time, which is pretty unusual, almost a once-in-a-lifetime event when you see everything happening at once."

It isn't just history but ongoing reality tied to the aptly named but not geographically defined Sawdust District. "Sawdust City" owes much of its existence and early growth to its lumber and related woodworking craft industries, as do many Wisconsin cities that relied on the steady supply of Northwoods logging harvests that floated and rafted their way to area sawmills and building enterprises.

Lumber waste in the form of sawdust and related fill material played an inevitable role in shaping the city's current shorelines. Excavation crews in those areas know to expect some less-than-ideal soils that require removal and some levels of contamination that need to be part of a remediation process for any feasible development.

The Buckstaff property, which held the last working sawmill in the city, was clearly not going to be any different for developers to factor in that history.

"They put in over a thousand geopiers (for the arena)," Davis said. "And those geopiers are structures that go below grade that support the building because all of the fill that had gone in on that site from 2 feet down to 10 feet were so poor that they couldn't support a building. The biggest problem was that the fill material, whether it was the sawdust or anything else from the last 150 years, it just can't support a large building."

Davis said anything east of Main Street has its share of wood-based material, usually found during excavation work and common for developed cities on shorelines. Various stages of the city's Riverwalk development run into similar soil issues that are considered in the planning stages and dealt with as they arise.

Planners and builders usually try to get ahead of soil quality issues; it literally comes with the territory. Older and underused buildings that stand in the way of creating larger blocks of space to offer multiuse development are more directly challenging to the city's vision for a district than what lies below. Larger parcels would allow for more comprehensive projects that can complement an entertainment-type district on South Main.

That can become a lengthier process, and removal or revival of unused or underused structures near the Main Street bridge and portions of the Morgan District straddling Oregon Street near the Riverwalk are important but initial steps in redefining a commercial neighborhood.

City Manager Mark Rohloff describes the planning strategy needed to create complementary developments in a particular block or blocks as a "parfait" that needs to come together in the right order of layers to make relatable neighbors. Acquiring and turning over the Buckstaff property for private development made sense for that situation, but he said that isn't going to be the city's preference moving forward.

"We're trying to stay out of purchasing any more land out there, because we believe that ought to be the private marketplace that does that," Rohloff said.

"But once that dust settles from whatever negotiation is done, then we're there to help."

The city and Greater Oshkosh CDC strategy would include helping relocate some industries to more transportation-appropriate areas such as Interstate 41, allowing room for redevelopment and expansion of an entertainment-focused district.



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Fifth Ward Brewing co-founder Ian Wenger tends to brewing operations at 1009 S. Main St., where the microbrewery has opened a taproom to the public.

"We're working with the existing businesses that are down there, making sure they are aware of any opportunities for relocation, because long term I don't think they want to be there because they're so far off the interstate and they depend so much on transportation," Davis said. "They're not really linked to the railroad tracks anymore so they don't need to be on the tracks."

Alro Steel officials have talked about a potential move in past years, making a presentation to the city Plan Commission that included consideration of locations near 41, but Alro and other industrial interests in their neighborhood have not made any such plans at this point. Alro's acquisition last year of 150,000 square feet of property at Ripple and Poberezný next to 41 at least suggests they are expanding their options.

The Imagine Oshkosh Master Plan, detailing the community program's 10-year strategy for the central business district and waterfront areas, helped define some ways to create space and encourage business investment in the district and elsewhere through public-private incentives. The results are starting to make their way into the South Main neighborhood.

In his report to the council Dec. 12 as the organization had its working agreement with the city renewed, Greater Oshkosh EDC chief executive officer Jason White said the arena's impact has already been felt by a recently opened brewery on South Main, the first of its kind south of the river since Peoples Brewing and Oshkosh Brewing had their beer production some blocks farther south into the early 1970s.

"Fifth Ward (Brewing Co.) is getting a very enthusiastic response to their recent opening downtown," White told council members. "The neighborhood has been very welcoming to their presence and feels it is really exciting to see the South Main Street corridor alive again."

Craft breweries are considered a cultural marker in cities for helping revitalize urban neighborhoods, and the benefits of the national microbrew surge did not go unnoticed by city development interests.

Fifth Ward owners gained important financial assistance through Greater Oshkosh EDC to help them complete production of their brewing facility and become another part of the nightlife spark on South Main. Also in the sphere of the Sawdust effort was the recent south-shore renovation of the Granary building with a brewpub/restaurant and Blue Door Consulting offices.

White and Audra Hoy, director of business and economic development for Greater Oshkosh EDC, said their staff has the Sawdust area in its sights for matching business interests that have entertainment-focused development in mind, but must deal with the reality of the industrial footprint

that has historically defined that area.

A mixed-use development is being proposed with a combination of residential housing and retail/restaurant options and part of the overall Sawdust District vision adjacent to the arena.

The arena ownership led by Pierce would like to exercise options to expand its complex north of the main facility to add more commercial and multiuse offerings. Gastropub and other restaurant options within the arena space itself will be evolving to create more distinct venues of entertainment.

Arena activity will continue during and after the Herd's regular season with other sports tournaments, concerts and an evolving mix of special events.

"Greg created a catalyst for the whole area," Rohloff said. "The arena's not even close to hitting its stride yet."

"If you look up and down South Main and you go into Brooklyn's before the game, it's just electric. The brewpub is electric both before and after."

Business interests in the area have created an Oshkosh Sawdust District Business Neighbors page on Facebook to communicate shared issues related to the district's growth, such as parking lot access and liability with more after-hours activities.

Rob Kleman, Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce vice president of economic development, confirmed there have been parties eyeing the arena area for potential office space, and that some property acquisitions under the right circumstances could be part of creating better options for new businesses.

The city will be seeking proposals for development of a two-block area north of 9th Avenue and extending near Pioneer Drive, adjacent to an anticipated redevelopment of land that includes the Pioneer Resort and Marina site, a waterfront property vacant for more than a decade. Extension of 9th Avenue to the Pioneer site is also projected to serve that effort.

Rohloff hasn't heard of any immediate movement on reviving the Pioneer area, but hopes the state DNR's past restrictive stance toward redevelopment there may have changed in recent years. He said any financial assistance in that area should go beyond expanding the trail project and key on overall redevelopment of the former hotel site.

Davis also points to the special seasonal draw the arena is providing to the district.

"Bringing thousands of people to South Main Street two or three times a week over the winter, which is the hardest time to get people out, has to influence other business interests," he said.

"The arena is going to be a long-term draw for that neighborhood."

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is how to get financing for the taxiway — its responsibility per the joint agreement, as well as a necessity if it hopes to attract aviation-based businesses to its portion of the park. Without the taxiway and its access to lots available for lease, the goal of securing interested companies could be an uphill battle, said Winnebago County Executive Mark Harris.

The main portion of the taxiway funding is expected to come from a state agency — the Bureau of Aeronautics.

“And they won’t pay for it until we get a tenant,” Harris said, calling it a “chicken-and-egg thing.” The state did, however, agree to pay for engineering work to get the project moving forward, and awarded the contract to Strand Associates, a firm based in Madison.

