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Polling shows majority wants open space over golf course

By Patty Brandl

Oshkosh could look forward to a new park rather than a ninehole golf course if the Common Council follows the recommendation of the Advisory Park Board.

After listening to comments from attendees on both sides of the issue at its Feb. 12 meeting and discussing the input, the Board voted 5-2 that 70 acres of land at the former Lakeshore Municipal Golf Course should be used as a public park that would not include a smaller golf course. The land is the remainder of the property from the city-sanctioned sale in November of about 32 acres to Oshkosh Corp. for its new global headquarters.

According to city bylaws, boards and commissions can recommend legislation, but it's ultimately up to the Common Council to

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Photo by Patty Brant

Keegan Langkau asks the Advisory Park Board for consideration of a smaller golf course that his group would own, operate and manage at the Lakeshore site.

SANE nurses at service of violence survivors

Aurora program enlists trained specialists for trauma patients

By Samantha Strong

Domestic violence is a term that has, unfortunately, become common in today's society, but the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program at Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh has been providing a place of solace for domestic violence survivors for more than 10 years.

This program is run by full-time supervisor Brenda Doolittle, RN, DSN, and 10 part-time nurses specifically trained to take care of sexual assault patients as well as patients traumatized by domestic violence, trauma, abuse and strangulation. Doolittle has been supervisor of the program since August 2014 and a SANE nurse since 2009.

"Nobody knows where to go when something like this happens," Doolittle said. "We typically spend three to five hours with each patient after they come to us in a one-on-one appointment gathering information and documenting exactly what

happened, their injuries and any history of assault. We can also provide emergency contraception and medication to prevent STIs."

The SANE office is in the emergency department of Aurora Medical Center Oshkosh, 855 N. Westhaven Drive. The program has its own office with a private room, a couch and chairs.

"We try to make our office really relaxing," Doolittle said. "We have lavender oil in

a diffuser, too. We want to make (our office) a healing environment. It's really private."

The 10 part-time nurses take 60 hours of call each month, but Doolittle said she hopes to bring in at least three more nurses. Patients are typically brought in by the

police after suffering a trauma, but Doolittle said sometimes patients walk in to the office seeking help. The program sees patients of all ages.

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After photographs of the survivor have been taken and all evidence has been gathered that could help paint a complete picture of what happened for court records – and prosecution if desired and necessary – the survivor has the opportunity to work with an advocate from Reach Counseling.

"At the exam, we are there to provide emotional support," said Marianne Radley, Reach advocacy program director and volunteer coordinator. "We work with the SANE nurses to make the survivor feel supported and comfortable."

Radley has been at Reach for nine years. Reach provides support to SANE patients after their initial exam, including legal advocacy, therapy and emotional support. Advocacy services are provided for free, and therapy staff can bill insurance, but also work on a sliding fee scale.

"We will never turn anyone away if they can't pay," Radley said. "Trauma is hard and we want to remove as many barriers as we can."

The number of patients seen each year by SANE nurses has grown exponentially. In 2014, nurses only saw 39 patients. In

2015, 100 were seen. In 2017, the number of patients seen rose to 143. Doolittle attributes it to not only a rise in reporting, but also the rise in community engagement and education.

The program has an education budget, which includes support to go into local communities and spread awareness of sexual assault prevention, and where to go if something happens. SANE nurses go into area schools, visit health classes and even train the Oshkosh police about the services the program provides and how it can help someone affected by a sexual trauma. The program also has a booth at local music festivals Country USA and Rock USA.

"Cases we've been seeing have become more violent, and unfortunately, we've been seeing more children," Doolittle said. "I think more women are feeling courage since others are coming forward. They feel like they can tell their own story. I think people are just fed up with being silent, so more are having courage to speak out."

While Doolittle has been running the

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Native artifacts get attention at site

Findings not expected to delay Oshkosh Corp. headquarters

By Patty Brandl

Preliminary findings from an archaeological review of a portion of the former Lakeshore Municipal Golf Course slated to house the Oshkosh Corp. global headquarters suggest the dig will not affect the progress of the project, Public Works Director James Rabe told Common Council members at their Feb. 13 meeting.

What the site review will affect, however, is the budget. Currently funded at \$50,000, the council gave approval for City Manager Mark Rohloff to adjust the amount for the Archeological Data Recovery Plan to about \$184,000. The dig is often



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a necessary component in the construction process, and city staff realized initially that the probability of finding early Native American artifacts would be high, as the site is listed with the Wisconsin Historic Preservation Database, which is operated by the Wisconsin Historical Society.

Kelly Nieforth, Oshkosh Economic Development Services manager, said the city commissioned the UW-Milwaukee Cultural Resource Management program to conduct the site study and recovery plan. Unlike a similar process last summer when Bay Shore Drive was reconstructed and produced human remains, Nieforth said the findings of this dig are expected to be different.

"This site has not been identified as a burial ground," she said. Much more likely, findings will include tools, implements and other discarded materials from either a Native American village or some type of dumping area from around 900 to 1200, which is described as the late Woodlands period.

A contentious issue between those who sought to keep the golf course as public park land and others who emphasized the importance of keeping close to 450 jobs in the city, the Council unanimously voted Nov. 7 to offer the land along the Fox River near Lake Butte des Morts to the Fortune 500 company, which is the state's largest federal contractor. Oshkosh Corp. announced its decision to accept the offer later that month, also by a unanimous vote.

Rohloff told Council members that a shovel test of a 5-meter grid provided insight for the recovery of artifacts. After the final reports from UW-Milwaukee and the Wisconsin Historical Society, Nieforth said, the next step would be a mitigation plan for removal of found artifacts so the land is clear for the headquarters construction. Depending on the weather, demolition of the former Lakeshore clubhouse is currently planned in about a month.

As to the artifacts found, the city would like to direct any substantial or somewhat intact items to the Oshkosh Public Museum. Nieforth said that while the state historical society makes the final decision as to their allocation, the organization often prefers that the artifacts remain in the general area where they've been found.

The Oshkosh Public Museum could be storing most or all of the cultural artifacts,

according to a Feb. 16 memo from museum director Brad Larson. While the amount of material is currently unknown, Larson said there may be a large number of items found in multiple layers from various eras. The museum could be asked to store anywhere from 10 to 125 banker boxes of material, with the higher number putting the museum's storage at maximum capacity, he said.

Storage facility denied

The former J.C. Penney property will still be up for grabs after a proposed largescale personal indoor storage facility in the strip mall at 2175-2185 S. Koeller St., where it intersects with South Park Avenue, failed to gain Council approval.

U.S. Storage Depot planned to make some changes to the current property to set it up for 360 personal storage units and

"It's a very difficult site in the city of Oshkosh because of the airport overlay zone," Rohloff told the Council.

Winnebago County and Federal Aviation Administration regulations leave few options for the type of development that can occur there. Hotels, residential facilities and restaurants, while they might be a good fit for the proximity to Wittman Regional Airport, are precluded from locating there for a variety of reasons, particularly as places of "public congregation," according to the Wittman Regional Airport Zoning

Council members recently approved the development of a large storage facility on the north side of the Interstate 41 corridor as part of the Oshkosh Avenue TIF

"Let me get this straight," said Councilor Lori Palmeri. "We're allowing a largescale personal indoor storage of bookends on either end of Koeller Street?" she said. "Because we have U-Haul up at the north end of Koeller and Oshkosh Avenue, and now we're looking at another one?"

Rohloff told the Council that the City Plan Commission had some of the same concerns, although it ultimately voted to recommend the storage development.

Councilor Jake Krause cited worries about its location in the area being called "The Gateway to the City."

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The former J.C. Penney property at South Koeller Street and South Park Avenue failed to gain Common Council approval as an indoor storage facility.





Park land

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pass it. The resolution is expected to appear on the Feb. 27 Council agenda.

The results of a recent survey on the issue using a new city polling software system, Polco, showed that the majority of respondents - about 72 percent - said they would prefer a park over the 28 percent who wanted an executive-style (nine-hole) golf course. Of the 1,029 respondents, 539 were registered voters and 937 were "self-reported" city residents.

In a breakdown of the poll results by age, all groups voted for a park. But those that came out the strongest (91 percent) for a community park with a variety of park and recreation uses were in the 18 to 29 age group. Close to 42 percent of those polled aged 50-69 said they preferred a nine-hole "executive-style" golf course (a shortened, lower-par course). Noting that Polco representatives were "confident" in the poll results, calling the sampling a "good snapshot of the population," Parks Director Ray Maurer said other factors, like resident input, in addition to the poll would definitely play into the final decision.

