



Pot violation fines trimmed by city

\$200 base penalty will cut current cost by a third

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The Oshkosh Common Council approved reducing the fines for first-time possession of marijuana to a base of \$200 for adults after considerable discussion at its Jan. 23 meeting and before a crowded Council Chamber, most of them favoring only a \$25 penalty as urged in an earlier citizens' petition.

The vote was 6 to 1 with Mayor Steve Cummings voting against the reduction.

The present base amount for a fine is \$325 plus court costs for a total of \$547. Reducing the fine to \$200 would result in a 31 percent reduction in costs.

Councilor Caroline Panske urged an amount lower than \$200, saying that stiff fines can have a significant economic impact on those found guilty, potentially causing public expenditures to be made on their behalf. A motion on the floor to reduce the fine to \$150 was voted down 3-4.

Councilor Thomas Pech Jr. noted that smoking marijuana is illegal and offenders should not be treated as equal to that of someone paying a parking ticket. Also arguing against a low fine were Cummings and Deputy Mayor Steve Herman, who has been a longtime veteran of the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department. Herman said that the purpose of fines is to hopefully create a change in behavior.

Those in the audience, many wearing T-shirts advocating for decriminalization of marijuana use, voiced displeasure over comments by the various Council members and commented that its use is becoming more widely accepted throughout the country and that in a democracy government should listen to the people.

Cummings responded that their issue should be with the state in Madison if they want to see changes made, not at the city level. He said reducing the fine to a low amount would amount to condoning ille-

gal behavior to break the law.

Council member Debra Allison-Aasby said she was irritated by the personal attacks against the mayor and other council members over the issue and was "conflicted" as to how she would vote.

As approved, the ordinance states that "a forfeiture of not less than \$200 nor more than \$500 for a first offense of possession and not less than \$525 nor more than \$1,000 for a second or subsequent offense, together with the costs of prosecution for the violation." The fine amounts go into effect upon publication of the new ordinance.

The Council took other actions at its regular meeting.

Tax increment financing (TIF) district project plans were approved in support of Oshkosh Corp. building its global headquarters on land at the present Lakeshore Golf Course. The Council voted to create two TIF districts, one exclusively benefiting Oshkosh Corp. for its project and the other benefiting Oshkosh Avenue improvements and development.

Although interrelated, the second Oshkosh Avenue TIF would enable the city to recover its investment for the cost of infrastructure improvements quicker and facilitate the conservation and redevelopment of properties in the area.

Darryn Burich, director of planning services with the city Community Development Department, said that Oshkosh Corp. would not be able use the property for vehicle storage in response to questions from the Council.

Sawdust district formed

The Council voted 7-0 to create a Premier Economic Development District for the Sawdust area on the South Shore side of the city as a means to facilitate its redevelopment. The designation will enable the city to issue two Class B combination liquor licenses that are not tied to the city's quota of liquor licenses at a cost of \$30,000 for each license.

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Search for home first challenge for refugees

Organizations collaborate to arrange living options

By Amy Knoll-Owen
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For the more than 500 refugees who have settled in Oshkosh in the past five years, finding housing is one of the first steps in building a new life in the United States.

But it's not always easy. Timing is one of the biggest challenges, according to Katie Rieder, senior resettlement specialist at World Relief Fox Valley. The organization has been resettling refugees in Oshkosh since 2012 and has since expanded its reach to Appleton.

World Relief staff members are typically notified anywhere between a week and a month before a family arrives. They also receive key information about the family, such as size, makeup and nationality. Then, it's time to start searching.

The organization has been able to build relationships with landlords, and that's

where Rieder begins. But those landlords don't always have vacancies. If she doesn't find anything in the first round of inquiries, said Rieder, "it's going through Craigslist and making lots and lots of calls."



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Availability isn't the only factor to consider. There's affordability, household demographics and any special needs. And getting new landlords on board can be challenging. "I think there's a lot

of confusion on the immigration status of our clients," said Rieder.

Refugee status is a protected legal status, but that can be difficult to communicate to new landlords, especially when the families haven't even arrived. On top of that, arriving refugees have no U.S. rental history, so landlords who do agree to work with World Relief are taking a chance.

To help bridge the gap for both tenants

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Drinkware supplier ready to toast Super Bowl

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Oshkosh-based Dynamic Drinkware, a manufacturer of custom-designed collector cups used by sports stadiums and arenas nationwide, has made it to Super Bowl LII in Minneapolis with its concession cups to mark the NFL championship game this Sunday.

The company makes cups for most major sports and their related playoff/bowl games, and for fans at the Eagles-Patriots game they will see two different cups, the larger one having a lenticular 3-D "motion" design.

Dynamic Drinkware carries the NFL licensing needed to create cups for the big game as well as for individual teams under requirements specified by the league. One customized project had the company in Minnesota during the 2016 season to work with Vikings players on designs for individual player cups.

Trista Rahn, senior sales representative for Dynamic

Drinkware's Midwest Region, said that beyond their established work with concession cups they have also been focused on custom containers for various groups' fundraising efforts after acquiring a drinkware company in 2016 that specialized in that demand. An in-house design team fits businesses and schools with their logo needs.

The company holds licenses for Major League Baseball, the National Hockey League, colleges and military groups, among many other professional organizations — and creates custom designs for all of them in Oshkosh. For the 10th year running, Dynamic Drinkware is the provider of souvenir cups and buckets for all major bowl games.

Rahn said the souvenir aspect of the cups is what lasts for those who originally buy them to hold a drink. She said the Kentucky Derby cups they produce, for example, have been bought in quantities just for the keepsake memories that they represent.



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Designer Shelby Churchill of Dynamic Drinkware holds two cups that will be found at concession stands during this Sunday's Super Bowl in Minneapolis. The larger cup (left) has a 3D, lenticular design that shows depth and motion.

Families show their dynamics in local businesses

Company succession tries to celebrate core values

By Jan Padron
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Business affects every aspect of people's daily lives. It supplies jobs, produces goods and services that are exchanged for cash — it is how our economy functions. Whether it's a small, local business, a large public corporation with stockholders, or a family-owned business, each organization contributes to the nation's overall financial growth.

But there is only one that is the backbone of the economy: the family-owned business.

According to the Wisconsin Family Business Forum, 92 percent of all businesses are family owned and employ nearly 60 percent of the workforce.

They also face a special set of challenges from other companies and provide some lessons all businesses share.

"There are a lot of perks and some negatives to a family-owned business," said Steven Toll, vice president of Fox Valley Metrology, a company that provides calibration services to manufacturers. It was started in 1996 by Steven's father, Mark Toll.

According to Toll, the family-owned business environment is personally more rewarding for him compared with the experience he had in a Fortune 100 company.

"It is an easier environment to come to work," he said. "You know just about everyone in the company, and I have a personal connection with the vast majority of them."

But there's a flipside to that perk.

"When working with family, you have a lot of other things that you bring into the day-to-day operations," said Toll. "You can have a disagreement with the boss and be frustrated, but then you are sitting down to dinner a few weeks later."

Family dynamics play a role in how the business operates. For the past 10 years, Heather Winscher has gone to work with her father, Bruce Bartels, owner of ALS Print Solutions, to learn more about the business, making her the third generation to work there.

"That's one of the issues with a family-owned business," said Bartels. "We make sure that we don't take the issues we have at work home. Heather doesn't complain about it to her husband, and I don't complain about it to my wife."

Meridith Jaeger, executive director of the Wisconsin Family-Owned Business Forum, suggests a peer group.

"You need to have a peer you can talk to outside of the company and outside of the family for support, or it can be kind of lonely," said Jaeger.

Helping navigate the aspects of running a family-owned business is the Wisconsin Family-Owned Business Forum, organized through the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and founded in 1996 to promote healthy family businesses. It provides educational programs and networking opportunities as well as supporting monthly peer group meetings.

"There are a lot of different things family-owned businesses need to consider," said Jaeger. "Succession planning is one of the stickier areas. If more than one sibling is working in the company, that relationship can challenge the power and control dynamics. We can help facilitate those discussions."

Westside Tire & Auto, a local automotive repair company, is well into its second generation of ownership. Started by John Duchatschek, George Kleinschmidt and Don Golden more than 34 years ago, John's son Travis has taken over operation of the



PHOTO BY JAN PADRON

Travis Duchatschek is the second-generation owner and operator of Westside Tire & Auto of Oshkosh, and Cliff's Tire in Oshkosh and Ripon.

business, and it was a seamless transition.

"I started at Westside by emptying the garbage," Travis said. "I think that was the thing that helped. I had to earn the respect of our employees by being able to do what they do. Even as the boss, you get your hands dirty and get out there and help if your team needs it."

With two locations in Oshkosh and one in Ripon, the next generation is still too young, but according to Duchatschek, he will give his children an option.