“The county is dragging its feet,” said Oshkosh Mayor Steve Cummings. “It’s not holding up its end of the bargain.”

Cummings said the city’s part of the agreement— to provide necessary infrastructure — is complete and, despite the lack of a taxiway, it’s already marketing the park to interested businesses. “Not every business will need one (taxiway),” he noted.

The city’s costs for infrastructure is about \$3.1 million, with about a third funded by grants from the Economic Development Administration.

Harris said he would have liked the project to move along more quickly. But a project of this size takes time, he said, and the county is obligated to follow a different set of rules.

“We have already had a substantial amount of federal money invested in the park,” he said.

Harris estimates the initial county cost at about \$2 million.

The county plans to initiate a bond project, he said — a two-meeting process requiring approval based on a three-quarters vote by the Winnebago County Board, followed by the construction of a smaller taxiway, or “nub,” that will connect to two lots. One would be for a secured lease while the county markets the other.

Harris said plans call for the state to reimburse the county once the engineering study is complete. He’s hoping that construction will begin sometime this summer after clearing the remaining administrative hurdles.

The current 43,000 square-foot terminal at Wittman Regional Airport has been closed to passenger airline traffic for decades. Harris sees this as a plus: The reduced traffic means less competition for gate times for corporate and private aircraft flying in and out.

“We want to turn a disadvantage into an advantage,” he said.

The idea of an aviation-based business park has been underway for years, Hoy said, and only a few details like the taxiway still require resolution.

“It takes time,” Hoy said. “A lot has been worked out, and clear lines have been drawn. But the park has been shovel-ready since the summer of 2017.”

No businesses have signed on at this time, and Hoy acknowledges that one potential problem could be the lack of manpower.

“There are only 2,300 available workers in all of Winnebago County,” she said. “We have a lot more jobs than people available at the moment.”

The aviation business park is one economic piece of the development picture in Oshkosh, Hoy said.

“Our main focus is to preserve and help the businesses that are already here,” she said.



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Brides and grooms can get their wedding plan questions answered Sunday at The Wedding Faire at the Oshkosh Convention Center.

Wedding Faire returns Sunday to Oshkosh Convention Center

For more than eight years, The Wedding Faire in Oshkosh has presented one-stop planning options for brides and grooms, on one day, in an intimate setting. The Wedding Faire is geared to brides and grooms who want to have conversations with all of the vendors they are going to need for their special day.

This year, The Wedding Faire is from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Oshkosh Convention Center. The first 100 attendees will receive free goodie bags with offers from various vendors. All wedding categories are represented and will be on hand to answer questions and showcase their offerings, including the newest in cake decorating, florists and photography. Other vendors include caterers, health-related businesses,

financial, real estate, DJs and photo booths.

Preparing for marriage will be the topic presented by Ed Riddick, owner of Celebrate Marriage, with two presentations at 1:15 and 2:15 p.m. A fashion show at 3:15 p.m. features Erika’s Bridal Couture of Neenah, and Nedrebo’s Formal Wear, Fond du Lac, with hair and makeup courtesy of The Mane Attraction Salon & Day Spa. New this year is Bridal Bingo.

Grand prize giveaways including a 43-inch flat screen TV, his and her’s matching luggage sets, and a vendor voucher worth \$300 at any show vendor.

Tickets are available at Erika’s, Neenah; LaSure’s Cakes & Catering, Oshkosh; or online at www.planonencore.com.

Boys & Girls Club plans annual celebration dinner

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh will hold its annual Great Futures Celebration Dinner and annual meeting Feb. 6 at The Waters. A dinner and introduction of the club’s 2018 Youth of the Year, club member and North High School junior Nichole Van Hoof, will be featured.

Bemis Co. will be presented with the Kids & Community Award, given to an area business that has demonstrated community leadership in supporting the club’s mission. Todd Reuss will be presented with the Award of Merit, given to volunteers who have made an extraordinary con-

tribution of time and resources.

Mary Johnson will be presented with the J.R. Vette Friend of Youth Award, named in memory of former lifetime board member J.R. Vette.

Angela Koepke, the club’s administrative services coordinator, will be presented with the Professional Service Award.

Registration and social hour is from 5:30 to 6 p.m. Dinner starts at 6 with the annual meeting and a short program to follow. The cost to attend is \$35. RSVP to Angie Koepke at 920-233-1414 or angelak@bgcosh.org by Feb. 2.



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The Aviation Business Park east of Wittman Regional Airport needs to get taxiway funding set- tled for the project before it can offer business interests that access option.

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Winter Fisheree celebrates Winnebago ice fishing

Otter Street Fishing Club event is party with purpose

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Otter Street Fishing Club celebrates its essential connection to Lake Winnebago with its annual Winter Fisheree and returns its appreciation through donations to those who share in the far-reaching resource.

Next weekend's fishing tournament brings a little competition to the sport while raising money for its club activities and support of fishing interests in a system that takes in lakes Winnebago, Butte des Morts, Winneconne, Poygan, and the Fox and Wolf rivers.

Scott Engel, president of Otter Street Fishing Club, said that while weather and ice conditions often dictate the direction of the event, this year is expected to offer a solid base for the festivities.

"If we don't have ice we don't have fisherman, which affects the number of tickets sold," Engel said in looking back on previous fisherees that

had to deal with poor conditions.

"There are some things that do happen out there," he said. "The ice is never 100 percent safe, but have an idea of what you're doing before you go out."

The winter fisheree began in 1961 as



Otter Street Fishing Club vice president Jim Erdman (left) helped register a nice crappie at last year's Winter Fisheree on Lake Winnebago.

the main and only fundraiser for the club. It has expanded in many ways since then, including a Friday night party with musical entertainment. This year will be the Billy Shears Band at 7 p.m.

Raffle ticket sales are the main source of support, with food and drink concessions also helping the cause while they keep participants fed and happy with brats, hot dogs, beer and soda.

The Otter Street Fishing Club, with headquarters in the 1200 block of Ceape Avenue, took its name from the first access point it provided to the lake off Otter. The winter fisheree was originally centered on the ice but later moved its heated tent and general operations to the Millers Bay parking lot in Menominee Park, which has worked out better for set-up and to the preference of most participants.

The club routinely works on easing

lake travel with ice bridges for vehicles, plows out the lanes as needed and whatever is needed on shore to create access to the lake, which has been as extensive as concrete slab construction for dedicated landings.

Some of the club's donations have included \$30,000 toward the T-dock on Millers Bay and another \$30,000 for a shocking boat used by the state Department of Natural Resources for species sampling. Volunteer and public fire departments in the region have also been beneficiaries, including special tools such as a 42-inch ice saw.

Labeled the "Pre-Battle Challenge" in reference to the upcoming Battle on Bago winter edition, the fisheree tournament offers a \$1,000 grand prize and \$500 runner-up award selected randomly from the walleye, perch, white bass or northern caught with a \$10 ticket per weighing. The top 20 raffle winners earn other valuable cash and prizes.