"It's just one tool that the city is using," Maurer said. "The Council needs to take

all of it into consideration."

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Maurer pointed



March in order to provide direction to Parks Department staffers on whether to maintain a few of the current holes on the property. He also talked about the high cost of using the acreage as a golf course, which would need expensive infrastructure, irrigation,

expected to come through the property. Board member Megan Schuessler asked, "Does this city want to be in the golf

chemical treatments and staff to maintain

it. Space would also be an issue, consider-

ing ponds, wetlands and a roadway that's

Oshkosh resident Dan Buttke told the board he has played golf at Lakeshore for years and would like to teach his five children to play there as well. The city shouldn't let the golf course disappear, he said, because it would be too expensive to put one in later on.

David Borsuk, a Plan Commission member, said he was in favor of "green space and a passive park."

"It's what best meets the needs of the community," he said.

An unexpected proposal came from Keegan Langkau, who asked the board to consider a smaller executive-style course that his group would own, operate and manage. This concept, he said, would allow the rest of the property to be used for

Although Board member Bill Gogolewski called the proposal "a game-changer," and asked for further consideration of the plan, Maurer said it would not be a good idea to mix golf with an open park space, citing safety issues. Another factor was the need for a decision that would work with the impending timeline of the project. After discussion, the 5-2 decision was reached, with Board members Gogolewski and Terry Wohler voting in the mi-

Maurer said the sampling in the survey was very indicative of what the public

"I hear park and open space versus golf," he said.

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EP lab provides cutting-edge cardiac care

By Jan Padron

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in America, defined by a range of conditions that affect the heart including blood vessel diseases such as coronary artery disease, heart rhythm problems and congenital birth defects.

With the number of people affected by heart disease growing, many hospitals are working on developing comprehensive cardiac care programs. At Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh, one part of their program is the Electrophysiology (EP) Lab.

"Look at the heart like a house. You have different specialists for different things," said Becky Berg, director of cardiac and oncology services at Aurora Medical Center. "The cardiologist is like the plumber focusing on the muscle and the vessels whereas the electrophysiologist is the electrician, focusing on the rhythm, or wiring, of the heart."

Providing care for patients who suffer from atrial fibrillation or AFib, heart palpitations, syncope and conditions that require implanting a pacemaker or defibrillator, the EP lab houses state-of-the-art equipment that makes many procedures far less invasive, while at the same time gives a far better look at the heart.

"We have the ability with 4-D ultrasound imaging systems to map the heart," said Berg "It gives our team the ability to look at a heart from all angles. It allows them to see by color what part of the heart may or may not be responding."

In addition to comprehensive care, Aurora is focusing this month on spreading information about the importance of heart health

"One in four people will die from heart



Photo by Jan Padron

The Electrophysiology Lab at Aurora Medical Center offers the latest equipment for noninvasive looks at the heart.

failure," said Berg. "It's time to be educated about the numbers."

According to Berg, there are five numbers every patient needs to be aware of: their waist size, blood pressure, body mass index (BMI), cholesterol and blood sugar levels

"Just like the other important numbers you know in your day-to-day life including birthdates, checking account balances, anniversaries and car mileage, you need to know what your health numbers are," she said.

Once you know your numbers, she suggests working with your health care provider on a plan.

"Being an educated patient is important," Berg said. "It allows you to ask more questions and develop a solid plan. It can be as simple as quitting smoking, walking more, losing weight, or improving your overall health to manage heart disease."

Berg also stressed the importance of knowing the signs of when you might need to see the doctor.

"If you have heart palpitations, pain, a fast or a slow heartbeat, feel dizzy or light-headed, you should contact your primary care provider," she said. "These are just some of the warning signs that something might be wrong, don't ignore them."

Write Your Life effort coming to Oshkosh

In partnership with John Hobbins, who works with service clubs and international book clubs in the Oshkosh schools on behalf of the Rotary Clubs, Park View Health Center will be bringing the Write Your Life project to Oshkosh from Feb. 26 through March 2.

The event is sponsored and supported by the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, Oshkosh Area School District, Oshkosh Southwest Rotary Club, and through state Civil Money Penalty Funds granted to Park View Health Center.

In the morning sessions, Ibtisam Barakat, founder of Write Your Life seminars, will speak to International Book Club students in Advanced Learner Programs at Perry Tipler Middle, Oaklawn Elementary and Washington Elementary schools.

Barakat will oversee four afternoon sessions at Park View. High school students will be paired with about 24 Park View residents to begin writing the residents' life stories. The finished compilations will be presented in book form to the participating residents and their families later in the spring.

Barakat is scheduled to present on her own life story and her commitment of helping others to write about their lives at 6:30 p.m. March 1 at Sage Hall, Room 1210, at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.

Barakat is an author, poet, translator, artist and educator whose writings have been translated into numerous languages. Her companion memoirs, "Tasting the Sky: A Palestinian Childhood," and "Balcony on the Moon, Coming of Age in Palestine," won more than 20 awards and honors.

For more information, contact Kathy Glander, Park View administrative coordinator, at 920-237-6901 or kglander@co.winnebago.wi.us.

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Neighbors with common cause turn to coordinator

GO-HNI gets groups with civic ideas off the ground

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

How do you get residents to engage with each other to strengthen their neighborhood as a desirable place to live?

This is the challenge — and opportunity — that excites Shelly Reinke, program coordinator for Greater Oshkosh-Healthy Neighborhoods Inc. (GO-HNI). Reinke works behind the scenes helping Oshkosh residents who are interested in starting a neighborhood association as well as serving as a resource person for existing neighborhood groups.

She said her interest in getting residents involved in creating healthy neighborhoods started when she interned with the city Planning Services Division while a student at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh majoring in urban planning. She was involved in a baseline survey of residents on the east side of Oshkosh about how they felt about their neighborhood and access to amenities. The survey area involved the Fox River to Packer Street, and Main Street to Lake Winnebago.

"I was on a bus tour of neighborhoods in the fall of 2010 in Oshkosh looking at housing conditions," Reinke said. What stood out, she said, was the message that residents must take ownership of their area if improvements are to be made. The message came from David Boehlke, a national consultant and neighborhood strategist, who was brought in to provide guidance for the local healthy neighborhoods movement. Boehlke stressed the importance of neighborliness and resident involvement, saying that behavior or changes can't be enforced.

The bus tour was part of a healthy neighborhoods initiative funded through the city and the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation. A partnership was later established with NeighborWorks, a national organization, to provide organizing help.

"I want to do that," she reminisced about her interest in helping residents organize, and became the program coordinator in Oshkosh for NeighborWorks. Today, the neighborhood-strengthening activities are accomplished through GO-HNI, a local nonprofit community development corporation formed in 2016 dedicated to



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Assistant city planner Steve Wiley (from left), assistant city planner Alexa Naudziunas and program coordinator Shelly Reinke with GOHNI look over a neighborhood associations map.

strengthening Oshkosh neighborhoods by engaging residents, encouraging reinvestment, and elevating community pride through creating partnerships for the benefit of residents. Present board members include city officials, a Community Foundation representative, neighborhood leaders and business professionals.

The Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods Alliance serves as an important component of GO-HNI and meets monthly bringing together representatives from all the neighborhood associations and city staff. The group created a guide for residents interested in organizing a neighborhood association and is planning a second guide to be completed by the end of 2018 to help existing groups as to future planning. The organization also assures that recognized Oshkosh neighborhoods have input and decision-making into issues that affect the physical conditions and quality of life in the place they call home.

Early neighborhood groups working with her were the Middle Village, Stevens Park and Millers Bay neighborhood associations. Reinke said the organizing leaders were actively engaged in the community and wanted to do something about their neighborhoods. Later other groups organized, some adjacent to each other. Today, there are 15 neighborhood associations in Oshkosh that are formally recognized by the Common Council and able to qualify for city funds to improve the livability of

Reinke said her work involves informally working with those interested in forming a neighborhood association, stressing that her role is to provide community-building and engagement guidance, strategies, and a link to other resources, such as the City Planning Services Division and their neighborhood planners.