"I wasn't forced to join the family business. I did it because I enjoyed it," he said. "I will give my kids the same option."

Succession planning is one of the areas that all businesses could benefit from.

"It's an awkward conversation to have," Toll said. "It's the what-if scenarios. If your business ownership is tied up in just a few people, it's important to have plans in place to reduce the risk of something happening and what you need to do to keep business moving as usual if something does occur."

"At the end of the day, it's bigger than just you," Duchatschek said. "You have employees and their families, customers, suppliers and you are responsible for their livelihood too."

With all the perks and challenges, the one perk that is clear about the family-owned business is the philanthropic impact on a community. It's not only the dollars that they invest, but the time they donate.

"Look at some of the big projects done around town," Jaeger said. "The Leach Amphitheater, the Kimball Auditorium, the construction at the downtown YMCA —

Family-owned statistics

- 92 percent of all business is family owned.
- 60 percent of the workforce is employed by a family-owned business.
- 40 to 60 percent of the gross domestic product is produced by family-owned businesses.
- 30 percent of all family-owned business survive to the second generation.

Source: Wisconsin Family Business Forum

the bulk of donations came from family foundations, individual family members and family-owned businesses."

According to Bill Wyman, director of the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, "In 2016, on the national level, of the 100 percent of giving, 72 percent was donated by the people, meaning the owners of a company and employees."

In some cases, the family-owned business is giving twice.

"At the community foundation, we have different kinds of funds," Wyman said. "We have corporate funds and donor-advised funds; we set up the donor-advised fund for their contributions and a corporate fund for their business."

For many of the family-owned businesses, giving back to the community is a way to show their appreciation.

"By giving back to the community, whether it is through time or money, it is our way of saying thank you," Winscher said. "They've invested in our business to make it successful. We need to invest back into it."

"It goes even deeper than that," Bartels said. "When you have a strong community, you attract and retain quality employees. Many of the service clubs are made up of individual employees. The downtown improvement is supported by the businesses and their employees."

According to Jaeger, it's that intangible in making communities better places to live in, to work in, to enjoy life in, that family-owned businesses bring.

"There are so many community projects that have been done in Oshkosh by family-owned businesses or business owning family," Jaeger said. "It's the time and the money."

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The Premier District designation was created by the state in 2016 to encourage economic development within a city with a stipulation that only one district per city can be created. The Premier District designation was originally used by the City of Green Bay to facilitate redevelopment in the Lambeau Field area. The Sawdust District involves an area south of the Fox River adjacent to and east of Main Street to Winnebago Street and north of South Park Avenue.

With new developments taking place such as the Menominee Nation Arena, home for the Wisconsin Herd pro basketball team, the area is expected to spur economic development bringing the potential value of assessed properties to \$28.2 million, which complies with state requirements.

City Manager Mark Rohloff noted that having the two additional liquor licenses available should spur "serious developments" in the area, especially because of the high price of the licenses as required by the state statutes.

"We should see higher-end establishments, not the corner bar," he said.

Changes for Sawdust Days

The annual Sawdust Days at Menominee Park over the Fourth of July holiday was also approved but with a stipulation that liquor sales end at 10 p.m. each day and that music cease at 10:30 p.m. Council members noted that they received a considerable number of calls last year complaining about the loudness of music and alcohol problems.

Ellen Schmidt, chairwoman of the Sawdust Days Festival, said the organization is going back to the previous layout for the festival in view of problems with changes made last year, which were also the subject of complaints.

"We tried a new layout last year, but it did not work," Schmidt said. Problems included handicap access to activities. She expressed concern that the Council's reducing the hours for alcohol sale will have a negative impact on revenues, noting the event is a major fundraiser for many non-profit organizations involved with the event.

Tom Guenther, a volunteer with the festival, said going back to the original layout should resolve many of the noise problems with music.

The Council also discussed its policy on fees charged to groups for holding special events. The issue came up when the downtown Business Improvement District indicated the organization was interested in sponsoring the downtown Farmers Market and asked if fees to the city for the event be waived.

Some councilors questioned whether this would set a precedent. Herman said that more specific information is needed before the Council could act on the subject.

Lead pipe replacement help

The Council approved continuation of a Lead Service Line Replacement Program during 2018 that would reimburse residents required to replace lead pipes on their property. The city has several thousand instances of public and private water lines containing lead.

Through the program, property owners would be reimbursed for 50 percent of the costs to replace those water lines on their property up to a maximum of \$1,500. Those with incomes at 80 percent or below of the county median income (CMI) as set forth by the federal Department of

Property owners with lead pipes can also request replacement under the new policy adopted.

Housing and Urban Development (HUD) would receive a 75 percent reimbursement and those at or below 50 percent of CMI would receive 100 percent of the cost.

Funding for the program is provided to the city from the state Department of Natural Resources and its Safe Drinking Water Loan program. The city received a \$500,000 principal forgiveness loan for a pilot program in 2017 and will receive another \$500,000 in 2018.

Replacement of lead pipes is required when there is a leak or failure of line discovered or when a portion needs to be replaced or repaired. Property owners with lead pipes can also request replacement under the new policy adopted. Where there is a leak involved, replacement of the lead line must be done within 180 days.

Reimbursements are available only for residents, schools and day care facilities. Commercial and industrial properties are not eligible for assistance through the Lead Service Line Replacement Loan program.

City Manager praised in review

City Manager Rohloff received a 2.5 percent salary increase retroactive to Jan. 1 based on a positive performance evaluation conducted by the Council under the leadership of Deputy Mayor Herman. His new salary will be \$148,625.

Herman said that Rohloff has demonstrated the ability to move the city forward, accomplish strategic priorities, maintain a balanced budget, and accomplish needed street and stormwater system improvements as well as bringing about TIF districts to better the community.

Recognizing that there are challenges ahead, Herman said the Council has the confidence in the city manager's ability to deal with future issues and that he will continue to make Oshkosh competitive in northeast Wisconsin.

For 2018, the Council established four goals for Rohloff:

- Undertake a comprehensive look at city-owned facilities and what is needed for them over the long term.
- Put plans in place involving the police and fire departments for the next five budget cycles to add staffing as needs arise.
- Inventory city-owned industrial development and business park land, and develop an aggressive marketing plan to bring more companies into the city and facilitate business expansions.
- Update and assess current housing stock and develop plans for neighborhood revitalization and improvement of single-family housing

In separate actions, the Council approved entering into an agreement with the school district to pay for lifeguards at Pollock Pool estimated to cost between \$115,00 and \$125,000 annually; approved agreement for disposal of contaminated soil from various projects with Waste Management at an estimated cost of \$2,527,500; and OK'd labor contracts with city unions for 2018 through 2020.



The World Relief office in Oshkosh works with refugees to get them settled in the community.

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and landlords, World Relief works extensively with arrivals during cultural orientation to help them learn expectations for tenants in the U.S., such as cleaning, maintenance and timely rent payment.

This orientation can be critical to convincing landlords to take on tenants with refugee status. Bruce Karnitz, CEO and owner of Titan Property Management, is one of the landlords who work with World Relief. The cultural orientation, Karnitz said, is what he relies on when accepting refugee tenants.

World Relief also works with clients beyond the initial orientation. While Karnitz hasn't experienced any major issues, World Relief has helped him resolve minor incidents with tenants. Ultimately, the goal is to encourage refugees to work through issues with their landlords so that they develop the skills necessary for self-sufficiency.

World Relief's orientation program is also instrumental in opening the doors for refugees to apply for income-based housing. Bob Poeschl, property/program manager for the Oshkosh/Winnebago County Housing Authority (HA) cites World Relief's education program as one that HA will consider in lieu of rental history.

Poeschl said even more could be done to help provide training to the refugee community in Oshkosh. He would like to see a translated form of the Rent Smart tenant training program, which is currently accepted by many landlords in Winnebago County as rental history.

The application process for HA is involved – it includes an online application and an interview. HA works with applicants to communicate documentation needs and provide extensions for missing paperwork. If applicants are eligible, they receive a housing offer and HA staff walk them through the lease and move-in inspection, providing interpretation services if necessary. HA also conducts annual inspections and works with tenants to communicate expectations and any issues.

While refugees do face unique challenges, Poeschl notes that many of their housing concerns are similar to those of the Oshkosh community at large, such as proximity to schools and transportation.

This is true for Tahir Rasool, a Pakistani who has been in Oshkosh for almost a year. One of the main reasons he wants to move is to be closer to his daughter's school. However, there are other reasons as well. He's concerned about ants and other insects that he's been unable to get rid of, and when his family first moved in, the carpet was so dirty his two daughters developed rashes.

The insect infestations aren't limited to

ants. Shadrach Muhima and Jacob Zirimwabagabo, both Congolese, said they and others in their community have had cockroaches and bedbugs.