The tournament runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 3, with the main prize drawing at 4 p.m.

The Beaver Cycle Club brings ATV and motorcycle races on the ice Saturday morning, followed by 4x4 races organized



Participants in last year's Otter Street fisheree gather in the warming tent at Millers Bay.

by the Extreme Off-Roaders Club.

DNR biologists will be on hand to take advantages of species information they can gather from some of the tournament catches.

The club's summer walleye tournament held since the 1980s has benefited from its recent partnership with Battle on Bago's summer event, making it the biggest of its kind in the region and possibly anywhere. Some 325 boats of two-person teams compete for \$105,000 in cash and prizes each June in the catch-and-release competition.

More information on the fisheree weekend is available on the Otter Street Fishing Club's Facebook page or by calling Jerry's Bar at 920-231-7380.



Skiplanes will be arriving at EAA's Pioneer Airport for their annual fly-in Feb. 10.

More than 25 skiplanes expected at EAA airport

By Dick Knapinski
FOR THE OSHKOSH HERALD

One of the area's most colorful events of the season, the annual EAA Skiplane Fly-In, will be held Feb. 10 at the EAA Aviation Museum's Pioneer Airport.

In past years, more than 25 skiplanes have landed at Pioneer Airport to participate in the event, highlighting this unique segment of flight that is quite popular throughout many parts of North America. This event is another outstanding way that EAA welcomes pilots and enthusiasts of all ages to enjoy the spirit of aviation. The skiplane fly-in also comes less than three weeks after the 65th anniversary of the first EAA meeting Jan. 26, 1953, in Milwaukee.

The majority of skiplanes will arrive (weather and runway conditions permitting) during midmorning, and will stay until midafternoon. In case weather or snow conditions do not permit aircraft arrivals at Pioneer Airport, other activities will continue as planned, including complimentary chili and cookies served beginning at 10:30 a.m., as well as a slideshow highlighting previous EAA skiplane fly-in activities.

New this year is that one lucky child will have the unique opportunity to take their Young Eagles flight in a skiplane. Children between the ages of 8 and 17 will be eligible to enter a drawing for that free introductory Young Eagles flight during the event (weather permitting). That child will become part of more than 2 million young people who have been introduced to aviation through the Young Eagles program since 1992.

The skiplane fly-in is free of charge to the public. Signs will direct visitors to the skiplane area upon arrival to the museum. Shuttle services will also operate from Basler Flight Service for those landing at Wittman Regional Airport. All skiplane fly-in guests are welcome to stay and explore the museum after the event. Regular museum admission rates apply.

Skiplane pilots who wish to participate must receive approval and flight briefings from EAA before landing at Pioneer Airport. Contact EAA's Miranda LaBrec at 920-426-6597 or mlabrec@eaa.org for more information.

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Larry the Cable Guy headlines arena concert

Larry the Cable Guy, multiplatinum recording artist, Grammy nominee and Billboard award winner, will open the Menominee Nation Arena venue's entertainment division Saturday.

Special guest opening act will be the veteran rock band Foghat. The show begins at 7:30 p.m.

Larry is the host of "Only in America with Larry the Cable Guy for History," which is going into its third season.

He also has created The Git-R-Done Foundation, named after his signature catchphrase, and has donated more than \$7 million to various charities.

Foghat, formed in 1971 when Lonesome Dave Peverett and Roger Earl left the British blues-rock band Savoy Brown, has earned eight gold records, one platinum record and a double-platinum record. Founding member Roger Earl continues to lead the band while producing new music that has added to its classic set list of "Slow Ride," "Fool for the City" and "Driving Wheel."

With its successful launching of the Herd's inaugural season with the Milwaukee Bucks in the NBA's G League, Fox Valley Pro Basketball and the arena staff is moving into a variety of other entertainment events.

"Basketball is what got this building built, but entertainment is what will help keep it open," said Greg Pierce, managing partner of the Menominee Nation Arena.

The arena has partnered with longtime presenter The Grand Oshkosh on a schedule that expects to include six to eight co-presented performances each year. Lar-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Larry the Cable Guy brings his blue-collar humor to the Menominee Nation Arena for its first concert event Saturday.

ry the Cable Guy and Foghat is the first of these co-promotions.

"It's a great opportunity for The Grand," said Joseph Ferlo, director of The Grand Oshkosh. "Partnering with the arena opens up a whole new roster of performers which otherwise would not be possible to present in our intimate 550-seat theater. It's a win-win for the entire region."

Tickets for the Saturday concert are available at the Menominee Nation Arena Box Office at 1212 S. Main St., at 920-744-2035 or online at menomineenationarena.com.



Comedy vaudeville duo the Kamikaze Fireflies bring their act to The Grand on Saturday.

Vaudeville variety show featured at The Grand

The risky acrobatics and charming humor of the Kamikaze Fireflies is why America's Got Talent judge Howie Mandel was wowed by their performance: "It was dangerous. It was exciting. It was funny!"

Dynamic duo Rob Williams and Casey Martin combine their years of learning strange tricks in display of the vaudevillian arts. Juggling, hula hoops, German wheel, whips and other circus tricks will be served

with a big side of comedy at The Grand Oshkosh at 2 p.m. Saturday. The show is sponsored by Oshkosh Coil Spring Inc.

Tickets start at \$15 and can be purchased online or at the box office at 100 High Ave. Family pricing is available through the box office. Tickets are also available at the door an hour before the show. The Grand Lounge will be open an hour before the performance.

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Big numbers of wintering birds tallied

By Rob Zimmer
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

"I always hope to find 30 species on a winter bird count, which isn't always easy," said Mark Benson, Oshkosh, who has participated in the annual Christmas Bird Count conducted by the local Oshkosh Bird Club and other volunteer counters each winter season.

The national Christmas Bird Count tallying period recently came to a close and the Oshkosh Bird Club has announced the eagerly anticipated count results. Organized at the national level by the Audubon Society, Oshkosh Bird Club members dedicate time and experience each year to this important annual bird census.

"The Oshkosh Bird Club holds three counts per year," Benson said. "May, September and December, which is the Christmas Bird Count. Paul Bruce and I have been partnering for all three counts every year for the last 5 and a half years. I sometimes refer to him as 'The Man with the Golden Ears,' because he seems to know every call of every bird species in our area."

Over the count period, which ended Jan. 5, more than 100 Christmas Bird Counts are held throughout Wisconsin.

Count day is a special time for the volunteers who dedicate time before the actual census scouting specific routes and habitat to explore to yield the greatest potential. Rain, snow or shine, the count must go on.

"The car ride is full of excited conversation about the 'good birds' we've found lately, and what our county, state, and total year lists of bird species are looking like," he said.

"We pull over whenever we see good looking habitat, or busy front yard feeders," Benson said. "Within a mile we spot our



PHOTO BY ROB ZIMMER

Common goldeneyes winter along open water on the Wolf and Fox rivers, and were among the most abundant birds encountered on the Oshkosh Christmas Bird Count.

first good bird, a species we could've hoped for, but definitely wouldn't expect to find. On a farm that was full of European starlings and house sparrows, we spotted a tiny hawk sitting in the middle of a tree, with a relatively long, square tail and no discernable neck. A Sharp-shinned Hawk."