"It's up to the residents to determine how they want their neighborhood association to be, such as their name and boundaries, said Reinke. "I will provide suggestions and some information to help them with their efforts, but it is up to them to do the organizing work and make the final decisions."

She said the organizing work can take as little as several months to as long as several years. "It all depends on the energy of the leaders," adding that sometimes a pressing issue can expedite the process.

The first step is forming a core group to discuss the idea with others that might want to become involved. Reinke said the more people involved at the start, the more talent, skills and abilities will be available for the association.

"Sometimes, it's three to five people getting together," she said.

Neighborhood associations can include residents, landlords, businesses and churches or civic groups.

Neighborhood branding is important to create identity, Reinke said, adding that she and city neighborhood planners will work with them to establish a brand name and logo for their group.

"A sense of identity for the area is important as it brings residents together for the collective good," she said.

Another important element is social interaction — residents getting to know

their neighbors. Most of the groups, she said, have newsletters, a Facebook page, events and committees to increase social interaction and get the word out on what is happening in their area.

"It is also important for neighborhood groups to just have fun through people being together," Reinke said. With this in mind, groups hold block parties, plan social events, have dinners as part of their meetings, and host walking tours of their neighborhood.

A third important aspect of the organizing process is creating a vision about the future of the neighborhood and its potential

Reinke said the winter months are a perfect time to begin the organizing process as a core group so that community building can be planned by summer months and later. She is already working with one area that is considering forming a neighborhood group on the east side of the city.

"It's all about building trust and relationships," Reinke said.

Often the size of the neighborhood may include about 300 homes so that it does not become too large or unmanageable to get things accomplished, she said. Sometimes both sides of a street will be included in the boundary and others may have only side. City planning staff can provide maps and other data to help with finalizing boundaries.

"But it is up to the neighborhood to establish their boundaries," she said, so long as it does not overlap another boundary of a city-recognized neighborhood.

When not assisting neighborhoods, Reinke spends time working to increase affordable housing in the community as part of GO-HNI's mission, which includes providing housing assistance in Oshkosh neighborhoods through the purchase and rehabilitation of deteriorated housing units.

The organization recently completed rehab of an acquired property at 561 Bowen St. in the Menominee South neighborhood that is now for sale. GO-HNI has an office at 404 N. Main St., Suite 605. Being a one-person staff and out of the office much of the time, Reinke can best be reached at 920-230-2717 or at shelly@gohni.org. The organization has a Facebook page called Greater Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods Inc.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The SANE office in the emergency department of Aurora Medical Center has a private room for those needing its services.

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SANE Program for nine years, she recognizes there's no way she could accomplish what needs to be done without the help of her staff. Each nurse in the SANE Program is trained as a forensic nurse, which is different than a sexual assault nurse in that forensic nurses are trained to handle strangulation, child abuse and domestic violence in addition to sexual assault.

Each nurse completes 40 hours of adolescent and adult training, and another 40 hours of pediatric training. Nurses in training also go through a shadow period before they are on their own. The total training period can take up to three months.

"Everybody reacts differently to trauma, and we need to individualize care for each patient's reaction," Doolittle said.

One of the SANE nurses, Ranee Wright, said it is incredibly important for each of the nurses to practice good self-care as this line of work can be incredibly stressful and emotional. Wright has been a nurse for 14 years and with the SANE Program for a year.

"I don't know if I would say I have a favorite part about doing this work, however, it feels good to know that you can help someone at their greatest time of need ... when they might have lost trust in people," Wright said. "My goal is to provide everyone with enough strength and resources to face what is coming up in the days ahead and handle what is next in their life."

Wright said one of the most misunderstood parts of her line of work is that not everyone understands they do not necessarily need to have insurance to seek medical attention for sexual assault – specifically having Aurora as an in-network provider.

"There are programs available to assist in covering costs," Wright said. "I have heard so many times at different outreach events people commenting on not having (coverage). There are so many options and resources available, and we can help you."

Details about the program can be found at aurorahealthcare.org/healing-advocacy-services or through the 24-hour crisis hotline at 414-219-5555. To reach the Oshkosh SANE Program office, call 920-456-7420.

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Legal services come to aid of elderly victims

By Tom Ekvall HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Do you know someone who may be a victim of elder abuse?

If so, there is a program available in Oshkosh, and statewide, that provides free civil legal services to those being abused physically, sexually or emotionally; neglected, or a victim of a financial scam. The program is provided through Legal Action of Wisconsin, which has an office in Oshkosh. Services can also be provided to those experiencing self-neglect even though this situation is not a crime.

Kristina Ebbott, an Oshkosh-based attorney with the Elder Rights Project, said the project seeks to help elder abuse victims in Wisconsin become safe and independent, stabilize their lives, and meet their emotional and physical needs. Elder victims or acquaintances may call a statewide toll-free hotline number (844-614-5468) for intakes and referrals.

Ebbott said seniors are increasingly finding themselves targets of financial exploitation and physical/emotional abuse.

"Elders are trusting people. Sometimes it takes a while before they realize they have been taken," Ebbott said. Also, many are lonely and have become susceptible to attention given them by others. Consequently, they may at first not want to alienate

She said sometimes the abuses may involve a family member or friend, which makes seeking help difficult for them. The elder victim must consent to working with a project attorney for services to be provid-

"Many are scared and intimidated by their abusive situation," Ebbott said.

Financial abuse can involve obtaining

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Nicole Zimmer,

Legal Action of Wisconsin project director

a person's money, property or belongings through deception or force, abuse of financial authority involving power of attorney (POA) or guardianship, use of financial information through identity theft and forgery of documents.

Warning signs of abuse can include unexplained injuries, poor physical condition, basic needs unmet, unusual banking activity and sudden transfers of property/assets, disappearance of financial documents or checkbooks, strained or tense relationships, changes in personality or behavior and becoming withdrawn.

She said the project, which began in October 2016 through a federal Victims of Crime Act grant, can provide only civil legal remedies such as obtaining a restraining order against someone or negotiating with a landlord if an eviction is involved. Being a new program, Ebbott has been spreading the word to other organizations, such as domestic abuse agencies, the county Aging and Disabilities Resource Center, the court

system, other lawyers and civic organizations. Funding for the Victims of Crime Act comes from fees and fines imposed on criminals.

Other services that can be provided at no cost include obtaining protection orders, review and revocation of abusive POAs, foreclosure defense, recovery of money and/or property, obtaining needed public benefits, drafting simple advance planning documents, and providing information and referrals to collaborating agencies. The project does not handle personal injury (tort) cases or criminal cases.

Hotline calls are reviewed weekly through a video teleconference by Legal Action Attorneys throughout the state and decisions made as to follow up. Ebbott handles those calls involving Oshkosh area residents. To qualify for services, people receiving help must be 60 or older and have a civil legal need related to victimization. There are no income or asset limits and no criminal charges, convictions or police reports are required.

According to a report by Nicole Zimmer, statewide project director, elder abuse is a hidden epidemic affecting 10 percent of those 60 and older, 50 percent of those with dementia, and as few as 1 in 23 cases reported with fewer being prosecuted. Zimmer also noted that the Wisconsin Dept. of Health Services reported that 6,437 claims of elder abuse were filed in 2014, a 95 percent increase from 2001.

"We are proud to bring them free legal services, provided by attorneys who have in-depth knowledge of victimization, trauma and the impact diminished capacity can have on a case," said Zimmer.

More information is available from Ebbott at 920-233-6521, extension 6025.

Business notes

Deb Allison-Aasby is the new senior vice president at Menominee Nation Are**na.** She is responsible for day-to-day operations of the arena. In addition to her new duties, she retains her role as a Windward Wealth Strategies financial planner and relationship manager. Allison-Aasby joined Windward Wealth Strategies in April. In addition to volunteer work with nonprofit organizations, she has served on the Oshkosh Common Council for nearly seven

First Weber Realtors' Oshkosh office has named four new sales associates. They are Tanya Albrecht at 920-619-8894, Cindy Smits at 920-327-0805, Tessa Zimmer at 920-410-3130 and Lisa Dvorachek at 920-651-9623.

Marketing and advertising agency Candeo Creative donated nearly \$55,000 to Wisconsin nonprofits in 2017. The total is the cumulative dollar value of monetary donations, work done in kind, discounts given to nonprofits, and waived web hosting fees and purchasing. Staff at Candeo Creative also completed more than 880 hours of work for charity in 2017. Every employee receives eight hours of paid time off to volunteer with an area nonprofit.

