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## Sturgeon spearing season returns to Winnebago system

By Dan Roherty  
OSHKOSH HERALD

The 2018 sturgeon spearing season on Lake Winnebago and the upriver lakes opens Saturday with water clarity expected to be good, but probably not clear enough for successful participants to bring an early end to the season.

Water clarity is the biggest prediction of spearing success, and the average 8- to 9-foot visible depth detected in various locations a few weeks ago suggests sturgeon spearers will be able to spend a second week on the ice this year. The DNR had planned further testing Monday.

Ryan Koenigs, Winnebago system sturgeon biologist for the state Department of Natural Resources, said typically there's a strong chance the season will end early when water clarity reaches the 12-foot range.

"It's below the threshold of what typically leads to a short season," Koenigs said.

This winter has been cold enough to provide thick and safe ice conditions throughout the system outside the usual flow areas to avoid. The DNR doesn't report on ice conditions beyond encouraging safe practices, but it does watch for winter thaws that can affect clarity.

"In general the warm mild weather that we had over the last couple of weeks is not as much of a concern for ice conditions as it is for water clarity," he said. "Snowmelt in combination with rain produces runoff," which runs sediment-laden water back into the system.

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# City officials try to get on board with student transport needs

## Funding of school rides for disadvantaged gets airing

By Tom Ekvall  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The lack of affordable transportation has emerged as an issue facing many public school students in the Oshkosh area.

Members of the Common Council and Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education met in a joint workshop to discuss the situation. The impetus for the discussion was a report by ESTHER, an interfaith social justice organization, highlighting transportation issues facing public school students.

The report, prepared by ESTHER member Jennifer Considine, is the result of a yearlong study by the organization and identified transportation concerns shared by middle and high school principals and social workers, as well as survey results of area students.

The report, presented to elected officials in December, states, "There are many instances when parents and students seriously need transportation and the lack of affordable and accessible transportation affects students' success in school." It also



PHOTO BY TOM EKVALL

Oshkosh North student Elizabeth Frohn Hengst (middle left) describes her getting-to-school challenges with city council and school board members Jan. 31.

cited concerns that lack of transportation can contribute to truancy, long bus routes for some up to an hour or more, lack of evening and late-night bus access, stress over students dealing with costs and having to beg for money, and the lack of a sufficient number of bus passes provided by the school district to those in need.

Council members and school board representatives were in agreement that something needed to be done to deal with the situation. But the overriding question raised was how to consider the financial implications for the school district, the city and its Bus Transit System and/or both

parties.

"The bottom line is money," Mayor Steve Cummings said, adding that the problem not only affects students getting to and from school, but also workers with second-shift jobs and retailers who could benefit from increased shoppers. This is a community issue, not just one facing students, Cummings said.

One solution discussed at length was providing students with free bus passes. The School District already purchases up

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# Mind over matter: Chris, Karlene and family find support from many places

## Oshkosh couple makes it through health scare with help of others

By Samantha Strong  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Last June, Chris Leitch and Karlene Grabner experienced one of the most unforgettable moments of their lives.

It started out as any normal summer Wisconsin day. The couple and their two young children packed their bags and headed to the family boat, where they spent many other summer days, to meet up with friends for a day of fun in the sun.

What the couple didn't know was, in just a few short hours, they would be racing to shore to be taken to the closest hospital after Grabner suffered from a seizure. Leitch said her pulse started dropping quickly and Grabner looked lifeless.

"I looked over and I flipped out," Leitch said. "The other families took both of our kids and I called 911 and told them to meet us at the boat launch."

Also on the boat that day was the couple's friend, Michelle Bobusch, who works in the medical field and was able to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation on Grabner until they were met by first responders on shore.

Bobusch, who has known the couple for more than 10 years, said she noticed



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Chris Leitch and Karlene Grabner are shown with their children Anika and Audrik.

earlier in the day Grabner seemed a little "off."

"Karlene does this funny laughing thing, and I thought she was laughing, but then I realized she wasn't laughing at all - she was seizing," Bobusch said. "When we hit shore and they took her away, that's when it hit me and I fell to the ground and started sobbing."

After reaching the hospital, a physician told the couple Grabner had a tumor the size of a lemon on the front of her brain and would need to be transferred to another trauma center immediately for a four- to seven-hour surgery.

**"It was unbelievable that both of us were going through the same thing. (The tumors) are different in scope - mine has more long-term effects - but it's still unbelievable."**

- Chris Leitch

"(The doctor) physically looked shaken when he told us," Grabner said.

Leitch, in disbelief, said, "Impossible. That is impossible. Statistically, that's impossible."

As it turns out, this wasn't the couple's first time dealing with brain surgery. In 2006, Leitch also had surgery for a brain tumor in his frontal lobe.

Before Leitch realized he had the tumor, he said he thought he had sinus polypus because he had pain in his head and could "feel something moving around." Leitch went into the doctor who then diagnosed him with a Prolactinoma, a type of

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# School transport

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to \$19,000 in bus passes for area schools to distribute to those in financial need. Jim Collins, city transportation/transit director, noted that the city annually receives about \$50,000 in revenues as a result of students using bus services, including that paid by students riding the bus. A one-way fare is \$1 for those ages 6 to 59 years old and a monthly bus pass is \$25 for unlimited rides.

Collins noted that free bus passes are not "free" in that someone has to pay the costs for service. The bus system has free pass programs for students and others with the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and Fox Valley Technical College, where costs



PHOTO BY TOM EKVAL

A supporter of expanded funding for public student transportation holds a sign during the joint workshop held last week by the Common Council and Board of Education.

are paid by revenue sources from the two colleges.

Oshkosh North student Elizabeth Frohn Hengst told those at the workshop about her frustrations getting to school and the embarrassment at times in asking others for money to get to and from school. Elizabeth said she was thankful for a Christmas gift of a bus pass for January, saying she often has to rely on public transportation. During the winter, she said there are days when it is cold and windy walking more than a mile to school.

Under state law, the district is required to provide transportation for those that are two miles or more away from school. Those living closer do not qualify for district-supported transportation unless they qualify under specified criteria, such as being homeless, have special needs or require special transportation accommodations.

The proposal for free bus passes received vocal support from some council and school board members. Councilor Jake Krause agreed it would be a wise investment. Board member Bob Poeschl also supported the proposal, but noted the problem is also a mobility issue.

Part of the problem is that bus service ends between 6 and 6:30 p.m. depending on the route and that many activities go into the evening hours, creating problems as to how someone would get home.

Poeschl volunteered he would be willing to chair a joint task group to deal with the bus transportation issue, to which Cummings said such a group should look at the broader picture facing the entire community. Poeschl noted that 10 years ago while working with a nonprofit organization, he put together a program funded through federal funds that provided taxi vouchers for persons to get to their destinations, such as work, appointments or other eligible purposes. Poeschl said there are funding sources out there that need to be identified and solicited.

Collins said expanding services into the evening would be expensive, noting that ridership drops significantly after 5 p.m.

Considine told workshop attendees that addressing the transportation issue can result in cost savings to the district, such as

reduced time by school social workers dealing with students over transportation problems and related mental health and stress issues involving the students.

As to free bus passes, School Superintendent Stan Mack noted that such a program has been underway in Appleton for more than five years, and has not resulted in any significant improvement in truancy. Mack said Oshkosh has an excellent truancy record, better than that for Appleton and the state as a whole, according to data from the state Department of Public Instruction. He questioned whether a free bus pass would improve the truancy situation, adding that there needs to be a clear indication of what impacts would be measured through the program.

School board member Barbara Herzog said that school district policy seeks "continuous improvement" and that something should be done and its impact measured. "We need to put something into effect," she said.

City Manager Mark Rohloff said the city is presently updating its five-year transportation plan, which he said should be done by early 2019.

In response to a question by Councilor Lori Palmeri about students carpooling as a possible solution, it was noted that state law prevents students having more than one non-family member in the vehicle.