During this year's count, the Oshkosh Bird Club observed a total of 13,408 individual birds. The number of bird species encountered was 72, quite a nice showing for the middle of winter.

The most abundant bird species tallied on the count, was, surprisingly, not a sparrow or starling or Black-capped Chickadee,

but a variety of duck. With more than 3,300 seen, the Common Merganser, a fish-eating, diving duck with striking plumage and sawtooth bill, took the highest honors.

With the persistent lack of heavy snow cover and plenty of open water, other waterfowl species also made a strong showing. Canada geese were the second most abundant bird tallied, followed by the Mallard. Common Goldeneye were also seen in large numbers.

"We continued driving through our area and counting birds for several hours," Benson said. "We found that the mild winter meant that a lot of our summer birds

had opted not to migrate yet. My ears aren't too bad either, and I was able to hear and identify a flock of brown-headed cowbirds, and a single Eastern Bluebird by their calls."

Other highlights of the annual count were a total of 96 bald eagles sighted, a single wintering Great Blue Heron, Belted Kingfisher, a Red-winged Blackbird and 60 American robins.

Find out more about the Oshkosh Bird Club at www.oshkoshbirdclub.com.

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Friday

Oshkosh United All-Stars U14 Girls Donosti Cup Spain Fundraiser, 7 p.m., Becket's Atrium, 2 Jackson St.
Population 485, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.
Comedy Improv Show, 9 p.m., Backlot Comedy House, 424 N. Main St.

Saturday

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 9 a.m., Merrill Middle School, 108 W. New York Ave.
Indoor Rummage Sale and Craft Fair, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center, 500 E. County Y
Kamikaze Fireflies, 2 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.
Oshkosh Ice Hawks Fight Cancer Night, 5 p.m., Oshkosh Community YMCA, 3303 W. 20th Ave.
Larry the Cable Guy with Foghat, 7:30 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena, 1100 S. Main St.
Comedy Improv Show, 9 p.m., Backlot Comedy House, 424 N. Main St.

Sunday

The Wedding Faire, Noon, Oshkosh

Convention Center, 2 N. Main St.

Feb. 1

Ducks Unlimited Oshkosh Chapter Annual Fundraising Banquet, 5 p.m., LaSure's Banquet Hall, 3125 S. Washburn St.

Feb. 2

Antique Sporting and Advertising Show, 10 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center, 500 E. County Y
Around the World in 80 Bites Food Tasting Fundraiser, 5 p.m., LaSure's Banquet Hall, 3125 S. Washburn St.
Otter Street Fisheree: Brandan's Bash, 6 p.m., Menominee Park – Millers Bay
Comedy Improv Show, 9 p.m., Backlot Comedy House, 424 N. Main St.

Feb. 3

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 9 a.m., Merrill Middle School, 108 W. New York Ave.
Antique Sporting and Advertising Show, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center, 500 E. County Y
Otter Street Fisheree: Winter Edition, 10 a.m., Menominee Park – Millers Bay
Oshkosh Gallery Walk, 6 p.m., Downtown
Men Who Cook, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Convention Center, 2 N. Main St.
Wisconsin Herd, 7 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena, 1100 S. Main St.
Comedy Improv Show, 9 p.m., Backlot Comedy House, 424 N. Main St.

Community News Briefs

Polco online service joins community conversation

The city has joined a new citizen engagement platform to gain public input on upcoming and ongoing municipal topics. Polco, a Madison-based company that facilitates political participation, was added to the city conversation last week and is accessible to residents with its online app.

The first question posed by the city through Polco deals with an important planning issue related to the future of a large area of public land. It asks, "What would you prefer the City of Oshkosh do with the remaining 70 acres of Lakeshore Municipal Golf Course property following the sale of a portion of the golf course to Oshkosh Corporation?"

Government officials post questions to the site, add background, photos, videos and links to help anonymous survey takers get more information before answering. Polco shares questions associated to a particular city, then gathers the responses that can be broken down into data analysis such as demographics and response rates.

Polco, which is being used in Eau Claire, Whitewater and other cities in the state and nationwide, offers four types of posts: a yes/no policy question, a general question to create free-flowing discussion, multiple-choice questions, and recurring questions asked periodically to gauge changes in public opinion.

Accounts are created through a username and password, or with a Facebook login, and the app is available through the city's website or Connect Oshkosh app.

Street work information sent to property owners

Property owners affected by street reconstruction plans for Oregon Street, Court Street, Otter Avenue, Washington Avenue and Osceola Street were sent informational letters about the work related to concrete paving, curb and gutter, and sidewalks.

Sidewalk inspections will identify repair needs and sidewalk gaps as part of the paving contract. All driveway approaches will have concrete replacement and underground utilities — sanitary sewer, storm sewer, water main — will be inspected and repaired as necessary. As deemed necessary, new storm sewer laterals will be constructed, existing sanitary sewer and water laterals will be replaced within the street right-of-way, and sanitary sewer, water and storm laterals will be installed to any vacant lots.

The letters also explain the special as-

essment procedure for these properties. The Common Council is expected to authorize the Department of Public Works to proceed with preparing the final improvement plans. A public hearing will be scheduled before approval of the final resolution authorizing those special assessments. The proposed assessment statements will be mailed in February or March, with public hearings to follow during those months.

Questions can be addressed to Steve Gohde, assistant director of Public Works.

School district schedules emergency test Feb. 1

The Oshkosh Area School District will conduct a test of its emergency communication system at 7 p.m. Feb. 1.

In advance of the test, the district is asking parents and guardians to review their contact preferences within the district's campus messenger system and make updates as needed; detailed instructions were provided to district families and are available online at www.oshkosh.k12.wi.us.

This exercise is a proactive approach to ensuring families receive timely information in the event of a real school or district emergency.

OASD students recognized in MLK Essay Contest

Ten Oshkosh Area School District students were named finalists in the 2018 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest and were recognized at the 23rd annual Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration held Jan. 15 at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.

North High School juniors Emily Scherer, Leila Kamel and Maria Rosealie Allen took the first three places on the high school level, respectively. Carl Traeger Middle School eighth-graders Patrick Gannon, Anders Larson and Trinity Funnell were the top selected for the middle school. For elementary schools, Carl Traeger fifth-graders Hailey Hammen and Emmy Reichenberger took first and second place, while Carl Traeger's Emma Toney tied with Liem Nguyen-Rivers of ALPs Charter School for third place.

The winners were selected from more than 400 entries. Elementary students were prompted to write about one thing that King did to change the world and one thing that can be done now; middle school students were asked to compare and contrast King with another civil rights leader; and high school students were instructed to write about King's concept of the Beloved Community.



Shown with filled backpacks for the Day by Day Warming Shelter are (from left) Paul Baker, Chapter 17 commander; Amanda Hammond, operations manager for the Warming Shelter; Shannon Franklin, Auxiliary Unit 17 member; Julie Hert, Auxiliary Unit 17 commander; and George Gilles, DAV District 3 executive chairman.