The Oshkosh Area School District is seeking candidates to serve as substitute health assistants. Qualified applicants must be either a licensed practical nurse or a registered nurse. The substitute rate of pay for health assistants is \$17.57 per hour. To request an application or for more information, contact Jenni Johnson, substitute staff coordinator, at 920-424-1254 or jenni. johnson@oshkosh.k12.wi.us.



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Local grocer makes best of access limits

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Most retailers would be hard pressed to survive if access to their store was vastly limited for more than 18 weeks, but one local grocer took advantage of the decreased traffic to increase offerings and update their facilities.



surrounding areas for over 40 years!

Mark and Susie Grunwald, owners of Piggly Wiggly since 2011, made improvements to the store at 525 E. Murdock St. during road construction that closed traffic access on Murdock Street between Harrison and Bowen. Realizing decreased customer counts, the Grunwalds were able to maintain regular staffing hours for their team members while updating areas of the store and adding new features.

The deli offers new selections for lunch and dinner, including a 6-foot salad bar, wing bar and a three-tier walkaround deli

Along with updated produce cases is an eight-door Beer Cave that boosts Piggly Wiggly's domestic and craft beer offerings.

Piggly Wiggly's focus on customer service also helped during the extended road closure. Customers detoured their way to shop at the Pig. Team members in every de-



New features have been added at the Piggly Wiggly deli and bakery in Oshkosh.

partment are willing to assist with a smile.

Judy Fischer, a self-proclaimed loyal Pig shopper, said she and her husband prefer Piggly Wiggly to other grocers in town. "I like the fact meat is in smaller packages without asking," she said. "The produce is great and the bakery is delicious. And I like

WineFeast coming April 28 to Best Western downtown

The annual WineFeast celebration has only a limited number of tables left to reserve for its April 28 event at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center.

Cellar Select is a wine and five-course dinner experience from Fin 'N' Feather, Primo, Gardina's, Best Western and Tamara's the Cake Guru from 5 to 8 p.m. with a short program and live auction.

Night Cap, a post-dinner event from 8 to 10 p.m. and open to Cellar Select guests,

offers wine, beer and appetizer samples from area restaurants, along with jazz music by the Mike Kubicki Quartet, raffle items and more than 50 silent auction items.

Auction items can be donated by contacting WineFeastAuction@gmail.com to coordinate pickup or drop off the item at the Boys & Girls Club.

Reservations are available at the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh, 501 E. Parkway Ave., 920-233-1414, at \$125 for individuals and \$1,000 for a table of eight.

Artifacts

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"Once this goes in there, it's there and you can't get rid of it," Krause said. "Not a lot of businesses want to go next to a storage unit facility. It kind of kills the old Walmart property too. If there's a storage unit there, there's going to be nothing next to it."

After more discussion, the Council voted 6-0 to deny it. Councilor Debra Allison-Aasby was not present at the meeting.

Planning Director Darryn Burich said the no vote does not just deny the conditional use permit, it also denies the planned development.

While the company can apply for the permit again, according to the city code, Burich said it's a long shot.

"Generally if you fail this the first time, it's not favorable - especially after a 0-6 vote."

Oshkosh Avenue corridor

Rabe presented an array of options from the Joint Workshop on Traffic Impact Analysis for Oshkosh Avenue for roadways that will be discussed and decided at a fu-

Options include a four-lane undivided street with turning options at Westfield Street; a four-lane divided street from Koeller Street to Eagle Street; a two-way, five-lane with left-turn lanes from Koeller Street to Eagle Street; and a three-lane twoway with left turn lanes from Eagle Street to the Fox River. Some options include the addition of a terrace.

Depending on the selection, costs could run anywhere from a base price of \$940,000 to \$4.2 million.

Mayor Steve Cummings said, "The four-lane divided would be the best as it's the Gateway to the City."

Chamber business survey finds strong growth optimism

Of the chief executives and business owners who participated in the Oshkosh Chamber's Annual Business Outlook Survey, 76 percent reported sales increases in 2017 over the previous year, 79 percent indicated that profits were up, and 86 percent increased wages.

In the survey results summarized by Chamber president and CEO John Casper, 88 percent of business leaders said that sales will outperform the previous year's sales level and 60 percent expect to add employees, while 40 percent indicated they are having trouble hiring qualified employ-

The survey found local manufacturers plan to increase their raw material inventories in the first quarter of 2018 compared with the same quarter a year ago, according to 92 percent of the responses. In the first quarter of 2018, 61 percent of retailers, wholesalers and manufacturers anticipate a higher volume of finished goods inventory over the previous levels.

Business leaders indicated the state is heading in the right direction in terms of the business climate, according to 84 percent of the respondents, and 76 percent indicated the U.S. business climate is headed in the right direction. Only 59 percent believed the nation was headed in the right direction last year. The top three public policy issues facing Wisconsin were identified as growing health care costs, the labor shortage and tax climate.

The survey found Oshkosh business leaders inclined to be bullish on 2018, citing the defense contract production by Oshkosh Corp. and its selection of Oshkosh for its future corporate campus, the addition of the Menominee Nation Arena and Wisconsin Herd, a diverse business base, an emerging information technology business sector, higher employment rates and stronger consumer confidence.

The Oshkosh-Neenah area unemployment rate was 2.4 percent in December, down 0.8 percent from a year ago and the lowest since October 2000, according to the state Department of Workforce Development. Wisconsin had an unemployment rate of 2.7 percent while the U.S. unemployment rate was 4.1 percent, not seasonally adjusted.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported the total civilian labor force in the Oshkosh-Neenah MSA climbed from 92,525 in December 2016 to 93,518 in December 2017, a 1.1 percent increase, while total employment grew from 89,546 to 91,292, a 2 percent increase. Over that same period, the total number of unemployed dropped 25.3 percent, from 2,979 in December 2016 to 2,226 in December 2017.

Hourly earnings for the area averaged \$23.10 in December, while weekly earnings increased to \$796.95. Both earnings levels were the highest since the Bureau of Labor Statistics started tracking in 2007.

'Romeo and Harriet' presented at West High

The Oshkosh Recreational Department presents "Romeo and Harriet," a musical tragi-comedy directed by Tracie Schlaak and performed by kindergarten through eighth-grade students Feb. 23-25 at Alberta Kimball Auditorium at West High School.

Tickets are \$5 for adults or \$4 with a nonperishable food item, and \$3 for seniors and children under 12. All donations go to the local food pantry.

Performances are at 7 p.m. Feb. 23, 2 and 7 p.m. Feb. 24, and 2 p.m. Feb. 25.



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Paine presents floral design exhibition

Rooms of Blooms at the Paine Art Center and Gardens celebrates the art of floral design within the settings of the historic Paine estate from March 1 to 11. The show features more than 100 artistic fresh floral creations by talented designers in the region.

The interiors of the Paine mansion will be bursting with floral arrangements and creations, and the conservatory will feature a large-scale floral display. From single artistic arrangements to elaborate table settings and entire room installations, the show will be a delight of sights and aromas.

Photography is allowed during Rooms of Blooms and photos can be posted on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter using #Roomsof Blooms.

Floral designers and creative experts will present educational programs about the art of floral arranging as well as many other topics related to flowers, gardens, landscaping and entertaining every Friday and Saturday throughout the day in the Carriage House.

The programs are free with paid admission to the show and no preregistration is

Masterpieces of the Valley, the Paine's current exhibition, is the backdrop for Rooms of Blooms. The exhibition features European and American landscape paint-



Paine Art Center presents its floral creations inside its estate from March 1 to 11.

ings dating from the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Hours for the exhibit will be from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$8 for ages 5-17; free for children ages 4 and under.

Oshkosh Symphony performs at Waters

The Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra invites members of the community to attend an intimate evening of classical music March 8 at The Waters to support the symphony's 76th performance season.

The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with a cash bar and a sit-down dinner prepared by Becket's Restaurant. Music will be provided through the evening by trios from the symphony and UW Oshkosh's music faculty.

A string trio consisting of Yuliya

Smead, Sharon Tenhundfeld and Katherine Decker and a woodwind trio composed of Andrea Gross-Hixon, Laura McLaughlin and Carol Rosing will perform.