Zirimwabagabo was surprised that anyone would rent out an apartment with these problems. However, when he voiced concern, he was told that he had cockroaches because he wasn't cleaning enough. But Zirimwabagabo said that couldn't be true – he first discovered cockroaches the morning after he arrived. And refugees are thoroughly inspected before being allowed into the country. The solution, both Muhima and Zirimwabagabo said, is for landlords to clean and inspect apartments between tenants.

Muhima isn't optimistic that this will happen. "I feel like most of the landlords are just after money," he said. "Once we call to fix a problem, they're not responsive."

An issue with a heater in one of Muhima's rental houses cost him hundreds of dollars in electricity bills one month. And this past December when Zirimwabagabo reported an issue with his heating, it took three weeks for his landlord to fix the issue, despite repeated calls, texts and voicemails. Rasool is still waiting for someone to come and fix a leaky ceiling that he's reported.

Problems of this kind are in part what prompted the Common Council to approve a residential rental inspection program in fall 2016. The program has received opposition from some tenants and landlords, who say it violates their privacy rights and that the inspection charges are unreasonable. The program has also had its supporters.

Muhima believes the inspection program could help tenants with unresponsive landlords. "From these inspections the tenants can bring out the challenges that they're facing in those rental houses," he said.

Some landlords are supportive of the program as well. While Titan Property Management has full-time maintenance staff and responds to reported problems within a couple of days on average, Karnitz said he understood why the city felt the need to implement an inspection program.

"There's some landlords out there that aren't doing things the way that they should," he said.

In spite of the challenges, many refugees have embraced Oshkosh as home. The city has begun to experience an influx of secondary migrants – individuals who originally arrived in other U.S. cities as refugees and are now moving to Oshkosh for its size, affordability and safety.

For Rasool, Oshkosh has been an answer to prayer. Here, he's free to practice his religion, can provide for his family and feels welcomed into the community.

"I love it here," he said, "because Oshkosh gave me a new life."

Community News Briefs

Early ticket sales offered for Rock USA on July 12-14

Rob Zombie, Godsmack, Marilyn Manson and Shinedown headline this summer's Rock USA lineup July 12-14 at Ford Festival Park, and a 72-hour ticket sale opportunity has been underway since 3 p.m. Wednesday.

Others on stage for the 36-group festival are Stone Temple Pilots, Bush, Seether, Machine Gun Kelly, Halestorm, Sum 41, Underoath and Nothing More.

Tickets during this time will be at a discount from gate admission prices. Three-day admission is \$89; with a pit pass added for \$239. No single-day discounted tickets are offered. Three-day tickets will be \$159 at the gate; single-day tickets are \$89.

Ozzy Osbourne, Avenged Sevenfold, Slayer, Korn and Megadeth were among the bands last year that organizers said drew about 20,000 people each day.

Undercover prostitution case leads to arrests

An undercover prostitution investigation on the northeast side of Oshkosh led to the arrest of two females, 16 and 17, who were reported as runaways from Milwaukee, according to the Police Department's Vice and Narcotics Unit.

Investigators took a female, 28, a two males, 31 and 32, all from Milwaukee, into custody after a traffic stop, during which a loaded handgun was recovered in the driver's compartment.

The three adults were transported to the Winnebago County Jail on charges of trafficking a child. The 32-year-old was also arrested for felony bail jumping. The 16-year-old was transported to Portage County Secure Detention and the 17-year-old was sent to Milwaukee County Secure Detention.

Anyone with information regarding

the incident is asked to contact the Police Department at 920-236-5700.

Farmers Market looking for full-time manager

The Oshkosh Saturday Farmers Market is searching for a full-time market manager. The summer, Wednesday and winter markets offer locally grown, raised or made foods and arts and crafts.

The market runs every Saturday morning from June to October with more than 200 vendors at peak season, on Wednesday afternoons from late July to September, and a smaller Winter Market on Saturdays from November through April.

The markets host local musicians, cooking demonstrations, and other activities and events from local organizations.

The manager reports to the board of directors and is the leader responsible for OSFMI's operations while working with volunteers and limited part-time help.

Further information about the market can be found on OSFMI's website and Facebook page.

Cocoa Crawl a hot option for downtown visitors

Hot chocolate varieties will be available at 15 locations in the downtown area Feb. 10 for the first Cocoa Crawl.

Check-in for the tasting event is from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Oshkosh Convention Center. Participants can vote for their favorite cocoa and a chance to win prizes. Early registration costs \$5 plus an EventBrite fee by Feb. 9 and \$10 the day of the event. Children ages 5 and under can participate for free and participants are encouraged to bring their skates to use the new ice rink behind the Convention Center.

Tickets can be purchased at www.downtownoshkosh.com or www.eventbrite.com.



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Participating in the Leadership 2 project at North High School were (front row, from left) Gavin Thielke, Mrs. LeeAnn Morrill, Katelynn Akin, Saige Turner, Kailey Lisney, Wyatt Gleissner, Alyssa Applebee, Mckenzie Lang and Mary Lee; (back row) instructor Tracy Kollock and Ganon Michaels.

North students tackle tough subjects TED style

By Karen Schneider
OSHKOSH HERALD

Leadership 2 instructor Tracy Kollock challenged her North High School students to take on a project most professionals would shrink at.

Kollock's Leadership 2 class presented five- to seven-minute talks on a wide range of issues that included Social Acceptance to Sexualization in the Media. Kollock's pride was apparent at a post-talk celebration of the students' accomplishments as she shared the challenging process the students went through to perfect their presentation.

The students, relieved and feeling accomplished, celebrated the completion of the project. Katelynn Akin, who spoke on Being True to Yourself, said she "loved it. Loved talking."

The project, modeled after the popular TED Talks, encouraged students to leave their comfort zone and create TED-like talks on difficult subjects. Kollock's students benefited from a cross-curriculum effort that engaged Angela Olson's English class in helping the students fine tune and practice their talks. Olson, who has TV production experience, assisted in filming the students so they could watch and improve their presentation.

Nicole Peterson, career and tech ed coordinator at Oshkosh Area School District, invited members of the community

Illusionist brings arts-integrated teaching methods

The Grand Oshkosh has been hosting the "Hocus Focus" residency this week provided by world-renowned illusionist Kevin Spencer.

As a teaching artist and illusionist, Spencer uses magic tricks to engage students, patients and educators. He focuses on the potential of the arts to impact the reality in which we live, learn, work and heal.

Spencer was presenting at Boldt Co., Oshkosh Area School District campuses and Mercy Medical Center.

that rely on it.

"This was genuinely a hard ask, but we needed to replace the freezer in order to continue our food security program," said Executive Director Terri Green. "Thanks to the support of community members like you we successfully raised over \$66,000 for the installation and replacement of the walk-in freezer."

The J.J. Keller Foundation provided a matching grant to make donations go further and Barr Inc. Refrigeration donated

to attend the talks held Jan. 16 at Oshkosh North.

"Students in Leadership 2 are given the chance to enhance their leadership abilities by learning how to send a clear and concise message about topics that are sometimes difficult to talk about, Peterson said. "These students went outside of their comfort zone to deliver these powerful messages, and that is exactly what we will need them to do when they become our leaders of tomorrow."

Also attending was Michael Rust, executive director of the Winnebago County Conflict Resolution Center.

"The Oshkosh North students did a wonderful job picking topics, researching and effectively delivering their messages. Public speaking is a necessary skill and one that is not taught often enough," Rust said. "TED is focused on its mission of Ideas Worth Spreading and TEDx takes that mission to local communities through independently organized events. Having these students do TED-like talks helps them to develop the skills to spread their ideas to audiences big and small."

Videos of the students are currently being edited. The Oshkosh Herald will post a link on www.oshkoshherald.com as they become available.

Spencer's residency concludes at 2 p.m. Saturday with a free sensory-friendly family performance at Evergreen Retirement Community's newly constructed Worship and Performing Arts Center.

His residency is being made possible by a sponsorship from the Boldt Foundation, with additional support from the Arts Midwest Touring Fund, Oshkosh Area Community Foundation and the John E. Kuenzl Foundation.

the freezer walls. Other organizations that supported the installation and provided in-kind assistance include Witzke Electric, EGI Mechanical, CRM, Albright Construction and Eric Miller. Oshkosh Corp., ZaRonis Restaurant, and Gary and Sandy Yakes purchased meat.

Donations toward the purchase of meat to fill the freezer can be made at www.oacptoday.org through PayPal, by calling 920-651-9960 or sending a check with a notation of "Meat."

Community events

Today

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

Friday

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.

Saturday

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.

New freezer ready at Oshkosh pantry

After months of construction and transition, the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry has its new walk-in freezer up and running. After years of dedicated service, the original 42-by-13-foot freezer became a financial burden, according to pantry di-

rectors.