Other topics discussed included recognition of Martin Luther King (MLK) Day as a holiday, use of the new Polco Civic Engagement Surveying service, and the effects on children raised in homes with alcohol and drug abuse.

At present, MLK Day is not celebrated as a holiday by either the city or the School District.

Mack noted that there are many events in the schools that take place commemorating the importance of King. He said the school calendar committee would be meeting in the future to discuss whether students should have the day off and holding staff development activities that day.

Poeschl said any recognition should be more than just a day off, stressing the importance of creating a "culture of understanding" about what King was able to accomplish.

## School board begins looking at superintendent candidates

The Board of Education will begin interviewing candidates for the superintendent of schools position next week and decide upon the finalists Feb. 15, who will be in the district Feb. 20 and 21 to meet with students, staff, parents, community members and other district partners.

The Board met in closed session Monday to discuss superintendent candidates

to replace Stan Mack II, who is retiring in June.

The application process closed Jan. 17 and intends to select the Oshkosh Area School District's next leader by March.

The board's executive session agenda also included consideration of employment, promotion or evaluation of other public employees in the district.

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## Community news briefs

### Dog recovering after crash that killed 2 women

A dog that survived a fatal car-train crash in December that killed two people is recovering from her injuries with steady veterinary and community care.

Elsa is exceeding her medical care team's expectations in her recovery after suffering multiple pelvic fractures in the car-train collision. Elsa was brought to the Oshkosh Area Humane Society after being found injured and bleeding the day after the accident.

With community help she was able to get the needed orthopedic surgery and is now recovering in a foster home. To help in her healing and to regain flexibility and ease of movement she receives therapy, including laser, range-of-motion and water-treadmill therapies under the care of Dr. Kendra Carlson, DVM, CCRT, at the Animal Referral Center Fox Valley.

"Elsa has amazed everyone by how well she's done through this whole process. She came to the shelter to visit shortly after her surgery and it was astounding to see how well she was moving even then," said OAHHS executive director Joni Geiger.

Once Elsa is cleared medically by her care team, she will be available for adoption through the Oshkosh Area Humane Society.

Shawn L. Schettle, 47, of Oshkosh pleaded not guilty in Winnebago County court to homicide by drunken driving and fleeing the scene as the driver of the vehicle. Emily N. Mueller, 37, and Jessica L. Roby, 43, both of Oshkosh, were killed.

### Riverside Park Ice Rink hosts family winter fest

The Winter Family Fest will celebrate the new Riverside Park Ice Rink from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday.

The rink is located behind the Osh-

kosh Convention Center and visitors can use the parking lot on Ceape Avenue. The outdoor event will offer music, games and food, with an inside warming option that will feature face painting, bounce house and a traveling magician.

Ice skate rentals will be available free courtesy of Dr. Eric's Skate Club and The-daCare. The rink is privately funded.

### North principal to take position at Kimberly

Oshkosh North Principal Jacqueline Schleicher will resign at the end of the school year to become principal at Kimberly High School.

Jacqueline Schleicher released a letter to Oshkosh North families announcing her plans to take the Kimberly position after eight years at North. She will start her new job in July.

Kimberly Principal Mike Rietveld said in November that he was retiring at the end of the school year.

### Student dance, luncheon set at North High School

The second annual special education dance/luncheon for public middle school and high school students is being held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Oshkosh North High School Field House.

The dance for students with significant disabilities provides a supported setting that builds a foundation for social relationships both inside and outside of school. A total of 82 general education and 68 special education students from the OASD will participate.

Local businesses have contributed goods and services toward the event. The dance will have a DJ, photographer, king and queen coronation, prizes and lunch.

## UW-Oshkosh explores budget gap solutions

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University of Wisconsin Oshkosh administrators are working to get ahead of a projected \$9.5 million budget deficit over the next two years brought on by continuing undergraduate enrollment declines that have been plaguing most other state UWs.

UW-Oshkosh Chancellor Andrew Leavitt wrote in a recent blog post that the university will concentrate on enrollment management with more recruiters, new strategies to track prospective students and expanded admissions marketing efforts. He said retention, progression and graduation numbers will be addressed through the University Studies Program, Student Success Collaborative, and by closing achievement gaps for students of color.

"The amount of revenue UW-Oshkosh brings in does not cover our expenditures," Leavitt wrote. "This leaves a deficit that we have traditionally covered with the use of unrestricted fund balances. This future is, in a word, unsustainable."

Tuition costs have been frozen at the state level at four-year campuses for the past five years and at the two-year campuses for eight, contributing to the revenue shortfall.

The University Resource Alignment Committee and the University Budget Development Committee will help lead implementation of a new university budget model in July.

For the first time in five years, first-year enrollment modestly increased over the

previous year after falling by more than 100 students per year. Leavitt wrote that retention from the first year to the second year is up from 76 to 77 percent with students of color leading the way with a retention rate of 79 percent. Applications, admissions and deposits also are up again this recruiting season for next fall.

Leavitt said additional non-general purpose revenue (GPR) will be raised through all other facets of the university, including program revenue, fundraising, grants and contracts, auxiliaries and external services.

Expenses tied to GPR funds will have permanent reductions as the university has permission from the UW System to decouple from the tuition target policy. Leavitt expects this to show a significant budget reduction by the university.

A self-imposed three-phase fiscal recovery plan to reduce spending by \$9.5 million in two years will include cuts in non-priority centrally budgeted items, targeting division and institutional units for budget reduction, and developing new revenue sources.

Leavitt emphasized a transparent process that will involve input from Shared Governance, administrators, Leadership Council and URAC, among other groups.

Enrollment modeling predicts a low point in total enrollment at about 8,500 full-time equivalent students in fall 2019 from a current enrollment of 9,145.

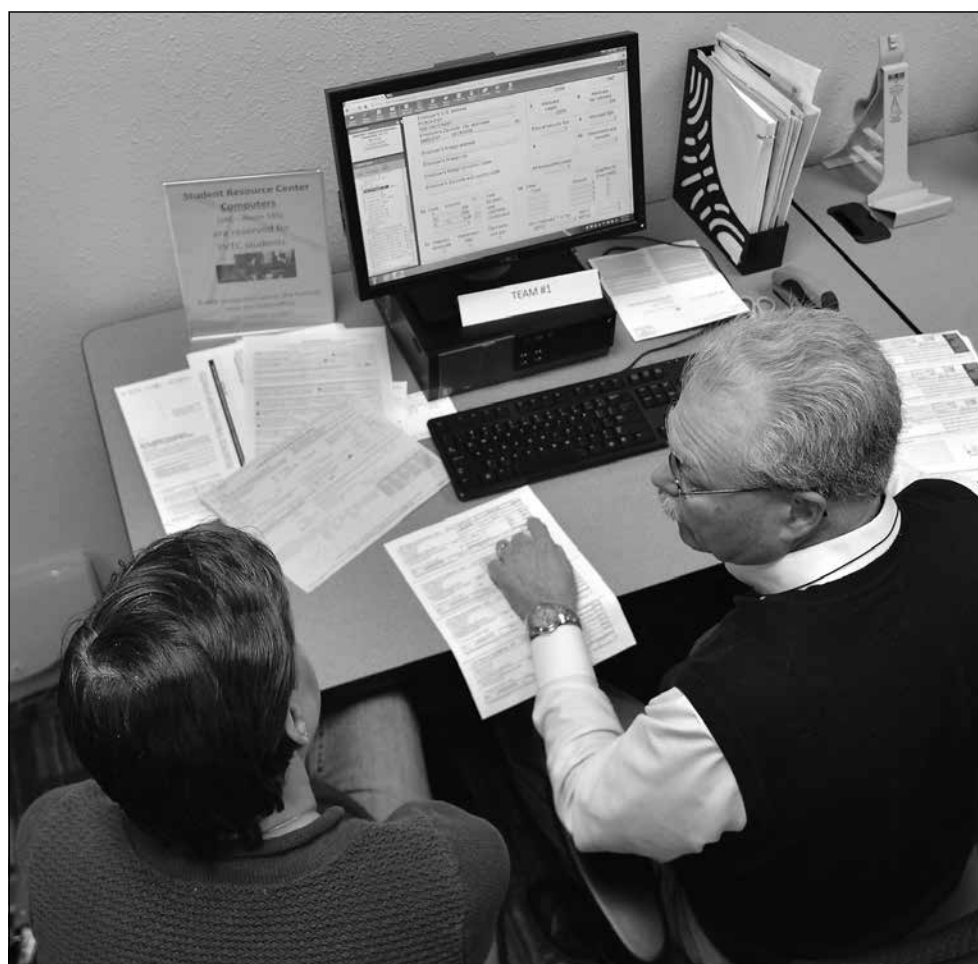


PHOTO BY MICHAEL COONEY

Tax preparation assistance is now available through two community programs sponsored by the Oshkosh United Way.