"We really wanted to showcase how musicians from throughout the community play with and support our professional symphony orchestra," said Tenhundfeld, who serves on the symphony board of di-

The evening will include the ability to sponsor individual players within the

orchestra as a way to help fund its chamber concert at the Grand Opera House on April 14 and the orchestra's 77th concert

Tickets at \$100 per person or \$750 for table of eight are available by calling 920-216-2622 or emailing Info@oshkoshsymphony.org.



Pop culture characters featured at Museum

Favorite pop culture characters are now on display at the Oshkosh Public Museum as REPLAY offers a multimedia group exhibition that draws inspiration from popular science fiction, movies, com-

With more than 30 pieces on display, using both traditional and unexpected media, the selected group of artists have put a playful, modern spin on how these iconic characters are seen today. Guests will find references to fan favorites such as PAC MAN, Wonder Woman and Darth Vader.

"This collection of works showcases the inspired energy that drives pop culture and makes geek enthusiasts of us all," said Debra Daubert, curator of exhibitions. "REPLAY celebrates these iconic characters and the comic books, stories and animation from which they are found as part of our own modern mythology. Just as folktales, fairy tales and ancient myths say something about the cultures from whence they came superheroes, mystical warlords and space explorers are our heroes, our stories, and commentary on our society."

Dave Pollot has been known for his ability to merge classic and contemporary stylings with a bit of tongue-in-cheek humor. The artist paints a second life onto the repurposed canvases he finds at thrift stores, including Flyin' Solo, an elaborate turn-of-the-century seascape with what appears to be a visitor disrupting the harmonious beach day, the Millennium Falcon



REPLAY celebrates the iconic characters of the 1980s through comic books, stories and

preparing to land.

"Most everything that I've painted was based around something from my childhood, something that I've grown to love," said Pollot. "The characters bring people together and give us something to root for, they give us something we can all believe in, and REPLAY allows us to re-experience these important icons through an artistic lens."

REPLAY will be on display at the Oshkosh Public Museum through May 13. Regular hours are from 10 a.m.to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday.



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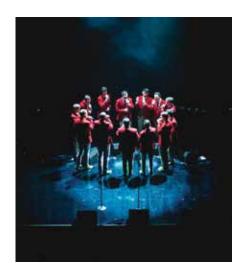
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Oshkosh North High School

Honor rolls for the first semester at Oshkosh North were announced. Highest honors were given for a grade point average of 3.7 to 4.0; high honors went to 3.50 to 3.749; honors went to 3.00 to 3.499.

Michelle Thao Lianna Thao Raven Thibodeaux Brent Thompson Jaime Thor Shea Thull-Rost Spencer Tierney Kyle Tierney Záchary Tjúgum Meg Traska Jackson Traska Thomas Urben Alyssa Valdez Grace Vanderhei Chiencheng Vang Pa hmab zong Vang Trace Wagner Avani Walker Morgan Walker Noah Walter Catlin Wesner David Willadsen Paige Wilson Pahouaci Xiong Mandy Xiong Katalina Xiong Abuk Yak George Yanacek Maxwell Yanacek Ka Bao Yang Pa Yang Gizem Yazici Olivia Youngbauer Lucas Zellmer Jared Ziemer

High Honors

Rama Al Sakka Shereen Alkarad Anna Allen Jaiden Alsteen Quincy Anderson Jared Angle Alyssa Applebee Almonte Emma Armstrong Wyatt Baughman Trinity Benicke Britney Biedscheid Elijah Billstrom Mollie Bittner Ella Black Bailey Boelter Kyra Boushele Kaylyn Brand Jasmyne Buck Akiwele Burayidi Rachel Butkiewicz Braden Christie Carson Cook Nathan Cysiewski Gout Deng Haleigh Dodge Lynsey Domiter Jayda Douglas Derek Drexler

Brooke Ellestad Devlin Evans Tess Fitzhenry Noelle Frank Gabrielle Gauthier Samuel Gengo Brandon Genz Gregory Gibson Michael Grant Hailee Gross Kaitlyn Grusczynski Lauren Hahn Alina Harmon Willow Hawley Mathena Higgins Ethan Hinderman Reis Hitz Isabella Hodgen Phoenix Hvde Sophia Isham Seth Jaber Leila Kamel Autumn Kephart Grace Klug Breanna Kluz

Olivia Komorowski John Konrad Natalie Lamere Kauldon Larson Ethan Lenz Taryn Leverance Megan Leverance Elle Lieder Destiny Lo Wesly Lo Peter Loewenstein Krzysztof Long Doua Ci Lor

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Teagan Patton Caleb Paulick Kayley Paulick Alexandra Pecore Mikayla Przekurat Hanna Reichenberger Kennedy Rommelfanger Caleb Rosenberg Zoe Rucinsky Kamonchanok Sakchaisomboon Erin Schallhorn Benjamin Schlichting

Wilhem Schmidt Valerie Seeley Sierrah Stadtmueller Kelssie Steger Ethan Stelzer Audrey Stephenson Sydney Supple Scott Swanlund Pa Ci Thao Hlee Thao Gabriella Trimble Rose Vang Lili Vang Hattie Verstegen Bryce VonHolzen Summer Walker Anna Weidemann Patricia Weiss Kaleb Wendler Gao Nou Yang Ger Yang Genevieve Youngbauer

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Lili Gelhar

Lily Meyer

Molly Moore Kaleb Neitzel

Olivia Nielsen

Lucas Schettle

Sara Saiyed Cormac Sammons

Kegan Schlichting Maverick Schry

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Seniors Highest Honors

Dylan Krumrei

Talon Kujawa

Taylor Kwasny

Aaron Kunz

Andrea Beecher Maggie Berenz Samantha Boehm Adam Degler Michael Dudenas Abigayle Giese Quinn Godfroy Delaney Gresser Nick Hwang Haley Klysen Zak Li Lily Pollack Sarah Schori Isabel Tobin Carly Vandenhouten Alex Wagner

High Honors

Connor Barfknecht Lauren Bullard Hailey Droessler Amanda Hu Andrew Kennebeck Iacob Kroll Steven Lee Nicholas Pearlman Marshall Pecore Aaron Perpich Megan Thomas

Honors Nicholas Danielson Hannah Fabisch Michael Frank Carson Kraus T. Jackson Moore

Tyler Zaffke

Juniors Highest Honors

Nathan Kaull Isabel Kelly Louie Ko Dylan Konop Trevor Krentz Joseph Park Magdalena Payson Olivia Sorenson

High Honors

Rachel Aasby Janice Cho Jacob Diker Thuan Dinh Gwendolyn Gruber Miroslav Hradsky Sophia Laib Calvin Larson Cherry Lee Ava McGuire Henry Noone Alexander Parkin

Grace Dahl Jack Dolan Audrey Flora Emily Holland Benjamin Huizenga Gabriel Javier Leo Lee Ellie MacKenzie

Dorottya Zsiboracs

Trevor Bengson Sarah Bullard Aubrey McDermott Jakub Mino Clarisse Muterateka

Seraphine Kabogora Alexis Rolph Ian Sobojinski Morgan Thiel

Leah Edwards

Lourdes Academy

Lourdes Academy has released its second-term honor roll for the high school and second-quarter honor roll for the middle school. Highest honors are for a GPA of 3.75 to 4; high honors are 3.5 to 3.74; honors are 3.25 to 3.49.