Warming Shelter gains help from DAV backpacks

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 17 and Auxiliary Unit 17 recently made donations to the Day by Day Warming Shelter. The shelter provides temporary shelter and support for people with no other options.

DAV National Headquarters sent backpacks with DAV emblems to Chapter 17, which filled them with hygiene items, toiletries and personal items. The Auxiliary also donated \$200 worth of meal cards to area eating establishments.

Besides receiving overnight shelter, recipients also receive a warm meal, shower and a chance to get their laundry done. Day by Day provides services to veterans who have served in combat zones from Vietnam

to Iraq and Afghanistan.

According to Amanda Hammond, operations manager of the Warming Shelter, "The Homeless Veterans that we see have the potential to be struggling with mental health issues such as PTSD, depression, substance abuse and readjustment to the civilian world. The backpacks and gift cards have a direct impact in their lives. Warming Shelter is truly appreciative of the DAV donation for those homeless veterans."

Chapter 17 commander Paul Baker and Auxiliary Unit 17 commander Julie Hert said the donations are helping to fulfill the promises made to the men and women who served.

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Oshkosh caddie became golf legend

Johnny Revolta competed with best pros of his era

By Mike Woods
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The landscape will soon change with the construction of Oshkosh Corp.'s new headquarters, but the history stored in the grass and woven into the soil of Lakeshore Municipal Golf Course will always hold the remarkable story of one of Oshkosh's most accomplished but least known residents.

Johnny Revolta's family moved from St. Louis to Oshkosh in 1923, when Johnny was around 10, as his father took a job at the Paine Lumber Co. They moved into a two-story house on Maple Street, just a block from Lakeshore, and it was from his bedroom window on the second floor where Johnny's interests were piqued by the activity across the street.

Men, with something that resembled sticks, hitting a small ball until it went into a small hole. He would watch the pro, Hank Detlaff, hit balls day after day until one day when Johnny worked up the courage to go over and see what this was all about.

The story goes that after their first encounter, Detlaff asked Johnny if he wanted to be a caddie. Johnny turned down the offer because he had no idea how. But Johnny kept showing up and Detlaff continued to teach his eager student.

Finally the time came when, placing a ball in a bunker, Detlaff handed a club to Johnny and asked if he'd like to give it a try. Legend has it that Johnny Revolta's first swing with a golf club resulted in successfully extricating the ball from the sand. And considering years later, when he was judged as one of the best bunker and short-game players of his generation, that story may well be true.

The first club he could call his own was a five-iron when a man he was caddying for wrapped it around one of Lakeshore's trees in frustration and, after the round was over, Johnny went and found it, brought it home and his mother provided a broomstick handle that Johnny whittled down to fit the head.

And from there, the precocious kid's career went vertical.

His first win was the 1925 Wisconsin State Caddie Championship when he was 14. His game and reputation grew and in



GOLF DIGEST PHOTO

Johnny Revolta won 18 PGA tour titles in his career, including the 1935 PGA Championship.

1927 he had a sponsor who took him to the National Amateur in Minneapolis. It was a defining moment in his life.

He spent a portion of every day on the practice range, watching the great Bobby Jones hit balls. He watched and learned. Around that same time another Oshkosh lumber baron, James Harry Wall, had a daughter Bernice who was a golf protegee in her own right. And, indirectly, that would become another defining moment.

Wall, whose former home is currently used by the Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Center, had the means to bring his daughter south during the winter months to work on her game. Bernice — who in 2001

was elected to the Wisconsin State Golf Association Hall of Fame — played in several tournaments during the winter months and somewhere along the way she and her father crossed paths with Gene Sarazen and Walter Hagen, two of professional golf's biggest stars.

Wall invited them back to Oshkosh

to play at the Oshkosh Country Club where he was a member. Sarazen and Hagen soon become frequent guests of the Walls in Oshkosh, and Wall eventually built apartments behind his home — which became known as the "Hagen Apartments" — so his friends would have a place to stay. Hogan and Byron Nelson also found their way to the Oshkosh Country Club.

Because professional golf in the 1920s and '30s was a difficult way to make a living, the game's best players would often barnstorm their way across the country to play matches with the local talent for money. On a couple of occasions, Johnny Revolta was invited to play with Hagen and Sarazen at the Oshkosh Country Club, but the invitations soon dried up when the two future World Golf Hall of Fame members realized Revolta was not an easy mark.

It was that success, along with his success as an amateur — he won the Wisconsin State Open four times in a six-year stretch — that led Revolta's friends to encourage him to give the PGA Tour a try. And in 1933, at the age of 22, Revolta played in his first PGA event, the \$10,000 Miami Baltimore. He finished second. In his very next

event, the Miami Open, he won by 8 shots.

He would go on to win four times in 1934 and also played in the first-ever Masters Tournament, where he tied for 18th.

Then came 1935.

Revolta would win five tournaments that year, including the PGA Championship at Twin Hills Golf & Country Club in Oklahoma City. And it was at that event where his years of practicing and playing at Lakeshore shone through.

The PGA Championship was a match-play format at that time and, in the first round, Revolta defeated medalist and five-time PGA champion Hagen 1-up. He made seven sand saves in that match.

In the 36-hole final, Revolta topped three-time major winner Tommy Armour 5 and 4. In that match, Revolta one-putted 13 times. His short-game prowess earned him the nickname "The Iron Master" from the press and at age 24, Johnny Revolta as a major champion.

He would go on to win 18 PGA Tour titles, which currently leaves him tied for 43rd on the all-time PGA Tour wins list, and would be a two-time Ryder Cup participant. He was elected into the Wisconsin, Illinois and the PGA of America halls of fame.

The Tour was interrupted by World War II beginning in 1940, and it was then that Revolta turned to teaching and became one of the most sought-out instructors by pros and amateurs alike. He split his time as an instructor between the Evanston Country Club in Illinois in the summers and Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage, Calif., in the winters.

"You go back to the best in the game — (Ben) Hogan, (Sam) Snead, Armour and the rest — and John Revolta was right there with them," Hal Miller, who succeeded Revolta as head pro at Evanston Country Club, told the Chicago Tribune upon Revolta's death in 1991 at the age of 79.

And it all began in Oshkosh.

Johnny Revolta's first win was the 1925 Wisconsin State Caddie Championship when he was 14.

North wrestlers drop dual meet; Holmes wins 100th

OSHKOSH HERALD

Due to small numbers, the Oshkosh North wrestling team did what it could as it dropped a Fox Valley Association dual meet at home last Thursday, falling 55-18.

However, there was a bright spot on the night as senior Dalton Holmes picked up his 100th win — putting him fifth in school history in wins.

"I'm feeling good," said the 152-pounder. "With these conference meets we get blown out of the water, but I've been doing good. With our (small) team it's tough, but obviously getting to Madison is the goal."

Holmes took on Appleton North's Aaron Reiland for his milestone win, where he pinned him in 2 minutes and 15 seconds.