## Free tax help arrives to serve residents with different needs

By Tom Ekvall  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The 2018 tax season is here and free help is available for many Oshkosh residents who are elderly, have disabilities, or are low to moderate income households through programs sponsored by the Oshkosh United Way.

The tax assistance programs are part of the agency's community impact focus to help local families move toward financial stability and self-sufficiency.

The programs — Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) — have been well received here, according to United Way Executive Director Sue Panek, who said more than \$1.8 million has been refunded back to those assisted over the last seven years as a result of services provided by trained volunteers. The VITA program is popular with working individuals and families because it is offered on Saturdays, Panek said.

Those interested in getting tax help need to call the United Way office at 651-3060 to set up an appointment. Forms to help with the process can also be picked up at the United Way office in the Hooper Building at 36 Broad St. or at the Oshkosh Seniors Center, 200 N. Campbell Road. Appointments cannot be made at the tax preparation sites nor can people just walk in to get help.

Services for those 50 and older through the TCE program are available at the Oshkosh Seniors Center (South Building) each Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. without any income restriction to qualify.

Beginning on Saturday, the VITA program will be available to anyone on Saturdays, with similar hours at the Fox Valley Technical College Riverside Campus, next door to the Seniors Center. The qualifying income limit for the VITA program is \$54,000 or less for the household, whether

filing a single or joint return.

April 13 is the last date for getting tax preparation help through the volunteer programs.

Programs coordinator Kathy Dietz said that all volunteers involved with preparing tax returns receive extensive training and are IRS certified, some of them students at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. For UWO students, such as those majoring in accounting or business administration, they receive hands-on experience preparing tax returns and also improve their customer service skills.

She said there are limitations as to who can receive services, based on the complexities of their financial situation. Examples of people who cannot be served are those involved in a divorce because of marital property laws or who are running a business where there is depreciation of assets or having an inventory.

"Those just providing (professional or personal) services to others can be helped through the programs," Dietz said.

Examples include snow shoveling income or baby-sitting/child care so long as there is no depreciation of equipment involved.

The elderly program has been very popular with senior citizens, she pointed out, as it provides them with an opportunity to get out into the community, take advantage of other programs at the Senior Center and socialize. Last year the TCE program ranked fourth in the state as to the number of tax returns filed.

"There are so many things that they can do there at the center," Dietz said.

Another United Way initiative for filing tax returns is the website MyFreeTaxes.com, which is a free option for people who are comfortable working on a computer. MyFreeTaxes.com also provides a helpline for taxpayers using the program and is targeted at those who earn \$66,000 or less.



PHOTO BY ROB ZIMMER

Each month from November through March, Diane Lowe and Pam Elmer monitor bald eagle activity in Oshkosh as part of a larger effort to track their movements and frequency in the area.

# Eagle watchers from Oshkosh dedicate time to noble birds

By Rob Zimmer  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Every second Saturday of the month during late fall and winter, Diane Lowe and Pam Elmer of Oshkosh find themselves enjoying the rising sun from the frozen shores of Asylum Bay where they've volunteered their time bald eagle monitoring for the past six years.

The winter bald eagle monitoring program takes place at several locations along the shores of Lake Winnebago, Little Lake Butte des Morts and the Fox River between Oshkosh and Wrightstown. Volunteer eagle monitors spend 90 minutes beginning just before sunrise observing bald eagles on the move from roost locations to fishing locations near open water.

Lowe and Elmer became Oshkosh's eagle monitoring gurus after attending a seminar on bald eagles in 2011.

"Pam and I attended the informational meeting at Thousand Islands Environmental Center (Kaukauna) in 2011, where they discuss the eagle monitoring data from the previous year," Lowe said. "This includes the numbers and all the data provided by the monitors. After the meeting we asked if anyone was monitoring the nest near Asylum Bay in Oshkosh. They were not aware of the nest and asked us to provide them the exact location."

It wasn't long after that the team of two was offered the opportunity to monitor the nest location as part of the long-term monitoring project.

"After they verified the information and the nest location, we were assigned the nest for the 2012 season and have monitored it for the last six seasons," Lowe said.

A morning of eagle monitoring involves more than simply counting eagles. Eagle monitors take careful observation of weather and ice or water conditions, cloud cover, temperature, wind, fog and other statistics.

"We also track the wildlife we observe and we record any eagles we see as adults or immature and if they are roosting or perched," Lowe said. "When an eagle is sighted, we document the physical location, such as at the nest, in a nearby perching tree or other location. When the eagles take flight, we document which direction they flew and the same when they return. If they bring in nesting material, or food, that, too, is tracked. The time is also noted on all eagle movement."

The bald eagle monitoring season begins in November and runs through March, scheduled for the second Saturday of each month, regardless of weather conditions. Monitoring takes place during the winter because peak numbers of bald eagles move to open water along the river and lakes to fish and hunt.

Because of plentiful food availability locally, the Oshkosh eagle pair tends to remain near the nest year-round.

By late winter, nest repair and sprucing up is well underway for a new clutch of eggs that will be laid in late February into March.

"When we are monitoring eagles, Pam and I take turns watching the nest and their perching tree so we have both places covered," Lowe said. "The perching tree is just down from the nest. Pam documents all the information to include on the monitoring form, which is sent to our coordinator, Cheryl Root.

"The eagle monitoring project is a wonderful program and Pam and I enjoy monitoring greatly. It is a great way to assist the eagles, our environment and to spend 90 minutes in the great outdoors with a friend."

Find Rob Zimmer on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/RobZimmerOutdoors](http://www.facebook.com/RobZimmerOutdoors). Listen to Outdoors with Rob Zimmer, Friday 4-5 p.m. and Saturday 7-8 a.m. on WHBY, now in Oshkosh on FM 106.3.

# Community events

- Feb. 9**  
Wisconsin Herd Basketball, 7 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena, 1100 S. Main St.  
The Not-So Newlywed Game, 9 p.m., Backlot Comedy House, 424 N. Main St.
- Feb. 10**  
Oshkosh Farmers Market, 9 a.m., Merrill Middle School, 108 W. New York Ave.  
EAA Skiplane Fly-In, 10 a.m., Pioneer Airport at EAA, 3000 Pobereznay Road  
Masterpieces of the Valley Exhibit Opening, 11 a.m., Paine Art Center and Gardens, 1410 Algoma Blvd.  
Icefest, Noon, TJ's Harbor Restaurant, 7098 U.S. 45  
Cocoa Crawl, 2 p.m., Downtown Oshkosh  
Wisconsin Herd Basketball, 7 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena, 1100 S. Main St.  
The Not-So Newlywed Game, 9 p.m., Backlot Comedy House, 424 N. Main St.
- Feb. 11**  
Winter Family Fest, 11:30 a.m., Riverside Park Ice Rink, 2 N. Main St.
- Feb. 13**  
2018 Economic Outlook Breakfast, 7:15 a.m. Convention Center, 2 N. Main St.
- Feb. 14**  
Valentine's Day Dinner Magic Show: Now Serving Magic, 7 p.m., Paloma, 1160 Emmers Lane
- Feb. 16**  
Oshkosh Gun Show, 3 p.m., Sunnyview Expo Center, 500 E. County Y  
Polar Plunge, 5 p.m., Millers Bay in Menominee Park  
Comedy Improv Show, 9 p.m., Backlot Comedy House, 424 N. Main St.
- Feb. 17**  
Oshkosh Farmers Market, 9 a.m., Merrill Middle School, 108 W. New York Ave.  
Polar Plunge, 9 a.m., Miller's Bay in Menominee Park  
Oshkosh Gun Show, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center, 500 E. County Y  
Comedy Improv Show, 9 p.m., Backlot Comedy House, 424 N. Main St.
- Feb. 18**  
Oshkosh Gun Show, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center, 500 E. County Y  
REPLAY! Exhibit Opening, 1 p.m. Public Museum, 1331 Algoma Blvd.