Trent Trofka Marley Wesenberg

Honors Ryann Belter Peter Gross Maxwell Lippert Tony Ni Alexander Pettibone Charleigh Reinardy Carter Wesenberg

Sophomores Highest Honors Nathan Barfknecht

Caden Chie Claire Chier Patrick Derleth Joely Hurkman Sophie Jensen Sydney Kelly Regan Kraus Keely Mains Gavin Meyers Ellen Moore Nataly Neitzel Sophia Nielsen Noah Ralofsky Claire Vandenhouten

High Honors May Qing Dunn Addison Masini Rosa Natalia Melendez-Giron

Keagen Stelzer Honors Tate Fabisch

Hollianne Horton Tyler Johnsen Freshmen

Highest Honors William Frank Gavin Gresser Hannah Helfrich Ashley Holland Hannah Kettner Jayden Lewan Mia Maslowski Liberty Mugerauer William Navin Brock Pecore William Pollack Nora Sammons Charlie Weber Cooper Wing

Logan Wolff

High Honors Brooklyn Baker

Trevor Bullock

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Bradley Butkiewicz

Iasmine Chambers

Ioshua Bauer Alexis Beyer Hope Burns Peter Chartier Jackson Huizenga Peyton Kane Timothy Kaull Jack McKellips Jack Reinardy Nathan Slagter Jocelyn Spady Christine Starshak Mia Verburgt

Honors

Jillian Bauman Tyler Budde Haleigh Gibson Ryan Kroll Tom Lee Macy Rahmlow Preston Ruedinger Rilev Studinski Michael Tushar

Eighth Grade Highest Honors

Valley Christian School

Nicole Cunningham Thomas Derleth Adrianna Geddes Jacqueline Gruber Mackenzie Havlik Marshall Koch Alexa Luquin Madison Peerenboom

Camille Clark

Hailey Huisman Willow Hunn

Jonathan Huser

Josephine Izzo

Kaniziyo Iradukunda

High Honors Michael LaMore Porter Lippert Aidan Pettibone Iack Seibold

Gavin Stelter

Honors Dominic Kane Carson Krumrei Shaela London Ioshua Pritzl Bennett Rahmlov

Seventh Grade **Highest Honors** Ben Gardner

Sixth Grade Highest Honors Addyson Hafemeister Kathryn Johnsen Steven Clark Isabelle Dietzler Parker Kilde Owen Konop Margaret Kriege

Emma Dillenberg Alexandra Doemel Benjamin Gonzalez Avery Halla Kyle Hipple Riley Jerger Jackson Kriege Sophia Lillibridge Jaden McKellips Caden McKone Charley Mullen Ethan Olson Enriaele Ortega Solveig Schmidt Riley Schneider Ella Slusarski Alaina Sobojinski Melanie Tushar Sommer Wermes Mitchell Wing Isabella Zaffke

High Honors

John Concepcion Brooke Hoeper Jonathan Morrison

Honors William Bowman Jade Donner Midori Jungwirth Nathan Lewan Calvin Tollard

Sixth Grade B Honor Roll

Giannopoulos, Anna Johnson, Madison Lehman, Josiah Matiash, Macai Miller, John-David O'Brien, Norah Schreiber, Alyssa Stelter, Marley Wright, Stella

A Honor Roll

Duehring, Allison Freund, Rebekah Getz, Henry Mueller, Chloe Oetken, Ezra Peterson, Rinah

Wallace, Katie Beth

Seventh Grade B Honor Roll

Harvey, Joslyn Matiash, Leo Walker, Desmond Walker, Elayna

A Honor Roll Matiash, Iosie

Patterson, Leah Rolston, Grace Santistevan-Alvarado, Jaedah

8th Grade **B Honor Roll**

Geffers, Joshua Geffers, Tiffany

Valley Christian School released its first-semester honor roll. The B Honor Roll includes students with a GPA of 3.0 to 3.66; A Honor Roll is 3.67 to 4.0 or higher.

Gutierrez-Kuhaupt, Cielo Whitton, Lauren

A Honor Roll Arndt, Ryan Fink, Hannah Freund, Caleb Kehoe, William McFarlane, William

Ninth Grade **B Honor Roll** Arndt, Rachel

Francis, Jaden Heinen, Isaac Kienast, Abigail Lehman, Joshua Nehring, Rachel

A Honor Roll

Canlas, Hope Griese, Dalton Gutierrez-Kuhaupt, Isaias Liao, Huiying Nackers, Emma Wade, Elijah

10th Grade B Honor Roll

Dunn, Madyson Giannopoulos, Yianni Haydin, Rylie Rolston, Joel

Harvey, Alivia

A Honor Roll Lehman, Amelia Wade, Isaiah

11th Grade **B Honor Roll** Abel, Shavla

Curtis, David Graf, Marcus Knitt, Rebekah Simpson, Holly Van Maanen, Kayla

A Honor Roll Deng, Xinpeng

Gehrke, Aiden Griese, Diego Gutierrez-Kuhaupt, Nehemias Hubbard, Rachel Kehoe, Kelly Nackers, Ryan Peterson, Elizabeth Schein, Brogan Wu, Enlai

12th Grade **B Honor Roll**

Geffers, John Paterson, Jordan Strenn, Bethany Wallace, Anthony Whitton, Elijah Xiao, Jie

A Honor Roll

Dakoske, Emma Dunn, Daniel Giannopoulos, Aristidis Harvey, Henry Lehman, Annaka

Highest Honors

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Summer Ross

Avery Saginak

Ionathan Salzsieder

William Scheuermann

Alexis Schaefer

Christian Schiek

Maggie Schiessl

Delaney Schloesser

Mia Schlotthauer

Kami Schlotthauer

Michael Schmidt

Oshkosh West High School

Honor rolls for the first semester at Oshkosh West were announced. Highest honors were given for a grade point average of 3.7 to 4.0; high honors went to 3.50 to 3.749; honors went to 3.00 to 3.499.

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Alyssa Jungwirth Andrew Kalfas

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The Oshkosh Area Community Foundation and the Fox River Scholarship Center congratulate the students who made the honor roll for the fall semester. When the time comes, remember the Fox River Scholarship Center to help you find and apply for hundreds of scholarships in Wisconsin. Keep up the great work!





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EAA's Hops & Props beer, food event returns

Beverages from around the world accompanied by fine food and music highlight this year's edition of EAA's Hops & Props tasting fundraiser from 7 to 10 p.m. March 3 at the EAA Aviation Museum in Oshkosh. Proceeds support EAA's education pro-

More than 300 beverages are available from microbreweries and distributors, along with food stations, coffees and desserts. This year's food offerings are supplied by The Machine Shed in Appleton. Hops & Props tickets include entrance to the museum, a prepared tasting guide, commemorative tasting glass, food and live music.

"Hops & Props has become an extremely popular event for attendees and the food and drink exhibitors alike, with the fun festivities all supporting EAA's efforts to supply free community programs through the year," said Kelly Zanders, EAA's senior event coordinator. "EAA can reach more people in the Fox Valley with museum programs and activities through the support of those who join us on this one-of-a-kind evening. It is definitely a fun evening with a greater purpose."

Hops & Props offers an opportunity to meet master brewers and understand the distinguishing characteristics of ales, lagers, and hybrid or mixed styles of beers. Attendees can learn about the brewing process and history, and become a discerning beverage

VIP beer dinner tickets are sold out for the more intimate food and drink sampling experience. This year's event is host-



EAA's annual celebration of beer and fine foods returns to the Aviation Museum on March 3.

ed by 3 Floyds Brewing of Munster, Ind., and Becket's Restaurant of Oshkosh.

General admission tickets are \$75 each in advance, and sales are already reported strong for those. Available tickets can be purchased through EAA's secure website. Tickets purchased at the door are an additional

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Our mission at the Day By Day Warming Shelter is to provide safe, temporary shelter, food, and supportive services for adults. We advocate for collaborative, locally driven solutions for those experiencing homelessness in our community. We envision a community where all have access to safe housing and the other basic necessities for life.

Day By Day is not just a warming shelter, but a place for second chances. We create an environment of dignity and respect to empower our guests to take charge of their own situations. We offer resources and support to ensure they do not walk the road to self-sufficiency alone.

Day By Day collaborates with ADVOCAP, Forward Service Corporation, HUB, St. Vincent de Paul, County Human Service, Salvation Army, Veterans Services, and the Workforce Development Center, to work one-on-one with guests to help them develop goals for long-term stability and self-sufficiency.

Funding for Day by Day's annual operating budget is based on the generosity of people like you: local businesses, foundations, and faith communities.

Day by Day appreciates and relies on community's support, whether it's providing items on our wish lists, attending one of our annual fundraisers, or volunteering

To help with our immediate needs please see our wish list at www.warmingshelter.com

A few of the regular items always needed are:

- Monetary Donations
- Food Gift Cards (Hardees, Subway, Burger King, downtown restaurants)
- 33+ gallon black garbage bags (use about 1000 bags per season)
- Paper towels (use about 200 rolls per season)

Annual Events/Fundraisers:

- Giving Tuesday
- Mile of Style Show
- Stuff the Shelter

How You Can Help:

Volunteers are needed to serve a variety of roles, including:

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- Hospitality Volunteer
- Hospitality Support
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Community news briefs

Three finalists named for school superintendent

The Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education has announced three finalists for the district's superintendent.

The finalists are Vickie Cartwright, associate superintendent for Orange County Public Schools in Orlando, Fla.; Timothy Onsager, district administrator for the Stoughton Area School District; and Darrell Williams, interim superintendent for the School District of Beloit.