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Herd drops three straight, falls in standings

Two-way players spend time with Milwaukee

By Ti Windisch
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Wisconsin Herd is now sixth in the NBA G League's Eastern Conference after losing three straight games, most recently dropping two consecutive to the Windy City Bulls on Friday and Saturday.

Wisconsin first suffered a tough loss to the Greensboro Swarm on Wednesday, one that looked worse than the 122-109 final score indicated. The Swarm held a 99-74 lead after three quarters, with a late fourth quarter run being sparked by JeQuan Lewis, Eron Harris, Brian Williams, Cameron Oliver and Marshall Plumlee. That group played all but three seconds of the game's final quarter.



PLUMLEE

That game was both Plumlee's Herd debut and his most recent game with the Herd as of press time, as both he and Xavier Munford were with the Milwaukee Bucks for the duration of the weekend.

Herd head coach Jordan Brady said it was nice to have Munford and Plumlee around, but noted that those are indeed Bucks players at the end of the day.

"The two-way contracts in this organization are Bucks roster moves, so for us to be able to have X and also Marshall with us I think is going to be a big boost," Brady said. "We're excited to be able to keep X in the Bucks organization and have him play



WISCONSIN HERD PHOTO

JeQuan Lewis drives against the Greensboro Storm in a Jan. 17 home game.

for our team as well."

Munford and Plumlee can only spend so many days with Milwaukee before they would have to be either signed to the Bucks roster or released from their two-way contracts. Two-way players signed at the beginning of the season get 45 NBA roster days, but since Munford and Plumlee signed later their number of days were prorated down.

If either player spent enough time with the Bucks to use up all of their two-way days, the organization would not be able to add more two-way players. The deadline for signing those contracts was January 15, meaning the organization is likely to manage the days in Milwaukee to ensure they don't lose either Munford or Plumlee without a way to replace them.

Both players are eligible to spend as much time as the organization wants with

Milwaukee outside of the G League season, so they will almost certainly play with the Bucks after Wisconsin's season ends. Two-way players are not eligible to appear in the NBA postseason, however.

Brady said the organization was high on Plumlee, and although he noted he did not get a lot of time with him before Milwaukee's newest two-way player took the floor in Oshkosh he noticed a lot of good things from him.

"We're really excited to add Marshall to the roster," Brady said. "As with all of the two-way contracts it's a Bucks move, and they like his size, they like his upside. (He is a) high-energy kid, he's a really good guy. Some of the stuff I noticed just from shoot-around this morning is he's a very good communicator on the basketball court, very vocal defensively, and has great

Upcoming schedule

- 1 p.m. Saturday: at Raptors 905
- 10 a.m. Feb. 1: at Fort Wayne Mad Ants
- 7 p.m. Feb. 3: Memphis Hustle

energy."

Energy is something that has worked both ways for the Herd thus far in the team's inaugural season. The passion that players and coaches alike bring have seen Wisconsin pull out a lot of close games, but it has seen things get heated over the course of this rough patch for the Herd, including multiple technical fouls and Brady getting ejected in Saturday's contest against the Windy City Bulls.

After the loss to the Swarm that saw both teams call timeouts in the last 10 seconds of the game despite it being essentially over, Brady credited the competitive mindset of the Wisconsin Herd for giving the contest an edge.

"We have tough, competitive guys and sometimes it's difficult to channel that competitive energy in a positive way," Brady said. "I'm not sure exactly what happened there at the end of the game, but yeah, it was chippy. I would say that emotions were high. You know, our guys were frustrated, I was frustrated a little bit at the end of the game. You just have to understand and learn how to channel that energy in a more positive way."

Despite things not going Wisconsin's way lately, the man running the Herd's bench knows the team has to keep moving forward.

"There's no panic here, we just have to continue to work and get better," Brady said.

North boys start strong in victory over West

Wildcats had to face two of top basketball teams

By Charleigh Reinardy
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Coming off a huge win over Kimberly last week, the second-ranked team in Division 1 at the time, the Oshkosh West boys basketball team tried to keep it going as it entered its hardest stretch of the season — facing No. 1 Oshkosh North on Friday and No. 3 Brookfield East on Saturday.

In a packed gym Friday at Oshkosh North, the Spartans used an aggressive start to pick up a 71-58 win over Oshkosh West in a Fox Valley Association contest.

The Spartans jumped out to a 10-0 lead, and that was just a warmup. North continued to drain the ball and eventually led 20-4 lead halfway through the first half.

"Turning the ball over was our biggest problem." Oshkosh West's Karter Thomas said. "At the start of the game we got into a gap when North had a lead of 10-0 because of turnovers. They got into our heads; we couldn't get back."

As the clock wore down on the first half, Oshkosh West gained momentum when Ben Kohl sank back-to-back 3-pointers to cut the Spartans' lead to 42-26 at the half.

Both West and North began to get more aggressive, committing fouls and talking it up on the court. West started off

the second half with full-court press that continued throughout the rest of the game.

That helped West cut the Spartans' lead to just 10 points — 53-43 with just eight minutes to go in the game. But fouls hurt the Wildcats, allowing North more opportunities at free throws. By the end of the night North had 38 free throw opportunities, making 25 of them.

There was a span of 11 minutes where Oshkosh North failed to make a free throw.

"I'm focused on getting wins and luckily we did that again tonight." North's Tyrese Haliburton said.

"We have bigger fish to fry, it's a good win, and we are on to the next.

"We let the crowd do what they do, (tension) is their job and we focus on playing basketball. We like to have fun with the student section here and there, but at the end of the day it's just about basketball."

Haliburton had a game-high 21 points for the Spartans while Quincy Anderson added 10. Matt Hickey chipped in 10 points while Dylan Krumrei had nine.

For West, Derek Kroll and Thomas led the way with 18 points while Ben Kohl added 13. Luke Haasl added eight for the Wildcats, who committed 27 fouls in the loss.

Oshkosh West then suffered a 56-44 loss to Brookfield East on Saturday.

The Wildcats will host Hortonville Friday in a FVA showdown at 7:15 p.m. while North will travel to face Fond du Lac the same night.



PHOTO BY CHARLEIGH REINARDY

Wesley Schiek (left) of Oshkosh North fights for a rebound with Derek Kroll of West.



PHOTO BY CHARLEIGH REINARDY

Oshkosh West's Anelise Hammonds works to move the ball against North's McKenzie Lang (left) Friday night at North.

North girls pick up first win over Oshkosh West

By Charleigh Reinardy
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Oshkosh North girls basketball team was pretty thrilled Friday night. Not only did it pick up its first win of the season, it came over cross-city rival Oshkosh West.

Oshkosh West committed a handful of turnovers early as North's full-court pressure caused a lot of disruption as the Spartans won 64-47 in a Fox Valley Association contest played at Oshkosh North.

"It's a team effort," said Brooke Ellestad, top scorer with 20 points. "Once someone hits a shot, others hit shots, and it's like a domino effect."

"The team affects how I play very much. Once the energy level is up, everyone gets going. Once one person is riled up, everyone keeps going."