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# Interfaith coffee group shares Common Grounds

By Alycia Fritschka  
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A monthly interfaith coffee gathering has been bringing together faith leaders and community members over coffee and allowing an opportunity to identify their shared interests.

Common Grounds has been building connections since 2011 in Oshkosh, where participants can briefly introduce their work as leaders to new members, do some standard networking, discuss current community and societal issues, and any other topics that come to mind.

Khurram Ahmed, president of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Oshkosh,

hosted last month's meeting at his home. Among the topics that arose were alleviating tension among the different cultures and religions within the city, embracing diversity, and the current mission of persuading the Common Council to allow children free city bus passes so they may always have a way to school when other options fail.

Among those at the gathering were Dawn Shimura, OASD English Language Learning coordinator; the Rev. Mike Bober of Emmaus Ecumenical Catholic Community; Tami McLaughlin, director of World Relief Fox Valley; William Van Lopik, ES-THER-Fox Valley, community organizer; and representatives of St. Raphael the

Archangel Catholic Church, All Saints Lutheran, Baha'l, Eckankar and the Native American community.

The group traces its origins to the Interfaith Festival of Gratitude held in November 2010 at the Grand Opera House, taking the place of an annual ecumenical Thanksgiving event organized by a handful of religious communities that took turns hosting.

"The Interfaith Festival of Gratitude started a new pattern," said festival organizer, Rev. Tom Willadsen of the First Presbyterian Church. "Having the festival at The Grand, a city-owned facility, put

it on 'common ground' rather than one congregation's turf."

About 250 people attended the first festival; 10 different faith communities were represented from eight different religions. Among those present was Connie Schultz, an Oshkosh resident who commented to Willadsen that people interested in building interfaith connections should come together more than once a year.

"As a result of this suggestion," Willadsen said, "Common Grounds was born."

Almost every month since January 2011, community members and faith lead-



WILLADSEN

ers of all kinds have gathered to share a beverage and learn about what other faith communities are doing.

"Sometimes, someone wants to promote an upcoming event or seek volunteers interested in a cause," Willadsen said, "When the county Heroin Task Force was getting started, they sent someone to Common Grounds, for example.

"There is no agenda, just brief introductions and open conversation. While events and causes are promoted, there is no proselytizing. People speak from their own tradition, experience and faith journey, and everyone is accepted."

Willadsen invites anybody who would like to attend sessions to email [pastor@oshkoshpresbyterians.org](mailto:pastor@oshkoshpresbyterians.org) to receive an invitation a few days before the next gathering.



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A casual discussion atmosphere is offered at the monthly Common Grounds interfaith meeting.

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# Oshkosh Corp. unveils new home base

## Headquarters design puts premium on flexibility, nature

By Dan Roherty  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh Corp.'s new global headquarters design unveiled last week emphasizes an open team workspace that connects to its waterfront surroundings and adds tributes to the company's vehicle expertise.

The four-story, 180,000-square-foot facility on the city's north-side Fox River shoreline will have capacity for 650 team members on the 32-acre site and includes a training academy, innovation center, wellness center and collaboration areas. The design by Performa Inc. based in De Pere features bent steel chevron interior beams and stone wall exteriors that contain a flexible work area that will be visually transparent from end to end with a mix of open common spaces.

Atrium walls are angled at 60 degrees as a leaning nod to the company's defense and emergency vehicles that are tested at that grade or slope for braking and stability. The multitude of Pierce truck colors available to their global customers are represented in the pads on the atrium stairway, and polished concrete floors will reflect the company's McNeilus cement mixer division.

Visual renderings and 3D viewing glasses showing all angles of the design were made available to city and corporate officials at the Menominee Nation Arena, but not before Oshkosh Corp. president and CEO Wilson Jones took time to praise and thank the many community entities that helped promote the company's decision to keep its corporate base here.

"The community support, I think our team would tell you, was overwhelming," said Jones.

Jones said the combined public and private efforts to promote the headquarters staying in the city was what tipped the final decision.

"It helped us really show that this is the place where we need to be and continue to win," he said.

Jason Havlik, Oshkosh Corp.'s vice president of corporate safety and facilities management, Performa CEO Doug Page and Oshkosh Mayor Steve Cummings also spoke at the design presentation. Neenah-based Miron Construction Co. is the general contractor for the project.

Jones said the headquarters search process wasn't able to have the transparency he or others would have preferred but is largely controlled by nondisclosure re-



The new Oshkosh Corp. headquarters design takes in the natural surroundings on the south shore of the Fox River.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL COONEY

Oshkosh Corp. CEO Wilson Jones talks about the company's new headquarters design at a presentation at the Menominee Nation Arena last week.

quirements and the potential financial impact of forward-looking statements when making such a decision.

"I apologize for the lack of communication but I hope you understand being a publicly traded company we just can't go out and talk about who we're talking to and how those things are going," he said. "That just wasn't possible for us."

With the trend of companies moving their headquarters to metro areas — Man-

itowoc Co. is taking its corporate base to Milwaukee and Caterpillar is shifting from Peoria to Chicago — there was pressure for Oshkosh Corp. to consider locations closer to similar population bases. Jones noted that JLG Industries is the company's largest business segment and based in the greater Washington, D.C., metro area, and close to some of the company's Defense segment interests.

Jones said the two- to three-month

process keyed on the commitment and "conviction" that potential locations were putting forward to work with the company's goals in creating a headquarters.

"In the end, I can't compliment enough the city of Oshkosh and how they came with a great offer. It wasn't the best offer but it was the right offer."

The headquarters location on about one-third of the Lakeshore Municipal Golf Course property leaves room for the city's ongoing shoreline trail initiative to add about a mile stretch along the southern shore and connect the Wiouwash and Tribal Heritage trails.

Jones presented Oshkosh Parks Director Ray Maurer with a \$600,000 check to help the Parks Department make that link and show the company's commitment to the city's public spaces in the wake of some opposition to the golf course location.

With 40 different locations in the Oshkosh area, the company's ongoing People First initiative identified the need to help reduce some of the employees' daily travel time to various offices that a headquarters consolidation could help address. "Not very efficient" is how Jones described the frequent need to budget extra time to get to meetings, along with the inconvenience and safety considerations that inclement weather can add to the trips.

The company has an Oshkosh HQ mobile app and website (www.oshkoshhq.com) to keep visitors up to date with building progress, which is expected to get underway in early spring at an estimated cost of \$19 million. Company officials noted the designs and renderings presented may change somewhat over time.

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# Sturgeon

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Koenigs said it won't be known until the second week of the season whether clarity becomes a factor in the harvest.

Spearers normally are aligned with a group, family or friends, often part of a larger fishing community that shares scouting information on conditions. Local fishing clubs and conservation groups put out their tree lines early and are maintaining access points and plowed roads.

Sturgeon for Tomorrow, formed in 1977 on the east side of Lake Winnebago, is one of the main conservation groups dedicated to the lake sturgeon with its four chapters. The West Central Chapter is based in Oshkosh.