Community residents were invited to meet with the finalists at three separate candidate meet-and-greet sessions this week, after which the board will discuss a final selection. The goal is to hire the district's next leader by March.

Superintendent Stan Mack II announced his retirement in May.

Oshkosh Corp. listed again for ethics standards

Oshkosh Corp. has been recognized by the Ethisphere Institute, a global leader in defining and advancing the standards of ethical businesses, as one of the 2018 World's Most Ethical Companies for the third consecutive year.

Oshkosh Corp. was one of only 135 companies representing 57 industry sectors in 23 countries named to the list.

"Doing the right thing is who we are; it's the Oshkosh Way and I'm proud of our more than 15,000 team members around the globe for helping us earn this prestigious award. We take our ethical culture very seriously and focus on our core values of citizenship, honesty, accountability, integrity and respect in everything we do," said Wilson R. Jones, Oshkosh Corp. president and chief executive officer. "A company that does the right thing benefits everyone – our team members, our customers, our suppliers, our investors and our communities."

Scores are generated from a company's ethics and compliance program, corporate citizenship and responsibility, culture of ethics, governance and leadership, innovation and reputation.

High schools move graduation ceremonies

Graduation ceremonies for Oshkosh North and West's 2018 classes will have a different venue this year as both will be held at the Menominee Nation Arena.

The Oshkosh West graduation ceremony will start at noon June 3, followed by the Oshkosh North ceremony at 3:30 p.m.

District and school administrators decided that the larger venue will ensure all family members will be able to see their graduates walk across the stage, and being both inside and air-conditioned will provide a more comfortable and safe setting. Previous ceremonies have been held at Kolf Sports Center and the two high schools' fieldhouses.

Suspect in custody tied to Iron County homicide

Oshkosh police took a Woodruff man into custody Sunday night wanted in connection with the death of a Lac du Flambeau man Dec. 22 in Iron County.

James B. Lussier, 19, is being held in the Winnebago County Jail.

The body of Wayne Valliere, 25, was found on New Year's Day with eight bullet holes. The state Department of Justice charged five suspects with homicide and hiding a corpse. Four of the five were already in jail.

Lussier had turned himself in to officers Feb. 9 in Vilas County but was released in error. He also was wanted on an outstanding warrant in Marathon County.

Maple Pub at Menominee Nation Arena now open

The Menominee Nation Arena has opened its Maple Pub inside the Verve entrance on the northeast side of the arena at 1212 S. Main St.

The public restaurant incorporates the history and culture of the Menominee Tribe, including its wood expertise with its custom-built maple bar and tables.

The lunch and dinner menu features appetizers, salads, sandwichs and entrees with daily drink and food specials, along with a pub menu that includes Menominee-inspired fry bread and rice.

The pub will be open from 11 a.m. to midnight Tuesday through Saturday on nonevent days.

Miss Oshkosh scholarship and teen pageants slated

The Miss Oshkosh Scholarship Pageant and Miss Oshkosh's Outstanding Teen Pageant will be presented at 7:30 p.m. March 3 at Alberta Kimball Auditorium.

Karis Fiedler is the reigning Miss Oshkosh and Zoe Rucinksy is current Outstanding Teen.

Sponsored by the Oshkosh Area Women's Association, all seats are reserved and tickets will be available by calling Trisha Lund at 920-279-0881 or as of Feb. 20 at West Pointe Bank, 1750 Witzel Ave.

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Community events

Feh 22

The Eliminate Project Spaghetti Dinner, 4:45 p.m., Oshkosh North High School, 1100 W. Smith Ave.

Battle on Bago Kick-Off Party, 5:30 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

Feb. 23

Battle on Bago, Millers Bay in Menominee Park

RV and Boat Show Main Event, Noon, EAA Grounds, 3000 Poberezny Road

Water City Racket Fest, 7:30 p.m., Algoma Club, 103 Algoma Blvd.

Mojo and The Bayou Gypsies, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

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

Feb. 24

Battle on Bago, Millers Bay in Menominee Park

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 9 a.m., Merrill Middle School, 108 W. New York Ave.

Women's Wellness and Education, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Seniors Center, 200 N. Campbell Road

Echoes of the Past Historic Trade Fair, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

RV and Boat Show Main Event, 10 a.m., EAA Grounds, 3000 Poberezny Road Yoga Rocks the Fox, 10 a.m., Fox River

Brewing Co., 1501 Arboretum Drive Best Picture Festival, 11 a.m., Marcus Oshkosh Cinema, 340 S. Koeller St.

Water City Racket Fest, 7:30 p.m., Algoma Club, 103 Algoma Blvd.

Gladys Knight, 7:30 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

Eaglemania, 8 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

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

Feb. 25

Echoes of the Past Historic Trade Fair, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

RV and Boat Show Main Event, 11 a.m., EAA Grounds, 3000 Poberezny Road

Feb. 26

TEDxOshkosh 2018 Speaker Pitch Night, 5:30 p.m., The Waters, 1393 Washington Ave.

Feb. 27

Ardy and Ed's Opening Day 2018, 10:30 a.m., Ardy and Ed's, 2413 S. Main St.

Charity Bartending Benefit, 6 p.m., Dublin's Irish Pub, 2070 W. 9th Ave.

Beer Pairing Dinner, 6 p.m., Uptown,

958 W. 6th Ave.

Feb. 28

Dueling Pianos, 5 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

March 1

Rooms of Blooms, 11 a.m., Paine Art Center and Gardens, 1410 Algoma Blvd.

German Beer Pairing Dinner, 6:30 p.m. TJ's Harbor Restaurant, 7098 US-45

The Hobbit Trail: A Misguided Comedy Tour, 8 p.m., Granary, 44 W. 6th Ave.

March 2

Rooms of Blooms, 11 a.m., Paine Art Center and Gardens, 1410 Algoma Blvd.

Northeast WI Sport Fishing Show, 3 p.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

ACW 23, 6:30 p.m., Oshkosh Masonic Center, 204 Washington Ave.

Wisconsin Herd Basketball, 7 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena, 1100 S. Main St

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

March 3

YMCA Corporate Challenge, 8 a.m., Oshkosh Community YMCA, 3303 W. 20th Ave.

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 9 a.m., Merrill Middle School, 108 W. New York Ave.

Northeast WI Sport Fishing Show, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Best Picture Festival, 11 a.m., Marcus Oshkosh Cinema, 340 S. Koeller St.

Rooms of Blooms, 11 a.m., Paine Art Center and Gardens, 1410 Algoma Blvd.

Yoga on Tap, 11 a.m., Bare Bones Brewery, 4362 County S

Oshkosh Gallery Walk, 6 p.m., Downtown Oshkosh

Hops and Props, 7 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum, 3000 Poberezny Road

Wisconsin Herd Basketball, 7 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

Miss Oshkosh Scholarship Pageant, 7:30 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium, 375 N. Eagle St.

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

March 4

Northeast WI Sport Fishing Show, 10 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Rooms of Blooms, 11 a.m., Paine Art Center and Gardens, 1410 Algoma Blvd.

Oshkosh Youth Symphony Orchestra, 6 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium, 375 N. Eagle St.

City buzzing with business activity

It was a week of good to great news in Oshkosh last week.

First, Brian Beaulieu of ITR Economics returned as the keynote speaker at the Chamber of Commerce's Economic Outlook breakfast and informed us that Winnebago County is in pretty good shape economically. Housing prices are rising, unemployment is low, with solid overall growth. Not a bad way to start off the day.

Later in the week, Westside Association's annual meeting had a panel discussion moderated by New North B2B magazine publisher Sean Fitzgerald titled Developing Oshkosh-Remarkable Growth.

I was wowed. The panel consisted of Annex Group's Kyle Bach, Ben Ganther of Ganther Construction, Greg Pierce of Windward Wealth Strategies, Stan Leedle from Choice Bank, Oshkosh Corp's Bryan Brandt and First Weber Realty's Steve Hoopman.

Bach shared the mission of Annex Group and that the off-campus student housing on the former Lamico site will be ready by September. This housing may also fill a need for local employers seeking short-term summer housing for interns.

Ganther gave updates on the Howard and the use of historic tax credits. The old Eagles building is being transformed to its original glory. He shared instances where design requests were denied but overturned based on archived photos showing the original condition of the building. Surrounding buildings have been razed and the area has a brand-new feel to it.