Between 1,500 and 2,000 households are registered every month at the pantry (reaching 6,500 people), which provided more than 1 million pounds of food to residents in need last year.

Meat is offered to all families who visit. The walk-in can hold as much as 30,000 pounds of meat.

When the old freezer went down, clients' meat options were decreased and caused some household challenges to those



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An event to promote the Oshkosh Food Co-op drew significant interest at the Convention Center.

Food Co-op grows with community interest

By Ali Ott
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Walk into a number of local Oshkosh businesses and you may notice a sign reading “Oshkosh Food Co-op” outside their doors.

Kelly Matthews, president of the Food Co-op, is one of the people behind those signs and the alliance they represent for some local grocers. As a group, they are establishing a full-service, community-owned and community-grown grocery store open to all shoppers.

“Every day, people buy a share and become a part owner of the store,” Matthews said. “We already exist as a co-op. We have over 560 households that have joined us. We just don’t have a storefront yet, so sometimes people find that confusing because they are like, ‘Where’s the co-op?’

“The storefront and the grocery store (are) coming, but as an entity and a thing, we already exist.”

The co-op is running on a timeline, based on how many members they have. More members will mean another big decision in the process can take place. The next step will be to select a location for their storefront.

Matthews said that the co-op and its ideals guide the work that they do.

“We want people to be a part of it. We want to build a sense of community even before we have the store,” she said.

The store, according to Matthews, will be an outward example of what they have been doing all along.

The Oshkosh Food Co-op started in June 2013. To begin the process, they worked on internal organization, as well as

education within the community.

“We are typically at the farmers market – we do a lot of tabling that way,” Matthews said. “We are happy to give information and give updates that way. We like to let people know we are out there.”

Word of mouth has been the most effective and trustworthy source of growth for the co-op from current members to their friends, family and neighbors. “We will go anywhere we are asked to for presentations,” she said.

Some people have been asking why they don’t already have a storefront for the co-op.

“You can’t do this work quickly and expect it to last, because the grocery store industry is super complex,” Matthews explained. “You can’t slap-dash that together. Skipping any of (the) steps (to organizing the co-op) would probably guarantee that we wouldn’t last very long. We have to get the steps in place to do the work well and for the long haul.”

Current membership is a one-time fee of a \$180 equity share, gets you voting rights and you are a part of the co-op immediately. For those who can’t swing the \$180 upfront, a payment plan option exists that costs \$11 a month for 18 months. They become a voting member, but get the other benefits once payment is complete.

When spending dollars locally, they circulate in the community much better than if spent elsewhere.

The co-op has completed a redrafting of its mission, vision and values statement, and it should be posted soon on its website. For more information, visit www.oshoshfoodcoop.com.

Food-tasting benefit set at LaSure’s

The Oshkosh Area Women’s Association presents “Around the World in 80 Bites,” a food tasting fundraiser, from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at LaSure’s Banquet Hall, 3125 S. Washburn St.

Recipients will be the Day by Day Warming Shelter, Oshkosh Police Department K-9 Unit and the OAWA high school scholarship fund. Appetizers and hors d’oeuvres from several local restaurants and food vendors will be featured. Raffle tickets will be sold for prize drawings.

Samples of appetizers will be on the menu from Brooklyn Grill, Chester V’s, Cousins, Cozumel, Culver’s, Dublin’s, HuHot, Jade Dragon, JSA Coffee, LaSure’s, Elks Lodge 292, Perkins, Pilora’s Cafe, Primo’s, Roxy Supper Club and ZaRonis.

Tickets are \$15 and available at the door, West Pointe Bank or from OAWA members. For more information, contact Joyce at 420-2403 or Judy at 379-1446 or on the OAWA Facebook page.



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Local restaurants will be at LaSure’s on Friday to serve samples from their menus.



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Work-n-Wheels clears path to reliable job access

Transportation costs can put family security at risk

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Transportation options keep employed low-income individuals working and able to strive for increased wages and benefits.

For many who are low income, having a car to get to and from work is often not an option. Instead, they rely on bus service or get a ride from a friend or another person, both of which can create problems.

In Oshkosh, help toward achieving self-sufficiency is available through ADVOCAP, a not-for-profit organization providing an employment-related transportation program called Work-n-Wheels coordinated by Sue Pomplun.

The Work-n-Wheels program, which serves the Oshkosh community as well as Winnebago, Fond du Lac, Calumet and Green Lake counties, is designed to help eligible low-income families and individuals obtain a no-interest loan for purchase of a vehicle or repairing an otherwise reliable vehicle for work-related needs. Participants must be employed for at least three months in a stable situation and have an income at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level. This equates to \$33,248 for a family of three, or \$14.54 an hour in Oshkosh.

"Transportation options to help low-skilled and low-income workers commute to work and strive to increase wages and benefits are very limited," Pomplun said. "And the stress level is high," she added, when residents do not have reliable transportation.

Many of the clients she serves live in fear about their car breaking down and not being able to get to work, thereby losing their jobs. Others have problems if they have to leave work unexpectedly to handle a problem with their child at school.

"A dependable auto gives a person the opportunity to apply for a better-paying job, further their education and work extended shifts," Pomplun said, especially when those shifts are in the evening or



PHOTO FROM ADVOCAP

Kim was able to purchase a vehicle with the assistance of ADVOCAP's Work-n-Wheels program.

weekends when bus service is not available.

"Reliable sustainable transportation not only allows individuals greater employment and educational opportunities, but also improves their quality of life by allowing families to participate in social, school and community activities, shop for clothing and food at a variety of places to get a better value with their limited resources."

The employment-related transportation program is funded through state and federal grants as well as a grant from the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation. Since 2009, more than 100 people have received repair loans and 250 have purchased vehicles through the program throughout the agency service area.

She stressed that participants must invest time and money of their own to receive loan help. For those seeking funds for repairs, which can be up to a maximum of \$1,000, they must have up front 25 percent of the repair cost and be willing to participate in money management counseling. The loans are provided at no interest and can be paid over a three-year period. "We want participants to demonstrate the ability to repay the loan, to invest in themselves. This is not a handout."

"They can use any auto repair place in the city," Pomplun said, adding that the program cannot cover repairs already

made. The program is intended to keep vehicles in a reliable condition.

For those interested in purchasing a vehicle, they must come up with an average of \$750 for taxes, license fees, and other out of pocket costs; and purchase used vehicles from any dealer for up to \$5,500. They must also have in place vehicle insurance, a driver's license and not owe any fines. A \$4,000 loan would result in a \$145 monthly payment over the three-year period.

ADVOCAP also has a driver's license recovery program that can provide no-interest loans to someone to pay off a fine over an 18-month period. This is for traffic or parking citations that do not involve risky behavior such as operating while intoxicated. Financial assistance must result in the restoration of driving privileges that have been suspended or revoked due to nonpayment of the fines.

The Work-n-Wheels Program produces a positive impact on the future success of program participants. To date the program has achieved the following benefits for those assisted:

- 30 percent have been able to get a better job.
- 63 percent have been able to increase their income by working extra hours.
- 25 percent have received promotions with their current employer.

Economic outlook on breakfast menu

Economist Brian Beaulieu will discuss what's in store for this year's economy when he speaks at the 2018 Economic Outlook Breakfast at 7:15 a.m. Feb. 13 at the Oshkosh Convention Center.

Beaulieu will review what happened in 2017 and provide his economic outlook for the future, as well as advice for individuals and business owners. The Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce breakfast is sponsored by

Ganther Construction and Architecture.

Registration begins at 7:15 a.m. with breakfast and the presentation to follow. The cost is \$40 per person or \$300 for a corporate table of eight for Chamber members.

Online registration is available for per-person registrations. To register a corporate table of eight, download the registration form and email to Jessica@oshkoshchamber.com.

Verve will break ground on west-side branch

Verve, a Credit Union will begin construction of a new branch at 1065 N. Washburn St. on Oshkosh's growing west side this spring with an opening scheduled for late fall.

The new branch will be in a high-traffic commercial area, with nearby businesses including Festival Foods, Menards, Dick's Sporting Goods and Panera Bread.

"Verve's decision to build our fourth Oshkosh branch on Washburn Avenue aligns with our goal to continue improving services for our members and communities," Kevin Ralofsky, president and chief executive officer at Verve, said in a statement. "We serve members in a multitude of ways and while more and more members are banking digitally with us we understand the importance of a physical branch for more consul-



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Verve, a Credit Union will have a new branch on the city's west side with groundbreaking planned for the spring on North Washburn.

tative services. Adding a Verve branch to this area of Oshkosh will make accessing our services even easier for our members."