The harvest caps for this year are 430 juvenile females, 950 adult females and 1,200 males, similar to last year's limits. License sales for the Lake Winnebago fishery (12,480) matched the previous season (12,479), Koenigs reported.

He said this season looks to be a lower forage year for sturgeon due to a poor hatch of gizzard shad last year and an apparent low abundance of chironomid (lake fly or redworms) larvae in the system.

Warm weather dominated last year's sturgeon season, with many spearers leaving the lake by the second weekend. Only two fish were harvested from the Winnebago System during the final six days.

A below-average harvest of 552 fish was registered from Lake Winnebago and 295 from the Upriver Lakes. The DNR reported a large gizzard shad hatch throughout the system in 2016 that was credited for some large fish being harvested. Eight percent of the Lake Winnebago harvest was larger than 100 pounds, along with 2.7 percent of those taken from the Upriver Lakes, the DNR reported.

One lake sturgeon is allowed per licensee, 36-inch minimum length, caught between 7 a.m. and 1 p.m. Spearers are required to register their sturgeon at a station by 2 p.m. of the day the fish is harvested. The carcass tag no longer must be attached immediately after the kill, but must be attached if the carcass is left unattended before registration.



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A sturgeon spearer keeps watch in his ice shack on Lake Winnebago during a recent season.

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### Upriver lakes

Critters Wolf River Sports, 700 W Main St., Winneconne  
 Indian Point Tavern, County H east of Tustin  
 Boom Bay Bar and Grill, 7884 Cut Off Lane, Larsen

# Grabner

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pituitary tumor that produces an excessive amount of prolactin. Luckily, Leitch said, this type of tumor is benign, but eventually required surgery to remove it because it was causing other hormonal imbalances.

"It was unbelievable that both of us were going through the same thing," Leitch said. "(The tumors) are different in scope - mine has more long-term effects - but it's still unbelievable."

About a week passed and Grabner was finally able to return home. But that's not where this story ends.

The couple experienced an outpouring of love and support from not only close friends and family, but from many in the Oshkosh community they didn't even realize they affected. Community members sent cards, flowers, meals and even offered to take care of their young children Anika and Audrik, at the time 9 and 2, because Grabner was on strict orders to be under constant supervision, and Leitch had to return to work to support the family.

"Relationships and friendships are undervalued to most people and you don't realize what the value is until something like this happens because this community and our friends really stepped up to, well, beyond what I could ever believe," Leitch said.

"I have a tub of cards I just went through the other day," Grabner said. "People sent us restaurant certificates, a cleaning lady was sent and paid for and we had hot meals here every day provided. It was incredible."

Angie Dodge, who has known Grabner since college, was very involved in her recovery. Dodge took the couple's children on overnights, drove Grabner to therapy appointments and, along with the rest of their friend group, made sure Grabner had everything she needed.

In fact, when Dodge learned of Grabner's seizure, she and her husband left their anniversary weekend in Door County to make sure Grabner was going to be OK.

"(Seeing the community) rally together didn't really surprise me at all, though," Dodge said. "Karlene and Chris are so prominent in the community, and always doing things for others, so it wasn't shocking that so many people wanted to help them out."

Today, the family is still focusing on recovery, but with a renewed purpose: to live life to the fullest and to be the best neighbors and community members they can.

"We're really blessed in this community," Grabner said. "There are a couple of people to this day I don't even know who they are ... but they still felt compelled to help us. It's really humbling. We couldn't have gotten through this without that support."



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# North boys hold off strong Kimberly team

By Morgan Van Lanen  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Senior guard Tyrese Haliburton scored 22 points for the Spartans en route to a 60-55 Oshkosh North victory over the Kimberly Papermakers on Friday.

Oshkosh North head coach Brad Weber said the grit his players showed in finishing out 36 minutes of hard-fought basketball shows the talent of his team.

"This is a pretty veteran group and so they have been through the wars," Weber said. "Last year a lot of these kids played meaningful minutes in a lot of tight games, so they know how to dig in. We work on that in practice every day; every drill we do is competitive. They are used to playing to win."

The win kept North tied for first place with Kaukauna in the Fox Valley Association. Kimberly remains in second place in the FVA, with Appleton West third.

Weber touched on the importance of Friday's game with Oshkosh North being ranked first in the state and Kimberly being ranked No. 6 by the Wissports.net boys basketball coaches poll.

"The neat thing about this game is that it gives you that tournament environment," Weber said. "And that you don't always necessarily get on a Tuesday night or like on a Friday night against Kimberly. We knew the opportunity that presented itself in a state-ranked team."

The Spartans won the tip, but were not able to get on to the board until 2:30 into the first half off a steal. Senior guard Quincy Anderson, who ended the game with nine points, was the first to score.

Kimberly took its first lead of the game 13-12 at the end of its seven-point run on a three-pointer with 11:10 in the half. Ju-

nior Dylan Krumrei answered with a three-point play to put the Spartans back on top.

Papermaker David De Valk was fouled while going up for a shot under the basket. The forward made both free throws to close out the half with Oshkosh leading 34-32.

Kimberly was on the board first in the second half off a three-pointer from Maxwell Dorn. The lead did not last long for the Papermakers as the Spartans quickly rallied with a three from Krumrei to make the score 37-35 with 15:15 to go.

At the 9:05 mark, Schiek stole the ball and was able to pass it to Haliburton for a dunk. This put the Spartans up 49-42.

The momentum swiftly changed back to Kimberly, which went on a nine-point run in under two minutes.

Oshkosh eventually took the momentum back and sealed the victory after a steal with 15 seconds remaining. Schiek made free throws to close the game at 60-55.

Haliburton, who leads the Spartans with 21.9 points per game, said it is all about finding a balance between shooting and giving his teammate opportunities.

"I think I'm a really unselfish basketball player, but I talk to Weber about also being a good selfish," Haliburton said. "It's just finding my spots and that's what I did tonight."

Haliburton said the depth of the bench and the versatility of the players is what has led to its success so far this season.

"I feel like the best part about our team is that any guy can get going at any time," he said. "Wes (Schiek) played really well for us tonight. We just had a lot of guys step up — Gout (Deng), Matthew (Hickey) — and that helps a lot."

North takes on the Hortonville Polar Bears at 7:30 p.m. Monday

## Fastpitch coach Suess named to state hall of fame

Oshkosh North girls fastpitch coach Cindy Suess is one of the 2018 inductees into the Wisconsin Fastpitch Softball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

For the past four years, Suess has coached North to an 82-31 record, two state tournament appearances and a conference title in 2017. Before that span, the team had one winning record in 16 years. Her husband, Graeme Robertson, has served as her assistant coach.

Previously, Suess coached softball at Verona for 12 seasons with a 228-49 record, five state tournament appearances

and eight conference championships.

She later was head coach at UW-Oshkosh for nine seasons, leading the Titans to a record of 229-140-1. She was named Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference coach of the year in 2007 and 2013. She guided the Titans to a league title and postseason berth in the NCAA Division III tournament in 2007, and a regional championship game in 2008.

Others being inducted into the hall are Don Bjelland, Grantsburg High School; Tom Drohner, Stevens Point; and Doug Mock, Oakfield.



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## Mat Rats, Lourdes vs. Rosholt

The Oshkosh Mat Rats and Lourdes took on Rosholt at the Jan. 30 Lourdes Dual Wrestling Meet. Matches included Brayden Klauer (Mat Rats) vs. Brandon Rzentkowski (Rosholt), Hunter Stelzer (Lourdes) vs. Blade Niewidomski (R), Zach Bartles (MR) vs. Colton Bianco (R), Mason Carpenter (L) vs. Blake Peskie (R), Jon Morrison (L) vs. Hunter Vierck (R), Eddie Schroeder (L) vs. Blake Peskie (R), Jaxen Lloyd (MR) vs. Hunter Vierck (R), Lukas Schroeder (L) vs. Colton Bianco (R), Drew McKay (MR) vs. Brandon Rzentkowski (R), Mason Klinger (MR) vs. Hunter Stelzer (L) and Jeremiah Chmielewski (MR) vs. Blade Niewidomski (R).