Ashley Wissink added 18 points for the Spartans, who as a team hit nine 3-pointers in the game. West was led by Callista Rochon-Baker, who scored 10 points but was frustrated by the early turnovers.

"It feels good to lead the team for points, but we didn't get the win I was hoping for tonight," Rochon-Baker said. "We

are hoping to use the loss as momentum to beat upcoming teams."

"I think right away we didn't gain a lot of momentum, we weren't getting looks, and we were turning the ball over more than we should have been. I take a lot of responsibility for that, but it would have helped if our team was more into the game."

West trailed by 10 points for the majority of the first half, but then got layups from Kiersten McNulty and Kendra Davis to cut the lead to 21-14 at the half.

West started off the second half on a 5-0 run, but couldn't catch up. They eventually cut it to nine points after a 3-pointer from Rochon-Baker. North's Emma Leib answered with a 3-pointer and Alina Harmon added another to give North a bigger lead.

Leib added nine points, hitting three 3's while Brie Gauthier and Nydia Griffen added six and five points, respectively. West's Kendra Davis had eight and Megan Kaminski and McNulty each had seven.

Oshkosh West will host Hortonville Friday night at 6:30 while North will travel to face Fond du Lac, tipoff at 6 p.m.



Mat Rats wrestlers compete

The Oshkosh Mat Rats youth club wrestled against Winneconne's youth club Jan. 18 before the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh's wrestling meet against the Milwaukee School of Engineering at Kolf Sports Center. Matchups between the Mat Rats (MR) and Winneconne (W) included Landon Dishman (W) vs. Bentley Toley (MR), Joey Fischer vs. Robbie Forgette, Damon Davis vs. Blake Harris, Briar Vroman vs. James Forbush, Brady Marks vs. Dayton Johnson, Lawson Zehner vs. Aedan Braun, Manny Zehner vs. Logan Bivens, JJ Mavroff vs. Cameron Johnson, Avery Piotraschke vs. Zach Bartles, Garrett Marks vs. Jaxen Lloyd, Isaac Day vs. Mason Klinger, Ariel Haemmerle vs. Jeremiah Chmielewski and Reese Piotraschke vs. Brayden Klauer.

Prep Sports Roundup

WRESTLING

Oshkosh West second at Sheboygan North Invite

The Oshkosh West wrestling team, without three starters, finished second in the Herb Tyler Invite, hosted by Sheboygan North on Saturday.

Reese Thompson and Andrew Kalfas brought home first-place finishes after going undefeated at 138 pounds and 285 pounds, respectively. Thompson was 4-0 on the day, starting things off with a pin and then a 12-1 major decision. He won a 9-4 decision in the semifinals before beating Isaac Riddle of Germantown 5-1 in the title match.

Kalfas was 3-0 and dominated in all of his matches. He received a bye right away and then pinned all three of his opponents, saving his best for last. He pinned his opponent in just 1 minute, 12 seconds in the title match.

Alec Hunter (106) pinned both of his opponents in the first two matches and then lost a tight 5-4 decision in the title game as he finished second. Connor Collins (145) and Henry Foust (132) both finished third for West. Collins started off 2-1 picking up an 11-0 major decision and an 8-4 decision before falling in the semifinals. He rebounded with a tight 2-1 decision in the third place game.

Same was said for Foust, who cruised through his first two matches – winning by tech fall – before falling 6-3 in the semis. He won a 5-0 decision in the third place match.

Josh Coopman added a fifth place finish for the Wildcats at 120 pounds while Avery Martell was sixth at 220 pounds.

West finished with 148 points, trailing only Kewaunee, who won with 176 points. Campbellsport was third (146) and Germantown was fourth (131).

Wildcats drop FVA dual meet to Kaukauna

Oshkosh West had a tough time against state powerhouse Kaukauna as it lost a 66-6 Fox Valley Association dual last Thursday.

Hunter (106) and Thompson (138) picked up West's two wins, as Hunter won

a 7-4 decision over Jaden Verhagen while Thompson won a 9-3 decision over Mikael Kolosso.

Kaukauna finished with eight pins in the win.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Rolph carries Knights in win over Hustisford

Alexis Rolph had a monster game and the Lourdes girls basketball team was able to withstand a late run as the Knights picked up a 65-50 win over Hustisford in a Trailways-East Conference game played in Oshkosh last Thursday.

Rolph registered 27 points, eight rebounds and seven assists and scored or assisted on 24 of the team's final points as Lourdes (10-4, 7-0) stayed perfect in the conference.

Hustisford had cut the lead to 40-38 with just over 9 minutes left to play, but then the Knights answered with an 8-0 run to make it a double-digit lead and it was history after that.

Rolph made five 3-pointers on the night while Quinn Godfroy also had a good game, scoring 16 points. Abi Giese added eight for the Knights while Raechel Russo and Hope Burns chipped in six. Sydney Kelly rounded out the scoring with two points.

Lourdes led 27-19 at the break before Hustisford made its run.

Julia Peplinski had quite the night for Hustisford, scoring 24 points. Lourdes had 10 3-pointers as a team while Hustisford didn't have one.

BOYS HOCKEY

Oshkosh Ice Hawks drop nonconference game

The Oshkosh Boys hockey team lost in disappointing fashion last Thursday, dropping a 6-4 nonconference game against Kenosha.

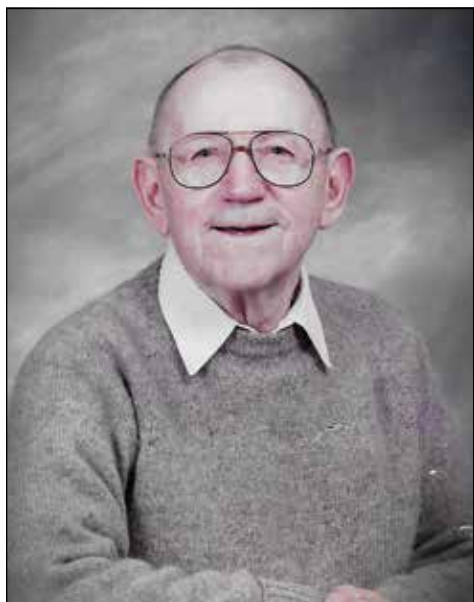
The score was tied 4-4 going into the final period, but Kenosha's Nathan Stine scored two goals to give the Ice Hawks the loss. No other game details were available.



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Lourdes player Alexis Rolph drives past Nicole Lueck of Hustisford.

Obituaries



Clarence "Inky" Jungwirth

On Sunday, January 21, 2018, local historian, author, WWII vet and Oshkosh Truck engineer Clarence "Inky" Jungwirth, 98, died peacefully in his sleep at Mercy Hospital, after suffering a heart attack. Born October 5, 1919, the eldest son of John and Josephine (Wolf) Jungwirth's three children, Clarence was baptized, attended school and remained an active lifetime member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He especially loved being director of the Catholic Youth Organization through the 1960s.