The new full-service branch on Washburn Avenue will feature a drive-up as well as innovative banking technology including Expert Nearby, a video conferencing service allowing members to connect with Verve team members at other locations.

Verve will announce details such as opening date, location hours and employment opportunities as plans develop.

Founded in 1937, Verve is a member-owned, not-for-profit financial cooperative with more than \$900 million in assets and serving more than 57,500 members at 15 locations. Membership is open to anyone who lives, works or worships in 23 counties throughout Wisconsin and Minnesota and to employees of Kimberly-Clark Corp., Fox River Paper Co., the medical services industry and the immediate family of any current member.

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Historical re-enactors of many varieties will take part in the Echoes of the Past Historical Trade Fair on Feb. 24 and 25 at Sunnyview Expo Center.

Echoes of Past fair returns

One of the Midwest's original and largest indoor historical trade fairs will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 24 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 25 at Sunnyview Expo Center's Center Hall.

The 36th annual Echoes of the Past Historical Trade Fair features supplies for the historical re-enactor, muzzleloading enthusiast and general public. Merchants and craftsmen will have clothing, books, patterns, tinware, pewter, beads, leather, fur, forged iron, pottery, firearms and knives in stock.

Civilians and soldiers will be representing time periods ranging from the mid-1700s through the Civil War and Western Frontier in a festive atmosphere, amid demonstrations, music and shopping.

Trade Fair organizer Brian Bradley said

the show had humble beginnings at the former fairgrounds on Murdock Avenue in 1983. He said the historical re-enacting scene had blossomed after the nation's bicentennial in 1976, and dedicated people researched their personnas and the time periods that they favored – colonial, Great Lakes fur trade and Western mountain man eras.

Bradley said local muzzleloading clubs started sponsoring rendezvous and gatherings for re-enactors during the camping season for primitive camping and time-appropriate events. The trade fair was a direct product of people needing a winter get-together to socialize and be able to shop for primitive camping accessories.

Admission is \$5 for adults; children under age 10 get in free. Contact Bradley or Linda Marin at 920-233-5332.

Brewery tours by the busload

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh Brewery Tours have hit the road this winter to bring beer enthusiasts to the city's growing mix of brewpub options.

Fox River Brewing Co., Bare Bones Brewery, Fifth Ward Brewing Co. and HighHolder Brewing Co. are on the bus route for a \$15 transport fee that gets more people acquainted with the various brewing operations and their style offerings.

While Fox River Brewing has been the veteran brewer in town for more than 20 years, the other three are newer editions to the city's growing beer industry that has swept the Fox Valley area from Green Bay to Oshkosh.

Barry LaVaque of OshkoshBars.com said the brewery tours are getting booked up fast, with 11 of them scheduled through March 24. "Just a ton a fun" he said about the activity since it started Jan. 6.

He said the Facebook posting has drawn more than 26,500 views as of last week at www.facebook.com/oshkoshbars. People can sign up as late as the day before as long as seats are still available.

Once the first bus fills its 14-person limit, a second one comes along. Multiple groups are booked together if needed and LaVaque said available seating is updated daily on the site's calendar.

Any bar that is an OshkoshBars Bus Stop can schedule a brewery tour with pickups at their location, as they are also part of the weekend Safe Ride Bus program.

The brewery tours are private and run from 1 to 5 p.m., separate from the weekend service. They start from an OshkoshBars Bus Stop, visit the four scheduled tours, then take riders back to their original location.

The Friday and Saturday Safe Ride Program bus route is from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m., open to the public with a \$1 token (drink purchase required) to the next bar. Bars pay a small fee to be on the route.

OshkoshBars is teamed up with the Tavern League of Oshkosh, and all tavern stops are league members. LaVaque said it is considered the first state program of its kind to implement such a large safe ride public system extending to more 35 stop locations spanning from as north as The Fountain and south as O'Marro's/The Hangar.

Police offer nightly nudge to keep homes in safety mode

#9PMRoutine awareness program on Facebook

By McKenzie Konop
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Oshkosh Police Department has been getting appreciative feedback from its 9 p.m. lockdown alert campaign to provide awareness to the community about potential burglaries around the neighborhood.

Kate Mann, crime prevention and public information officer with the Oshkosh Police Department, said the campaign is an effective way to warn people about locking up their houses and cars in the evening.



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"This is a nightly reminder on Facebook at 9 p.m. to alert citizens to remove valuables from cars, lock their cars and lock their houses," Mann said. "We had been having problems with people leaving their cars unlocked and

then getting their cars stolen or getting things stolen from their cars."

The idea of the 9 p.m. campaign, Mann said, sparked from the chief of police when he looked into other departments sponsoring a similar program.

"It started at the Oshkosh Police Department when the chief advised me of this idea (he discovered that many agencies have been doing this #9PMRoutine on Facebook, such as the Jacksonville, Florida Sheriff's Department)," Mann said. "Each night I post a picture and some comments about locking up."

Mann said the feedback from the community about the program has been positive.

"The response from the community has been great," Mann said. "I've had citizens send in pictures of their pets for me to use for the 9 p.m. posts. Many have commented about locking up for the night and one commented that they are now more aware of their surroundings. It's a great way to use social media to stay connected with the citizens and provide crime prevention tips."

In addition, Mann said the nightly alerts have helped residents to check their house twice to make sure it is locked up before going to bed.

"Some of the citizens following the nightly reminders have shared it with their friends and one stated that when their husband was double-checking to make sure windows were all locked, they discovered an unlocked basement window that they thought was locked, (possibly preventing a burglary)," Mann said.

In the end, Mann said she thinks the results of the campaign have been successful in spreading the word to the community about protecting themselves from possible thefts.

"It's a fun way to communicate with the city," Mann said. "I think that this program has helped build an even stronger relationship with Oshkosh's citizens, and will hopefully prevent crimes by reminding people to lock up."



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Second to Noone

UW-Oshkosh senior hoping to go out with an NCAA bang

By Alex Wolf
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Charlie Noone wasn't sure if he liked the idea of going to college in his hometown. There were pros and cons of both, of course – but the idea of sticking around where he grew up his whole life wasn't ideal.

However, looking back, he couldn't have been happier with his decision.

"At first I wasn't in love with going to school in my hometown but looking back it's been an unbelievable experience," said the Lourdes Academy graduate, who's now a senior at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. "To be honest I didn't have a ton of options basketball wise.

"I wasn't highly regarded or anything and I had my high school coach at the time (Dennis Ruedinger) to do a lot of vouching for me and then I fell in love with those (UW-Oshkosh) guys and the tradition they had for their program was something I wanted to be a part of. It's been an unbelievable decision and a life-changing one for sure."

Noone isn't the only one that should thank Ruedinger for vouching for him so much. Since arriving on the campus at UW-Oshkosh, the men's basketball program took a serious turn for the good – thanks to the work Noone has put in.

"Charlie has had an impact on our program, and I'd say the culture of the program," UW-Oshkosh men's basketball coach Pat Juckem said. "It's certainly felt every day and will be felt for years to come. He has a

work ethic that I've never really seen before from a basketball player. He's made himself into a good college basketball player.

"He doesn't have all natural ability – he's had to work for everything and the amount of time that this young man has put into the game is incredible. And that's rubbed off on a lot of other players showing what you can transform into if you invest that much into something."

The Titans were suffering through a rough patch just before Noone showed up. They finished eighth in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in both 2010 and 2011 before winning 0 games in the conference in 2012, followed by a coaching change.

That added motivation for Noone – whose goals were to turn things around.

"Growing up I remember going back to the early 2000s, watching those teams and those guys and hearing stories from my old coach (Ruedinger) when he played in the NCAA Tournament, I wanted a taste of that really bad," Noone said. "In my high school years with UW-Oshkosh being a little down, one of my goals was to take them back to the Tournament and be a part of a team like that."

It didn't take long for that to happen.

After getting a lot of playing time in his freshman season, Noone earned his way into the starting lineup the following year, which ended with a trip to the Division 3 NCAA Tournament after capturing the WIAC Tournament Title – the school's first trip since 2003.

Then Noone and the Titans did it again last season, finishing second in the WIAC for the second straight year and earned an at-large postseason bid, but then lost in the first round in heartbreaking fashion.

"That was an unbelievable experience, and then going back last year, obviously

we didn't get the result we wanted, so that's the goal this year is to make some noise," Noone said.

The transformation from his freshman to sophomore season was something Juckem hasn't seen before. Noone could always score, especially from long range. But it's been his defense and his adjustment to the higher level of play that had Juckem impressed.

"It started his freshman year. Like many freshman, he was not quite ready for the speed of the game and how you defend at the college level," the sixth-year coach said. "He adjusted very quickly in his second year, around conference play. He really established himself as a two-way player with his ability to shoot the basketball. But his improvement defensively and his passion was something that he never realized he had."