PHOTO BY MORGAN VAN LANEN

## Former North coach honored

Before the start of Friday's Oshkosh North basketball game against Kimberly, North's former head coach Frank Schade (left) was inducted into the North Athletic Hall of Fame. Schade announced his retirement last April after 31 seasons as the leader of the North program. He compiled a 437-234 record in his tenure there, capped by last season's 25-1 mark. He led the Spartans to five WIAA state tournaments, including back-to-back appearances in 2012 and 2013. Schade ended his career with the fourth most wins in the history of Wisconsin high school boys basketball with 609, having coached at Plymouth before coming to North. He is also the only person to be inducted into the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame as both a player and a coach.

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# Oshkosh West boys fall short against Brookfield Central, 63-58

By Charleigh Reinardy  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Oshkosh West boys basketball team got behind early and was able to rally in the second half, but ended up falling 63-58 in a nonconference game against Brookfield Central on Saturday night.

After trailing by 18 points at one time in the first half, the Wildcats were able to tie it up at 49 with 5:56 left in the game.

After free throws by Brookfield Central, a bad pass by West ended up in a turnover and then a foul with 26 seconds left in the game allowed Brookfield to make it 61-56 and seal the victory.

"I thought they showed a lot of resilience," West head coach Mike Johnson said. "We got out to a rough start and got down 18 at one point. They really fought and showed some grit, fought back and hung in there."

Karter Thomas scored a game high 22 points for the Wildcats while Derek Kroll added 18, Luke Haasl sunk 9, Ben Kohl added 3, and Tony Lancaste, AJ Ambroso and Riley Saginak scored 2 each.

"I've been playing and starting varsity since sophomore year," Oshkosh West's Kroll said. "I really try to jack the guys up, we have a lot of young guys on the team and I just try to tell them to work their hardest every second of the game and no less."

"(Kroll) really works hard," Johnson added. "Teams throw double teams at him and are very physical with him. He works really hard to get positioned inside and having that presence makes a difference for everybody and that will be missed."

The Lancers started off hard and had an 18-point lead almost halfway through the first quarter. It was hard for Oshkosh West to control Brookfield's Gage Malensek, who scored a game high 26.

Oshkosh West struggled to make layups throughout the game and made continuous fouls toward the end of the game, which contributed to the close loss.

Thomas ended the first half with a buzzer beater 3-pointer from just past half court to put West's deficit at 34-26.

"We missed a couple shots at the end and they made a couple shots," Johnson said. "That's basketball, you learn and grow from it and hopefully next time will have a different outcome."

It was a frustrating loss for Kroll after losing another close game.

"When I get frustrated, I don't take it out on any other players," Kroll said. "I just take it out on my play and continue to play as hard as I can. Anytime I get frustrated it actually just jacks me up to play harder, to go score, and to get my guys to score."



PHOTO BY CHARLEIGH REINARDY

Oshkosh West's Tony Lancaste challenges a shot by a Brookfield Central player Saturday night.

## Prep Sports Roundup

### BOYS BASKETBALL

#### Lourdes pick up win over Horicon

Led by a balanced offensive attack, the Lourdes boys basketball team picked up a 70-58 Trailways-East Conference victory over Horicon on Friday night.

Henry Noone had 16 for the Knights while Preston Ruedinger and Doug Ryan added 15 and 14 points.

Lourdes only led by four at halftime but outscored the Marshmen by eight in the second half. Connor Barfknecht added 10 points for the Knights.

Lourdes will pick things back up today when it hosts Wayland Academy.

#### West loses back-to-back games

The Wildcats dropped a 68-57 decision against Appleton West in a Fox Valley Association game on Friday and then lost a tight 63-58 game against Brookfield Central on Saturday.

In the loss against the Terrors, Derek Kroll led the way with 18 points while Luke Haasl had 15 and Karter Thomas had 14 – with three 3-pointers.

Bubba Thompson led the Terrors with 18 points.

They will face Appleton East on Friday.

#### Wayland runs past Valley Christian

The Valley Christian boys basketball team allowed 48 first-half points in a 86-63 Trailways-East Conference game played Friday.

Dan Dunn led the way for the Warriors with 20 points while Isaiah Wade had 16 and Aristidis Giannopoulos added 11. The Warriors will host Hustisford tonight.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

#### Lourdes picks up two wins

The Lourdes girls basketball team had an exciting week with two wins – but both were nerve-racking.

In Saturday's game against Shullsburg, the Knights withstood a rally after building a 16-point first-half lead to pick up a 66-63 win in a game played in Wisconsin Dells.

Alexis Rolph led Lourdes once again with 18 points and Quinn Godfroy chipped in 17. Hope Burns had 14 points – and hit 4 3-pointers in the win. Godfroy also hit four 3's for Lourdes.

Lourdes led 40-24 at the break but Shullsburg outscored the Knights 39 to 26 in the second.

**Lourdes 45, CWC 43:** In a battle of the top two teams in the Trailways-East Conference, the Knights won in exciting fashion to stay undefeated in conference play at 10-0.

After the Knights entered halftime with a 24-14 lead, CWC came back and had a 40-34 lead with just under three minutes left. Quinn Godfroy eventually hit a game-tying 3-pointer with 13 seconds left and then Rolph recorded a

steal and then made the go-ahead basket with just a couple of seconds left to give them the win.

Rolph led the way with 14 points while Hope Burns added 12. Burns scored all her points on 3-point shots. Godfroy and Maggie Berenz chipped in six points.

#### Oshkosh West falters in second half

The Wildcats kept it close in the first half but struggled to put up points on the board in the second in a 51-37 loss to Appleton West in a Fox Valley Association game played Saturday.

Trailing 26-25 at the half, Oshkosh West was outscored 25-12 in the second half. Callista Rochon-Baker led the Wildcats with 11 points while Anna Kaminski added seven.

West went 6-19 at the free throw line while Appleton West was 22-35. Christy Fortune led the Terrors with 17 points.

The Wildcats will host Appleton East on Friday night.

#### First half hurts North vs. Kimberly

The Oshkosh North girls basketball team got behind early in a 57-45 loss to Kimberly in a Fox Valley Association contest played in Oshkosh on Saturday.

The Spartans ended up outscoring the Papermakers by one in the second half, but only managed 17 points in the first half as they trailed by 13 at the half.

Ashley Wissink led North with 15 points while Emma Leib had nine points. Nya Kramer added eight points for the Spartans in the loss.

The Spartans will travel to face Appleton North today.

### WRESTLING

#### West fourth in FVA Tournament

The Oshkosh West wrestling team ended up fourth in the Fox Valley Association Conference Tournament on Saturday, while Oshkosh North was seventh.

Kaukauna won the meet, followed by Neenah and Appleton North.

Finishing second for Oshkosh West include Alec Hunter (106 pounds), Max Sanderfoot (120), and Edgar Heredia (170). Reese Thompson (138), Gabe Fannin (195) and Andrew Kalfas (285) all finished third while Josh Coopman (120), Loan Grota (126), Henry Foust (132) and Kevin Loos (160) added fourth-place finishes.

For North, Thomas Urben (126) and Dalton Holmes (152) finished second.

#### Kraus, Stelzer second in conference

The Lourdes wrestling team got two second-place finishes in Saturday's Trailways Conference Tournament.

Carson Kraus and Keagan Stelzer finished second for the Knights at 132 and 195 pounds. Kraus went 2-1 on the

day while Stelzer was 1-1.

Jack Dolan (heavyweight) was fourth with a 1-2 record while Camron Kelly was fifth at 126 pounds with a 2-2 record.

Jack Reinardy was sixth at 170 pounds.

Johnson Creek won the tournament with 223.5 points, followed by Princeton (146.5) and Horicon (139). Lourdes was 10th with 60 points.