In 1940 he joined Company H 127th Infantry Regiment of the 32nd "Red Arrow" Division of Wisconsin National Guard, which was folded into the U.S. Regular Army and deployed to Australia to fight in the Pacific Theater. As an Infantryman he was in the battle of "Bloody Buna" in New Guinea, invasion of the Philippines, and the Liberation of Leyte Island. As a company clerk, he took great pride in figuring out how to circumvent army regulations to supply the needs of the troops. With an Honorable Discharge, Clarence returned home and found a job at Oshkosh Truck, staying until the week of his death, 72 years. After working his way up to Engineering Design Supervisor, he tried to retire in 1987 only to be called back to consult at the Oshkosh Truck Service Center.

When he was in his 50s, his life took several eventful turns, finding and marrying the love of his life and pursuing his dream of a Bachelor's Degree from UW-Oshkosh. His love of history resulted in writing more than 20 books on the history of Oshkosh, Oshkosh Truck and his WWII experiences. "The Diary of a National Guardsman in World War II" is part of the libraries at the US Army War College in Carlisle, PA and the National World War Two Museum in New Orleans. Clarence gave life to his stories giving over almost 500 lectures to Fox River Valley church groups, social organizations, school groups and UW Oshkosh. He enjoyed being a frequent interview guest of Oshkosh Community TV Channel, UW-O, WBAY TV-2 and both Wisconsin and Milwaukee PBS.

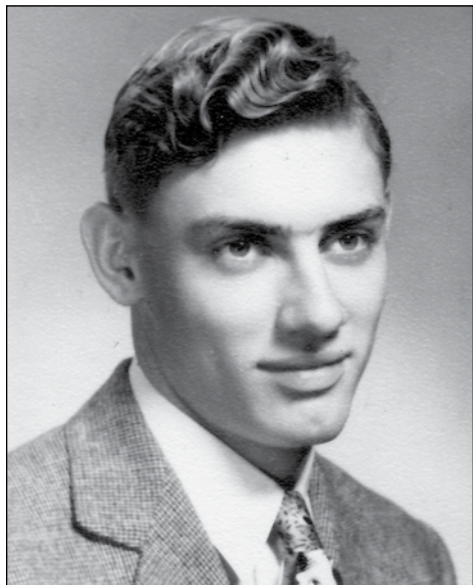
For his contribution to preserving local history, in 2000 the City of Oshkosh Landmark Commission awarded Clarence the "Acanthus Award." In 2015 to recognize the outstanding body of work, Clarence created while documenting local history, The Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society created the "Clarence J. Jungwirth Historian Award." This new annual award will honor an individual's significant contributions to identify and preserve local history.

Clarence is survived by his love, "his baby," his wife, Virginia and his dearly loved children, Katherine Scott Georgeson, Clay

(Debbi) Georgeson, Julie Ruck and daughter-in-law Karen Wolfert; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, mother; sister Grace (Jungwirth) Duhm; and a brother Robert Jungwirth.

Visitation will be at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Drive, on Friday January 26, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. Visitation will continue at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 519 Knapp St, on Saturday, January 27 from 9:00am until the time of Mass at 11:00am.

Instead of flowers memorials have been established, or a donation may be made to the Oshkosh Public Museum and The Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society in Clarence's name.



Raymond C. Krueger

Raymond C. Krueger, age 86, passed away on January 14, 2018. He was born to the late Walter and Carrie (Euhardy) Krueger on May 10, 1931. He graduated from Clintonville High School. He married Joan Olson on August 14, 1952 in Leeman, WI. He worked at New London plus Wood and Neenah Foundry. In his earlier days he was a track star and served his country with the United States Army.

Raymond is survived by his wife, Joan Krueger; two daughters, Sharon Parker and Beth Davis; five grandchildren, Teresa Kuhn, Danielle (Juan) Munoz, Alayna Davis Gardener, Ian Davis, Anna Davis, and great-grandchild Isaac Munoz.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his four siblings, Kenneth (Dorothy) Krueger, Dennis (Marilyn) Krueger, Linda Honisch, and Marcella Pues.

A service will be held at River Valley Church on Friday, January 19, 2018 at 2PM. A visitation will be held from 1PM until the time of service. Rev David Barber will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established.

Aaron Young Nienstedt

Aaron Young Nienstedt passed away Sunday morning at his home, surrounded by his mother and sister. He was 30.

He was born in Oshkosh Wisconsin on February 17th 1987, the second child and only son of Randall and Christine Nienstedt. Despite a diagnosis at the age of two with the terminal disease Battens, Aaron lived his life to the very fullest. He was an active boy scout, and also a talented artist. His work won awards when he was only 10 years old, and he was honored in Madison by then Wisconsin Governor Tommy Thompson and his wife.

He graduated high school in 2005 with the help of aides and his family. He continued to engage in the community with ongoing educational programs and social

groups, regardless of his physical limitations. They were limitations only in others' eyes, never his own.

He loved music, especially live music, and would attend as many concerts and festivals as time permitted with his parents and sister. Oshkosh Waterfest, local Jazz festivals, Country USA, and the yearly South Park Art Festival were amongst his most anticipated events every year. He also loved fishing with his father and best friend Nate, family vacations, woodworking, and spending time in the back yard with family and friends, enjoying nature. He was a passionate animal lover, and donated often to local humane societies. His greatest joy was a weekend on Bass Lake in Northern Wisconsin, at family reunions in Wisconsin Dells, or spending a sunny day in the backyard with his golden retrievers, Maggie and Sadie.

Aaron was preceded in death by his loving father, Randall Nienstedt, who passed in September of 2017. He is survived by his mother Christine, sister Jess, and a large and loving extended family who will miss him dearly, but who agree that his departure is at its heart a relief for him, after a life well-lived.

Memorial services will be held at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, January 27, 2018 at the Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Drive, Oshkosh. Visitation will be at the funeral home from 2:30 p.m. Saturday until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Humane Society.



Edith J. Wilson

Edith J. Wilson, age 92 of Oshkosh passed away on January 13, 2018 at Lake Pointe Villa Assisted Living. She was born on November 19, 1925 in Oshkosh to the late Frank and Flora (Abraham) Koffke. Edith married Byron Wilson on December 28, 1946, and their marriage was blessed with five children.

Edith was a graduate of Oshkosh High School, and was a member of Christ Lutheran Church. She worked in central services for the city of Oshkosh. She enjoyed camping, gardening, and playing cards.

She is survived by her children: Marsha (Daniel) Ilk, Susan (Jerry) Anderley, Brent Wilson, Joan (H. Joseph) Hildebrand, and Brenda Wilson; grandchildren: Trevor and Trent Ilk, Damon and Derek Sanford, Amanda Wilson, Alexis Charles, Jeremy Wilson, Jasmine Owen, Carrie Loveland, and Joseph Hildebrand; 16 great-grandchildren; sisters: Doris Troiber and Julaine Hanneman.

Edith was preceded in death by her husband, Byron, brothers: Marvin and Gordon Koffke, and a sister: Mildred Karkula.

Private funeral services for Edie will be held.

The family would like to express a special thank you to the staff of Lake Pointe Villa Assisted Living and Heartland Hospice for their compassionate care.

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