With just a few weeks to go before the conference tournament, Noone is nearing 1,000 career points. He earned honorable mention his sophomore season after averaging 11.8 points per game, while shooting 42.4 percent from 3-point land – leading the WIAC with 70 3s.

In his junior year he was a first-team player after averaging 13.5 points per game while shooting 46.4 from the field and nearly 42 percent from deep. He also led the conference in 3-point makes.

So far the Titans, ranked as high as No. 6 in the nation this season, are 15-4 overall with a 5-3 mark in the WIAC. Noone is averaging just a tad less than what he has been the last few years (9.4 ppg) but that's because this year's team is different.

Noone knows he had to take on more of a leadership position because he's surrounded by a balanced group where four guys average more than 10 points a game.

"My senior year is going great, it's my fourth time around and it feels like I've been here a while and I'm sure everyone is starting to get sick of me," Noone said. "We have a good team this year and we're happy with where we're headed and I'm just trying to get better each day.

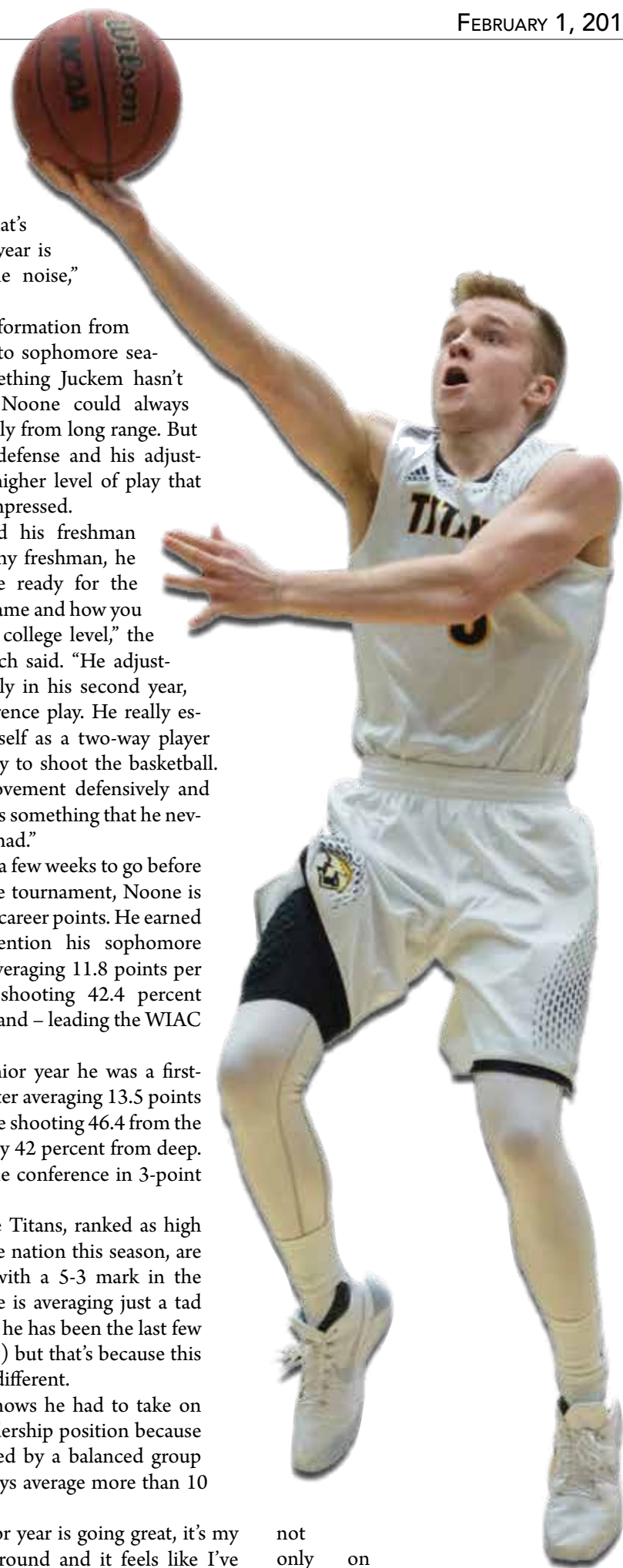
"I don't look at personal stats more than team success. It's something I've always prided myself on is doing whatever the team needs and this year it's a little different. I couldn't be happier to do what I'm doing because we have some extremely talented guys on our team."

Added Juckem: "He's one of our captains, with that comes a lot of responsibility,



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Charlie Noone's senior leadership is helping push his UW-Oshkosh Titans to a return trip to the NCAA Division III Tournament.



not only on the floor but off the floor. In the locker room, organizing things with our guys and helping our younger guys out, those things that people don't see that helps our team grow each year. He's done a great job with that element of it."

Noone will be graduating in December and already has an internship lined up in Milwaukee at Price Waterhouse Coopers, an accounting firm. But in the meantime, he's going to keep focusing on the goal on task – to get back to the NCAA Tournament for the third straight season and hopefully making it past the first round.

Ellmann named head volleyball coach at UW-Oshkosh

Oshkosh Herald

A familiar face will be taking over as the new coach for the UW-Oshkosh women's volleyball team.

UW-Oshkosh announced last week that Jon Ellmann has been named the school's head women's volleyball coach after serving as the program's interim head coach since August.

Ellmann, who played for the UW-Oshkosh men's club volleyball team, returned to UW-Oshkosh after coaching 17 years at the high school level, including 11 years as head coach

of Lourdes Academy from 2005 to 2015.

"My family and I are extremely grateful to be a part of UW-Oshkosh volleyball," said Ellmann in the press release. "I look forward to working with our entire athletics department and can't wait to hit the ground running with our team."

Ellmann helped the Titans to a 20-

15 record last season, including a 3-4 mark in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. At Lourdes, he led the Knights to their first WIAA State Tournament appearance in 2015 and captured six conference titles. He had a 60-5 conference record over his final seven seasons at Lourdes.

Ellmann joined the UWO program as the top assistant in 2016 and was elevated to interim head coach last July when Brian Schaefer stepped down. After a nationwide search, he was named the program's head coach.



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Prep Sports Roundup

BOYS BASKETBALL

Valley Christian falls behind early in loss

The Valley Christian boys basketball team fell behind early despite a strong second half in a 71-53 loss to Horicon in a Trailways-East Conference game played on the road last Thursday.

CJ Brooks paced the Marshmen with 21 points as they led 38-22 at the break.

Yianni Giannopoulos scored 15 points for Valley Christian, while Daniell Dunn and Aristidis Giannopoulos each added 14 points.

The Warriors will travel to face Wayland Academy Friday night with tipoff at 7:15 p.m.

Stiff defense lifts North over Fond du Lac

The Fond du Lac boys basketball team didn't have an answer to Oshkosh North's pressure early on as the Spartans jumped out to a big lead in a 83-62 win over the Cardinals in a Fox Valley Association game Friday night.

North used a 23-4 run to start the game to jump to a comfortable lead as North took advantage of 12 first-half turnovers from Fond du Lac.

Tyrese Haliburton led the Spartans (15-1, 11-1 FVA) with 21 points, while Matt Hickey had 19. Quincy Anderson and Gout Deng each added nine, while Wesley Schiek chipped in eight.

Caden Krug and Drew Jorgensen each hit five 3-pointers for Fondy – they had 14 in the game – as they led the team with 19 and 17 points, respectively.

The Spartans will host Kimberly (9-3 FVA) in a big game Friday at 7:30 p.m.

West falls to Hortonville

The Oshkosh West team got it down to single digits late but dropped a 67-57 Fox Valley Association contest on Friday. No other results were available.

West will travel to face Appleton West (8-4 FVA) Friday night.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Knights hot from outside in victory over Wayland

The Lourdes girls basketball team caught fire from 3-point land as they used a strong start to beat Wayland Academy, 70-38, in a Trailways-East Conference game played on the road last Thursday.

Alexis Rolph hit five three pointers and Marley Wesenberg added 14 as the Knights hit 13 on the night. Rolph finished with 21 points for Lourdes and Wesenberg had 12. Quinn Godfroy chipped in 10 for the Knights – who led 37-19 at halftime.

Raechel Russo added nine points while Abi Giese had four for Lourdes, who as a team shot 5-for-16 from the free throw line.

The Knights (12-4, 9-0), who remain first in the conference, will face Central Wisconsin Christian – second in the Trailways-East with a 7-1 mark – at 7:30 p.m. Thursday night.

North goes cold in loss to Fond du Lac girls

The Oshkosh North girls basketball team struggled shooting the ball last Friday night – finishing with a 20 percent clip – as Fond du Lac picked up a 55-40 Fox Valley Association win.

North was able to keep it close throughout the game as it forced 21 turnovers, but couldn't take advantage of them as they ended up 2-for-20 from 3-point land.