### BOYS HOCKEY

#### Ice Hawks fall twice in Badgerland

The Oshkosh boys hockey team lost twice in the Badgerland Conference Tournament this last week, falling to Fond du Lac and Stevens Point Pacelli.

On Friday, Fond du Lac scored twice in the first period and added eight goals in the second to cruise to the win. Alex Held scored in the second period for the Ice Hawks while Logan Uecker added the game's last goal in the third period. Jack Strey, Andrew Grebe, Hunter Pouh and Mason Robertson were credited for assists for Oshkosh.

Nine different players scored for the Cardinals. Tyler Baumann had 27 saves for the Ice Hawks.

In Saturday's 3-1 loss to Pacelli, the Ice Hawks didn't get on the board until the third period when Jacob Sprister scored at the 9:31 mark on an assist from Logan Uecker.

After a scoreless first period, Pacelli got two goals from Carter Snyder in the second and then Snyder completed a hat-trick when he scored late in the third period.

Conner Klett had 43 saves for Oshkosh.

### BOYS SWIMMING

#### North/Lourdes, West in FVA meet

The Oshkosh North/Lourdes boys swim team finished fourth while Oshkosh West was fifth out of six teams in the Fox Valley Association Conference Meet on Saturday.

North/Lourdes finished with 296 points while West ended up with 283. Neenah dominated the meet, winning with 612 points while Appleton North/East was second with 441.

Eddie Hansen led the way for North/Lourdes with a second-place finish in the 100 breast (1:06.05) while finishing fifth in the 200 IM (2:18.13).

Grant Lattery added a top five finish in the diving competition, finishing fifth with a score of 291.10.

Adam McAvoy was sixth in the 200 Free (2:01.80) while Jack Leggett was sixth in the 100 back (1:04.16).

For the Wildcats, Andrew Groth had an impressive day with a first-place finish in the 500 free (5:02.06), while taking second in the 200 free (1:52.90). Joe Herrick was third in the 50 free (23.42) while Andrew Engedal was fifth in the 500 free (5:45.75).

Compiled by Alex Wolf, Herald contributor

# Gymnastics teams compete in Illinois meet

The Oshkosh Gymnastics Center Xcel teams competed at the 2018 Bravo Meet hosted by Phenom Gymnastics in Oswego, Ill., Jan. 19-21, where more than 1,300 athletes and 37 teams from throughout the Midwest took part.

The Xcel Gold team started the weekend with Myrah Lago of Oshkosh placing third on bars and fifth on beam in the senior division. Sylvia Butters of Oshkosh placed fourth on beam and fifth on bars in the junior division.

The Xcel Bronze team's Zoey Ceman of Oshkosh placed fourth on vault, third on bars and beam and third in the all-around in the senior bracket. Ayva Rouse of Oshkosh placed second on beam and fifth on floor in the same division. The Bronze team placed third.

The Xcel Silver team had five Oshkosh gymnasts compete in the child age division. Kiara Deppiesse placed second on vault, third on bars and beam and third all-around. Lily Mack of Ripon placed third on vault, second on beam and fifth all-around. Sierra Stang had a fourth on bars and beam. Chloe Gudex won the Xcel Silver junior division.

Andree Cardinal of Oshkosh placed second on beam and fourth on bars. In the Xcel Silver senior division, Ellis Coe placed fourth on beam, Savannah Swanke placed fourth on vault and Reagon Proud placed third on vault. The Xcel Silver team placed fourth.

For the Xcel Platinum team, Maeve



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## All-Around honors

*Zoey Ceman, Xcel Bronze team member and daughter of Todd and Jamie Ceman, performs on the beam at a recent Altius meet in Franklin, Wis. Ceman placed first in all four events and took first in All Around competition.*

Lasky of Oshkosh placed second all-round in the child age division. She placed first on vault, second on beam and floor, and fifth on bars. Emma Buss of Neenah placed fourth on floor in the Platinum junior division and Lucie Spanbauer of Neenah placed third on beam and fifth on bars in the Senior division. The Platinum team placed fourth.

The Xcel teams will compete this weekend with more than 4,000 other gymnasts at the Illinois Gymnastics Institute meet at Navy Pier in Chicago.

# Bolomboy, Munford named to midseason all-league team

By Ti Windisch  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Joel Bolomboy and Xavier Munford were both named to the Midseason All-NBA G League Team this week, and while both players were excited about the recognition they each were quick to credit the team around them as essential to their success.

Bolomboy, who averaged 17.6 points and 10.3 rebounds per game when he was selected to the team, said he felt that the hard work he's put in all season was acknowledged by the selection.

"It's good to have a good individual award like that," Bolomboy said. "It shows that my work is paying off. Credit to the coaching staff and to my teammates for putting me in good situations to perform at a high level every night out there on the court. I'm just trying to get better every single day, and I feel like that's what I'm doing, and people are starting to notice."

Munford was averaging 23.2 points and 5.1 assists at the time of the nomination, and he said there would be no single players being recognized if the team hadn't been doing so well all season.

"It's a good accomplishment," Munford said. "It's a testament to how good our team is. If we don't win, and don't play well, nobody really gets individual accolades."

The Wisconsin Herd went 1-1 in their two games this week, beating the Fort Wayne Mad Ants on Thursday but falling to the Memphis Hustle at home Saturday night in front of a packed house in the Menominee Nation Arena. Wisconsin is now 17-17 on the season, good enough for second in the Central Division.

Each game for Wisconsin was a tale of two halves. The Herd went down early against Fort Wayne, trailing 44-58 at half-time, but a strong second half propelled them to a 108-99 victory in hostile territory. Bolomboy led the way for Wisconsin, scoring 24 points on an efficient 11-for-18 shooting performance.

The Herd took a solid 61-46 lead over Memphis at half, but the team went on to lose 104-85 after a tough second half. Wisconsin head coach Jordan Brady credited the Hustle's coaching staff for coming out of the break with a different defensive look that stymied the Herd.

"They came out and played a zone defense on us, which I wasn't prepared for," Brady said. "It's squarely, 100 percent on me. We weren't able to do anything against their zone; it got them back into the game. I think their zone hurt our possessions offensively. We let that carry over to the defensive end of the floor."

Cliff Alexander, who scored 10 points in just nine minutes Saturday, said the team is still learning together after last week's roster moves and that with focus and perseverance the Herd will be able to get back to winning ways soon.

"We've got to maintain focus and not get so comfortable with the lead," Alexander said. "I think that was our problem, we got comfortable with the lead and then they came and threw that zone on us, we didn't know what to do, we couldn't score really on that ... we'll be all right, we've got a pretty good team."

Wisconsin has two home games Friday and Saturday before the All-Star Break.

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## Collaborate to Succeed 3 recruiting workshop set

Area workforce system partners are coming together again for Collaborate to Succeed 3, a winter workshop to discuss and share best practices to attract, hire and retain talent in the region.

The event is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 15 at Fox Valley Technical College's Riverside Campus, 150 N. Campbell Road.

Registration is \$75 per person, and includes lunch. Preregistration is required by Friday at <http://CollaboratingToSucceed-3FoxValley.EventBrite.com>.

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# Obituaries

## Arlene Horn

Loving Mother and Grandmother, Arlene Horn, age 90, was called home by her Almighty God on February 1, 2018 peacefully and with her family by her side. She was born on June 23, 1927 to Joseph Mascia and Goldie Keller at the Milwaukee Maternity and General Hospital. She grew up in Sheboygan and later in life she moved to and resided in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, where she remained for the rest of her life's journey.

On May 3, 1947 Arlene M. Horn married Herman J. Mueller. She and Herman raised four children, two sons and two daughters. She was widowed on December 11, 1980. A few years later, Arlene met Harold Horn, and the couple was married on November 5, 1990. She was again widowed on June 30, 1999.