The Spartans even had a lead in the final minute of the first half, leading 25-22, but then the Cardinals went on an 8-0 run to take a 30-25 lead at the half.

Brie Gauthier led North with 13 points while Brooke Ellestad added 11. Ashley Wissink and Saige Turner chipped in six points apiece for the Spartans, who won the free throw battle making 12-of-14.

Carly Paulson led a balanced Fondy team – who had four in double-digits – with 13 points.

WRESTLING

Lourdes, North compete in Door County Classic

The Oshkosh North wrestling team finished seventh, while Lourdes was 13th out of 17 teams in the Sturgeon Bay Dirk Sorenson Door County Classic on Saturday.

North finished with 85.5 points while Lourdes, who had just four wrestlers again, had 43.5 points. Green Bay Preble won the invite with 190.5 points, followed by Two Rivers (159) and West De Pere (147).

Dalton Holmes, who recently picked up his 100th win, finished 3-0 to capture a first-place finish at 152 points while Cade Schmitz went 2-1 to finish second at 120 pounds for the Spartans.

Trevon Lee was fourth for North with a 1-2 record at 145, while Carly Ochoa (2-1) and Dylan Besaw (113) each were fifth with a 2-1 record. Landon Spanbauer was sixth with a 2-2 record at 138 pounds.

For Lourdes, Keagan Stelzer (195) and Carson Kraus (132) each finished third on the day with a 2-1 record while Camron Kelly (126) and Jack Reinardy (170) were sixth. Kelly went 2-2; Reinardy was 1-2.

BOYS HOCKEY

Hamer lifts Ice Hawks past Greendale in OT

In a night where pink jerseys were sported to honor those fighting and losing their battle against cancer, Oshkosh's Brandon Hamer, a junior, scored all three goals, including the game-winner in overtime, as Oshkosh topped Greendale 3-2.

"It was a good game, a crazy back-and-forth," coach Cory Beaulieu said. "We probably should have won in regular time with about 7 minutes in power play. But it was fun to see the back-and-forth, and see the guys battle until the end."

The Ice Hawks start their conference tournament this week and they're hoping Saturday's win will give them some momentum.

West pins North in conference wrestling dual

By Ali Ott
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Oshkosh West wrestlers took a victory last Thursday at Oshkosh North in a Fox Valley Association dual meet, 53-24.

"So far it's been peaks and valleys," West coach Duane Hartkopf said. "We've won a lot of meets and been within a couple points at a lot of dual meets. It's been a good learning year; it's a fairly young team and we are gearing up for the end of the season."

West is having an outstanding year and Hartkopf couldn't be happier the way things are trending.

"We are closing in on having five wrestlers over 30 wins, which hasn't happened



PHOTO BY CHARLEIGH REINARDY

Preston Ruedinger works the ball against an Oakfield defender last Thursday night in a 78-57 conference win.

Huizenga back as Lourdes boys dominate Oakfield

By Charleigh Reinardy
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Lourdes boys basketball team welcomed back Benny Huizenga last Thursday, who missed 14 games after a knee injury, with a 78-57 win over Oakfield in a Trailways-East Conference game.

Although he didn't score, Huizenga's presence motivated the team and it felt especially good for him to get back onto the court. The junior entered the game with 11:05 left in the first half welcomed by a warm standing ovation from the crowd.

"It feels pretty good (to be back)," Huizenga said. "It was really hard watching. It was good to get out there tonight even though I didn't score, it's still fun to get a win. It's frustrating, but it's the first game back — can't have too high of expectations."

Junior Henry Noone had the biggest night in Huizenga's welcome-back party – making seven 3-pointers as he finished with 28 points – and his hot shooting gave the Knights an early boost.

"(I was) feeding off the team's energy," Noone said. "We get a good stop and go down (the court) looking for our shot. As our team goes, we go; our teammates really help us get those shots."

Noone sank a 3-pointer to tie it at 6-6, and another to take an 11-8 lead. The

Knights then forced turnovers by playing a full-court press for most of the game.

"With Benny coming back for the first time in months, I thought we had good energy," Lourdes head coach Brad Clark said. "I thought we shared the ball really well tonight; we made the extra passes. Between Henry and Preston they had 13 3-pointers tonight."

Freshman Preston Ruedinger joined Noone with 9:27 left in the first half by making his first 3-pointer of the game, resulting in a 32-20 lead at halftime.

Oakfield continued to struggle making passes throughout the second half, resulting in multiple turnovers as the Knights were able to keep control of the game.

"All year it has been really great coaching these guys," Clark said. "No matter what the game, it's always the same consistent energy from them. We only have about four weeks left of the regular season; it's going to come up pretty quick. We play two games a week from here on out. "It's been a joy coaching these guys. They're great, fun to be around, and they keep getting better every day."

Ruedinger added 22 for Lourdes while Dougie Ryan scored nine and Connor Barfknecht added eight.

The Knights will host Horicon on Friday night.

at West in a while," Hartkopf said.

Picking up a dominating win at 106 pounds was West's Alec Hunter, who won on a 16-0 technical fall over Carley Ochoa. Henry Foust (132) and Reese Thompson (138) earned pins, with Foust doing it in 3:46 while Thompson took it down to the final seconds (4:36).

Connor Collins (145) added a pin for the Wildcats in just 2:16 as well as Gabe Fanning over Matthew Mathusek at 195 pounds. He pinned him in 1:56.

For Oshkosh North, Dylan Besaw was victorious at 113 pounds with an 8-2 decision over Drew Best and then Cade Schmitz pinned Josh Coopman at 120

pounds. Thomas Urben also won by decision for the Spartans at 126 pounds with a couple of strong takedowns.

Dalton Holmes added to his 100th victory last week with a pin in 4:25 over Dawson Ramage at 152 pounds and Aaron Goodermuth pinned his opponent Avery Martell in 2:48 in the 220 weight class.

Despite the smaller numbers, Oshkosh North head coach J.R. Zemke was proud of his team and knows that there is a good chance some of his wrestlers can make it far into the postseason despite the losses.

"We were looking for pins," Zemke said. "West is a good team and we were looking for extra points."

Herd makes moves in advance of trade deadline

Trades with Reno, Delaware expected to add some offensive punch

By Ti Windisch
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Wisconsin Herd has made a pair of trades as the G League trade deadline approaches to add some scoring punch to the lineup in the midst of a five-game losing streak.

Wisconsin acquired Ricky Ledo and Gary Neal on Jan. 23 in a trade with the Reno Bighorns, the Sacramento Kings' G League team. In exchange, the Herd gave up the rights to Cady Lanne and Tyler Harvey, neither of whom has played a single minute with the Herd after Wisconsin obtained their rights in the 2017 G League Expansion Draft.

Neal is currently playing professionally in Spain, but Ledo has reported to Wisconsin after a stint in Turkey last year. Both players have organizational ties, as Neal played 30 games with the Bucks during the 2013-14 NBA season and Ledo was originally a Bucks draft pick before his draft rights were traded.

Wisconsin GM Dave Dean was not done after just one trade in the week, however. Last Friday he made another move, this time giving up players who had seen some playing time in Oshkosh this season.

Shannon Brown and Cameron Oliver were traded to the Delaware 87ers, the Philadelphia 76ers' G League team, in ex-



Erie Bayhawks guard Jaylen Morris dunks against the Herd in first-half action Jan. 24.

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change for James Blackmon Jr. and Russ Smith. Blackmon was a solid rotation player in Delaware, averaging 12.8 points, 3.3 rebounds and 2.4 assists per game in his time with the 87ers.

Smith is a much more exciting but less tangible acquisition. He holds the G League single-game scoring record with a 65-point outburst, and is currently averaging more than 34 points per game in the Chinese Basketball League.

That league ends at an opportune time for players hoping to make the NBA, as

Smith could be back stateside in February or early March looking to make an NBA roster. If he feels the G League is the best option for him, the Herd could end up seeing the electrifying scorer later this season.

Dean seemed confident that Smith, along with Blackmon and Ledo, would end up contributing to Wisconsin in the statement the team released detailing the latest trade.

"James, Russ and Ricky will help the Herd address several needs," Dean said. "The ability to put the ball in the basket is

Upcoming schedule

7 p.m. Saturday: Memphis Hustle

6 p.m. Wednesday: at Lakeland Magic

7 p.m. Feb. 9: Grand Rapids Drive

7 p.m. Feb. 10: Long Island Nets

something these three players can do at a high level and we look forward to welcoming them to the Herd family."

Right now the Herd can use any help it can get. Four of the Herd's five straight losses have come by 10 or more points. The Herd loss to the Erie Bayhawks on Jan. 24 was the closest contest, as Erie won the afternoon game in the final seconds.

Wisconsin's most recent game, against the Raptors 905 on Saturday, saw Ledo and Blackmon make their Herd debuts. Ledo started and scored eight points, while Blackmon came off of the bench and added five.

Bucks two-way player Xavier Munford led the way against the 905, scoring 24 points while making 10 of his 17 attempts from the field. Bucks assignee D.J. Wilson was Wisconsin's leading scorer against Erie, as he poured in 25 points on just 20 shots.

Wisconsin looks to right the ship today when the team takes on the Fort Wayne Mad Ants in Indiana.



Scooter hockey marks Catholic Schools Week

Oshkosh Herald

The lines were drawn for the seventh annual scooter hockey tournament at Lourdes Academy. Forty teams from kindergarten to adult competed in this family-fun activity to kick off Catholic Schools Week.

Development director of Lourdes Karen Boehm said, "It's an opportunity for our

OSHKOSH HERALD PHOTO

Grade school teams square off Friday in the seventh annual Scooter Hockey Tournament at Lourdes Academy.

whole system to come together in fellowship to celebrate Catholic education."

Catholic Schools Week, an annual celebration of Catholic education, takes place the end of January with the theme "Catholic Schools: Learn, Serve."

The week's events wrap up with the Red and White Knight game Friday. Admission is free.

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Obituaries

Evelyn Anna Williams

Evelyn Anna Williams, age 91, Oshkosh passed away Tuesday, January 23, 2018. She was born February 27, 1926 to Otto and Anna Frey in Oshkosh. She lived her whole life in the Fox Valley area. She married George Williams April 10, 1950 and they farmed in between Omro and Winnebago. The Lord blessed them with two children: John and Rhoda.



Evelyn and George were members of Wyldewood Baptist Church, where they enjoyed volunteering in the church print shop.

She is survived by her son: John; grandchildren: Benjamin, Daniel and Grace Williams, Rachel (Williams) and Dilyn Roberts; great grandchild: Henry Roberts; brother and sister in law: Ray and Myrtle (Williams); brother in law Forrest Williams; and several nieces and nephews.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents; husband: George on December 22, 2014; daughter: Rhoda; brother and sister in law: Robert and Bernice Frey; and her sister and brother in law: Marian and Donald Cavanaugh.

Funeral services will be held for Evelyn at Wyldewood Baptist Church (3030 Witzel Ave. Oshkosh) on Friday, January 26, 2018; at 11:00 a.m. Visitation will be held at the church from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the service. Interments will be at Lake View Memorial Park in Oshkosh.



Barry L. Gauthier

Barry L. Gauthier, age 68 of Oshkosh, passed away Friday, January 19, 2018, with his wife by his side. He was born December 7, 1949, in Louisville, KY, son to the late Marcel and Dolores Gauthier.

Barry started his 40-year career with UW Oshkosh in 1975. Upon retirement he led Postal Services, Document Services and Central Stores/Receiving, a position he proudly performed with insight, vision and expertise. He was a member of the Association of College and University Printers (ACUPS), the University Mail Managers Association (UMMA) where he served in various Board positions, including President and served 22 years as a member of the National Association of College and University Mail Managers (NACUMS) where he served most recently as Vice President. In 2013, NACUMS presented him with the prestigious Lou Eichler award, the highest honor in the college and university mail industry. Even after retirement in 2015, Barry continued to assist UMMA and NACUMS. His contributions to both organizations were immeasurable.

In his free time Barry enjoyed softball, bowling, hunting, fishing, boating, relaxing at Silver Lake in Laona, WI and spending time with family, friends and his dogs. His family and friends meant the world to him, he loved them all dearly. His grandchildren, in particular, held a special place in his heart and always brought a smile to his face.

In addition to his wife Billie, Barry is survived by his daughter Cherie Gauthier (John Shambles), Oshkosh; Step-son Scott (Rebecca) Rennert, Oshkosh; and grandchildren Marcella and Bailey Rennert and Hayden, Camdyn and Evann Shambles. He is also survived by two sisters, Barbara (Bob) Morawetz and Dolores Ann Gauthier, three brothers, Bill (Janet) Gauthier, Robert Gauthier and Thomas (Melanie)

Gauthier and several brothers- and sisters-in-law as well as nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, February 24, 2018, at 2 p.m. at La Sure's Hall (1570 Ripon Ln. Oshkosh) with reception to follow immediately. Instead of flowers or gifts a memorial donation may be made to the Oshkosh Area Humane Society by entering Barry's name and address (2240 Crane St, Oshkosh, WI 54901) at <https://www.oahs.org/memorial>.

There are no words to describe the unending, unconditional and unequivocal love we have for Barry. Dear husband, brother, father, grandfather, uncle and friend, we are less for having lost you but more for having had you. We will never forget you and our love for you will only grow stronger with every memory. We love you fiercely and you will forever be in our hearts.



Clyde A. Wills

Clyde Arthur Wills, of Oshkosh, Wis., passed away peacefully on Thursday, Jan. 25, 2018, at Evergreen in Oshkosh. He was 95.

Clyde is survived by his loving wife of 75 years, Helen Wills; his children, Thomas Wills (Carol) of Tucson, Ariz., James Wills of Oshkosh, David Wills (Jane) of Williamsburg, Va., Walter Wills (Lois Volper) of Douglasville, Ga., and Kathleen Wills (Michael Nowlen) of Clearwater, Fla.; his brother, Richard Wills



of Negaunee, Mich.; sister-in-law, Carolyn Wills of Rockford, Mich.; nine grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Raymond Wills and Robert Wills; sisters-in-law, Leone Wills and Edith Wills; and great-granddaughter, Poppy Rose Wills.

Born Sept. 10, 1922 in Negaunee, Clyde was the son of the late Thomas and Florence Wills. He served in the Civilian Conservation Corps and was a U.S. Army Veteran serving in the European Theatre during World War II. Clyde could still remember the roads from Normandy to Paris. Following his discharge, Clyde went to work for Jewel Tea Company in Iron River, Mich. In 1951, he was transferred to Oshkosh, where he continued to work as an auditor throughout Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, later auditing regional warehouse locations throughout the country. Clyde retired from the Jewel Companies in 1989 after 44 years of service.

After retirement, Clyde and Helen toured the world with travels that included Mexico, England, France, Finland, Russia, and New Zealand. They also enjoyed domestic travels with Elderhostel. Clyde was an active member of the Oshkosh Senior Center Cribbage group. Gary, Clete, Dick, Kathy, Cliff, Speed, Jim and Harley were a constant source of enjoyment and encouragement. Clyde also volunteered as a docent at the EAA Aviation Museum from 1992 to 2013.

A visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018, at First English Lutheran Church, 1013 Minnesota St., Oshkosh, followed by a Memorial Service at 11 a.m. at the church. Interment will follow at the Negaunee City Cemetery in Negaunee at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Clyde's honor to the First English Lutheran Church Music Ministry Fund, 1013 Minnesota St., Oshkosh, WI 54902.



Back in the Day

Snapshots of Oshkosh history

Jan. 4, 1918

Ice harvest starts: The local ice harvest began on January 3rd with ice thickness this year being reported at sixteen inches. A crew of fifty men have been organized to make the harvest which the Oshkosh Pure Ice Company is estimating to be around 10,000 to 12,000 tons. The ice is reported to be of "ideal quality" and the first harvest will go into the main house on the south-side which should be filled to capacity by next week. Then the harvest will then move to the Otter Street house and fill it to capacity. Oshkosh Pure Ice reports the capacity of the two ice houses will hold 16,000 tons, but there is a 4,000 ton carryover from last year.

Source: Oshkosh Daily Northwestern, Jan. 4, 1918

April 28, 1875

Fire at Morgans: On this date, Oshkosh would experience its third and most devastating "great" fire. Shortly after noon, sparks from the nearby Spalding and Peck's Mill took flight, landing on the property of the Morgan Brothers Co. Winds fueled the flames and the fire spread quickly, consuming much of the

Main Street business and neighboring communities from the Morgan Mills to Bowen Street by nightfall. Miraculously, only two deaths resulted but hundreds were burned out of their homes and businesses.

Source: "Prairie, Pines and People" by James I. Metz, 1976

June 29, 1972

Midair collision over Lake Winnebago: A North Central Airlines plane collided with an Air Wisconsin Twin Otter aircraft over Lake Winnebago. The crash occurred at 10:37 a.m., the cause listed as failure by both aircraft to see and avoid each other. The North Central plane was carrying two passengers and a crew of three; the Air Wisconsin plane had six passengers and two crew members aboard. There were no survivors. Both planes were delayed at their point of origination, the North Central craft from Green Bay and the Air Wisconsin from Sheboygan.

Source: "Yesterday In Oshkosh ... My Hometown" by Randy R. Domer

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