Arlene was preceded in death by both her parents and husbands; her youngest son, Michael J. Mueller; and her son-in-law, Steven G. Voelkel. She is survived by her son, Daniel L. Mueller (Carol) of Arizona, her daughter Cynthia R. Voelkel of Oshkosh, her daughter Cathleen McMahon of Oshkosh, as well as 11 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

In her childhood, Arlene attended school in both Milwaukee and Sheboygan. Later on in life, she worked in the food service industry at the UW-Oshkosh

College and Field's Family Restaurant. She loved bingo and trying her luck at casinos. With her second husband, she also enjoyed traveling cross country throughout the United States and putting on her dance shoes to swing around the dance floors on Friday nights. She was a wonderful cook, often making tasty treats such as her famous apple strudel and her homemade noodles.

Arlene was a member of First English Lutheran Church in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. A visitation for family and friends will be held on Monday, February 12th, 2018 at the Konrad Behlman Funeral Home (Lake Pointe Dr) in Oshkosh from 4-6 p.m.; and also on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 from 9 - 11 a.m. at First English Lutheran Church in Oshkosh. The service will follow the visitation and begin at 11 a.m. with Pastor Timothy Greenwald officiating. Burial will take place at the Sacred Heart Cemetery at a later date.

The family of Arlene would like to extend a special thank you to the continuous loving care from the staff of Lake Point Villa Assisted Living. The daily kindness, attention and encouragement allowed our mother's days to be more enjoyable. All of you have a special place in the hearts of our family.

*A Letter from Heaven*

*When tomorrow starts without me, And I'm not here to see,*

*If the sun should rise and find your eyes, Filled with tears for me,*

*I wish so much you wouldn't cry The way you did today,*

*While thinking of the many things, We didn't get to say.*

*I know how much you love me, As much as I love you,*

*And each time you think of me, I'll know you'll miss me too.*

*When tomorrow starts without me, Don't think we're far apart,*

*For every time you think of me, I'm right there in your heart.*

*By Alena Hakala Meadows*

KONRAD-BEHLMAN  
FUNERAL HOMES

## Margaret Rose Stieg

Margaret Rose Stieg, age 100, of Oshkosh, passed away on Wednesday, January 31, 2018. She was born in Oshkosh on September 10, 1917 to the late Henry and



Gustie (Eurich) Koch. Margaret was one of ten children. On September 17, 1947 she married her husband of 69 years, Joseph Stieg, who preceded her in death just over a year ago.

Margaret enjoyed being a homemaker, entertaining friends and family often, and going out dancing with Joe. They often double dated with her sister Laura and her husband Ralph. She always remembered everyone's birthday with a card and gift of money. Margaret loved to cook and bake, her pies were the best!

Margaret was a lifelong faithful member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, attending services every Sunday that she was able. Margaret worked at the Telephone Company for many years, proudly retiring from there in 1978. Her and Joe enjoyed many wonderful benefits she earned from her hard work at the Telephone Company. At the age of 98, Margaret joined Joe at Parkview Health Center. It wasn't long until she took it upon herself to make sure that Joe always had what he needed, as well as assisting other residents. Most days she'd have a joke or two for the staff, they now share those same jokes with others.

Margaret is survived by her children: Maureen (Milt) Oldenburg, Gary (Patti) Stieg, grandchildren: David (Lauren) Oldenburg, Carrie (Devin) Gillman, Michael (Annie) Oldenburg, Rebekah (Josh) Knuth, Kevin Stieg, great-grandchildren: Graham & Nigel Oldenburg, Caitlyn, Ethan, and Megan Gillman, Henry & Malcolm Oldenburg, and her sister: Laura Dickson.

Margaret is preceded in death by her husband, Joe, her sisters: Ernestine Neubauer, Marie Ziebell, Ann Pausig, Kathryn Pryne, her brothers: Richard Koch, Donald Koch, John Koch, and Henry Koch, and her parents: Henry and Gustie (Eurich) Koch.

A funeral service for Margaret will take place on Friday, February 9, 2018 at Immanuel Lutheran Church at 11:00 A.M. with Pastor John Seelman officiating. A time of visitation will take place between 9:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. on Friday, February 9, 2018 at Immanuel Lutheran Church at 338 N. Eagle St. in Oshkosh.

The family of Margaret would like to extend a special thank you to the continuous loving care from the staff of Parkview Health Center. The daily kindness, encouragement, and foot massages, allowed her difficult days to be easier. All of you have a very special place in the hearts of our family.

In lieu of flowers, donations will be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church.

It has been an incredible 100 years, Rest in Peace, Mom.

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Funeral and Cremation Services

## Shirley R. Kluge

Shirley R. Kluge, 77, Oshkosh, passed away Friday, February 2, 2018. She was born January 29, 1941, in Oshkosh, the daughter



of the late Greg and Dorothy (Baier) Sitter. Shirley married Harry Kluge January 9, 1960, at Plymouth Church, Oshkosh. She was employed with Park View Health Center as a CNA up until the time

of her retirement. Shirley enjoyed collecting cookbooks, cooking, reading romance novels, gardening, and bird watching.

Shirley is survived by her husband, Harry; children: Wanda (Kevin) Lipp, Holly, Steve, Ken; 5 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren; a brother, Michael Sitter; sister: Bunny (Jerry) Lenz.

In addition to her parents, Shirley is preceded in death by her brother, Gary (Carol) Baier.

Funeral services will be held at Plymouth Church (1325 Georgia St) on Thursday February 8, 2018 at noon. Rev Rick Hopkins will be officiating. A visitation will be held from 10AM until the time of service. A burial will take place at Lake View Memorial Park.

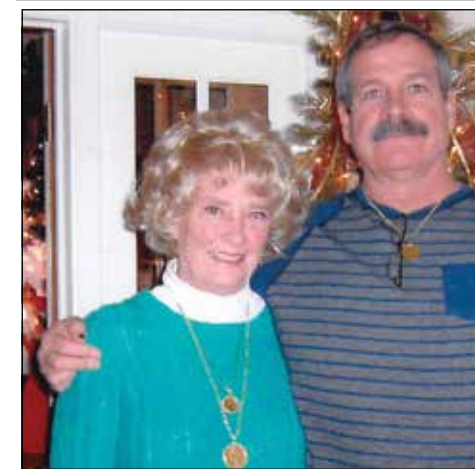
In lieu of flowers memorials may be sent to Gideon International.

We the family would like to thank the staff at Aurora Hospital for their excellent, compassionate, and loving care of our mother.

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# Engagement



## Rosemary Zuern and Steve LaPoint

Rosemary Zuern and Steve LaPoint were engaged Dec. 25; a spring wedding is planned.

# Wedding



## Kleveno/Stollfus

Claire Kleveno and Ryan Stollfus were married Jan. 20 at St Paul's Lutheran Church in Fond du Lac. Laurie and Jim Kleveno are her parents, who are from Oshkosh, and Ryan's parents Lisa and Chuck Stollfus are from Pickett.



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Morticia (Cora Strand) and Gomez (Dylan Ford) share a passionate Spanish embrace, demonstrating what it's like to be an Addams.

# 'Addams Family' presented by North at The Grand

Oshkosh North High School's production of "The Addams Family" opens at 7 p.m. today at The Grand and continues through Sunday.

Instantly recognizable in American pop culture, the Addams Family has been a part of the zeitgeist from the 1930s on, featured as a comic sketch, TV series, movies and now a musical.

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this gruesome tale would be perfect for a high school production at the haunted Grand Opera House," said director Bridget Duffy-Ulrich. "I am over the moon to have had such wonderful students involved in this production. The cast, crew and pit orchestra have moved towards the darkness and welcomed the unknown in presenting this crazy show."

Based on Charles Addams' original macabre cartoons, the Addams Family does not hide from their traditions or beliefs. By embracing the darkness and mortality of life we can be human and find love and acceptance.

Other shows are scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are available online at <https://thegrandoskosh.showare.com> or by calling the Grand Box Office at 920-424-2350. Prices are \$8 for children 10 and under, \$10 for students and seniors, and \$14 for adults.



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