If you haven't driven down Washington Street lately to see its progress, I encourage it. As an aside, Ganther shared

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Eleven-Five Marketing LLC, John J. Giesfeldt, 1417 Hazel St., Oshkosh 54901

Wired To Grind LLC, Debra Lynn Allison-Aasby, 1824 Mitchell St., Oshkosh

Bloom Salon And Spa LLC, Danielle Northway, 1209 N. Main St., Oshkosh

Wright Electric LLC, Gary Steven Wright, 35 Lake St., Oshkosh

Travis Roehl Trucking LLC, Travis J. Roehl, 1215 Glen Ave., Oshkosh

Bailey Process Serving LLC, Roman M. Bailey, 25 Cherry Park Ct., No. 9, Oshkosh

If The Schu Fits Entertainment LLC, Kasey Renee Schumacher, 861 Park Ridge Ave., Oshkosh

Karen SchneiderOshkosh Herald publisher

with the group that the Eagles/Howard was special to him as his grandparents met in front of the Eagles Club during its initial construction in the 1920s.

Leedle shared Choice Bank's origin, its incredible growth, and that by the time they are ready to move into the 30,000-square-foot building on State 21 and Emmers Lane in June, they may almost have outgrown it. After the move, the branch on Jackson Street will remain open, but the Witzel location will close and the commercial condo it occupies is on the market.

Pierce, the catalyst in bringing the Menominee Nation Arena and NBA G League basketball to Oshkosh, talked about how entertainment and other events will be the success of the venue. Announcements of acts coming can't be shared as quickly as one would like due to pending contracts, but he did say boxing and wrestling events have been scheduled for April and figure skating with former Olympians is coming.

Brandt spoke to the design of the new Oshkosh Corp. global headquarters and the company's People First culture. Usually we see CEO Wilson Jones doing the talking. It was refreshing to see a different face of the company and it became apparent that it wasn't just a pitch; it's a passion these leaders share.

And then there was Hoopman. He brought the "wow" factor in presenting renderings of the Oshkosh Avenue development between the former Robin's Restaurant and Mary Jewell Park, targeted to include an extended-stay hotel, fast-food restaurant, sports bar, steakhouse and other retail. He also shared a development for the corner of highways 41 and 44, across from Kwik Trip, which will also include a possible restaurant and additional retail.

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Racket Fest brings original music downtown

Some of the region's best original bands are featured in the inaugural Water City Racket Fest this weekend at the Algoma Club, 103 Algoma Blvd.

Friday night's headliner Dusk was featured by the Milwaukee Journal as a top band to watch in Wisconsin. The Appleton-based band is joined by Oshkosh rock veterans the Haunted Heads and the Fox Valley's Spy vs Spy. Music starts at 7:30 p.m. and will wrap up around 11 p.m.

The Snowbirds from Green Bay are headlining night two of the festival, and will be debuting songs from an upcoming album. They will be joined by Oshkosh's Redshift Headlights, the Redhawks out of Appleton, and Asumaya from Madison.

Tickets are \$6, with \$1 from each donated to Kurt Stein's School of Music.

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Herd makes moves off court in community

By Ti Windisch
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Soon after he was hired by the Milwaukee Bucks, back before the franchise's G League team had a name or any other staff, Steve Brandes was already excited about the work the team would be able to do in the local community.

"The thing that really drives me a lot is the actual impact in the community," Brandes said back in March 2017. "What we're going to do with that team, is it's going to be this resource and this asset that we'll be able to actually philanthropically embed ourselves into the fabric of the community and impact schools, impact businesses and leverage the power of the athlete, leverage the power of our staff to give back to the community that we work and play in."

Nearly a year later Brandes, the Milwaukee Bucks President of G League Operations, is seeing that impact happen on a regular basis. In the last week of Herd basketball before the NBA All-Star Break, the team had a pair of philanthropic efforts tied into the game experience for fans.

February 9 was National Pizza Day, and the Herd capitalized on having a game that day by working with Palermo's, a sponsor of the team, to give free king cheese pizza coupons to fans who brought two non-perishable food items to the game for the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry.

"It was a perfect alignment of synergy, of partners who wanted to have the same messaging and to give back to the community," Brandes said. "We were proud of it for our first go-around. We're pretty excit-



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Wisconsin Herd players Brian Williams (center) and Michael Dunigan are given a tour of the Oshkosh Area Food Pantry facility recently by executive director Terri Green.

ed. And we can always get better. Next year the goal is to get twice as much food. Every year, we'll try to ramp up what we're doing." In addition, that game was also the first of two nights where a silent auction took place during Herd action. Game-worn alternate Herd jerseys, designed to replicate the Bucks all-black Fear the Deer jerseys, were available for fans to bid on, as were some items the NBA team sent such as a Jabari Parker signed basketball.

Proceeds from the two-day auction went to the Milwaukee Bucks Community Foundation. Although in years past the foundation was geared toward making an impact in the Milwaukee area, according to Brandes the focus has expanded to all of Wisconsin.

"The idea is with this campaign with the jersey auction, all that money that is raised we'll kick it to that foundation, and then that in turn gets kicked to the entire state," Brandes said. "It's a really cool initiative."

The Milwaukee Bucks Community Foundation was founded in 2016, and focuses on youth education, youth health and wellness, and community betterment, according to the organization's website.

"Being able to be the minor league team of your parent club and being able to impact your parent club's foundation is something special," Brandes said.

In addition to those charitable initiatives, several Wisconsin Herd players and coaches have made appearances at a variety of local schools to speak to and interact with area youth, and have visited other institutions such as the Memory Cafe and the Boys and Girls Club.

The Herd is new to the area, but team staff are confident their impact on the local community will only grow as time goes on.

Gymnastics results

The Oshkosh Gymnastics Center Level 6-10 optional teams traveled to Chicago to compete in IGI Chicago Style, one of the country's largest gymnastics meets, Feb. 9-11 at Navy Pier.

Results: OGC's Level 7, 12-year-old division, had a great showing. Samantha Lor placed 2nd on bars (9.25), 1st on beam (9.35), 1st on floor (9.55) and 1st All-Around with a score of 37.500. Anna Otto placed 5th on vault (9.4), 3rd on floor (9.4) and 3rd All-Around with a score of 37.000. Alex Budde placed 1st on vault (9.475). Parker Loberg placed 2nd on vault (9.45) and 5th All-Around with a score of 36.725. Olivia Navin placed 3rd on vault (9.45). Sydney Ganzer placed 1st on bars (9.35). Audrey Brenner placed 4th on floor (9.4). The 13+ age Level 7 gymnasts also did well. MacKenna Johnson placed 3rd on vault (9.45), 2nd on beam (9.325), 4th on floor (9.3) and 2nd All-Around with a

score of 36.925. Alyssa Casey placed 3rd on floor (9.35). OGC's youngest Level 7 (under 12) gymnasts placed as well. Lydia Barr was 5th on floor (9.375), while Natasha Konop placed 4th on bars (9.475). The OGC Level 7 team came in 2nd place at the meet.

OGC's Level 8, 9 and 10 teams were also successful. Level 8 Taylor Emery placed 3rd on bars (9.05), 5th on beam (8.825) and 5th All-Around with a score of 35.350. Hanna Reichenberger placed 1st on vault (9.3) for the 8's. Jordyn Faust placed 2nd on vault (9.075), 3rd on bars (8.6), 2nd on beam (8.8), 2nd on floor (8.4) and took 2nd place All-Around with a score of 34.875 for Level 9. Cambree Griedl, also a Level 9, placed 4th on vault (8.95), 3rd on beam (8.75) and 4th All-Around with a score 32.725. Level 9 Rachel Hencke placed 5th on floor (8.35). OGC's Level 10 gymnast, Jenna Nelson placed 5th on bars (8.725).

Grant training offered to employers

Bobbi Miller, business services manager for the Fox Valley Workforce Development Board, will lead a training event for employers interested in learning how to submit a successful Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development Fast Forward Grant. The training will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Feb. 28 at the Oshkosh Job Center, 219 Washington Ave., Suite 107.

The training session will increase applicants' understanding of the WFF grant application process, grant program goals, funding processes and information on what makes a successful grant application. A Fast Forward Grant is one in which the DWD matches financial commitments from partner employers.

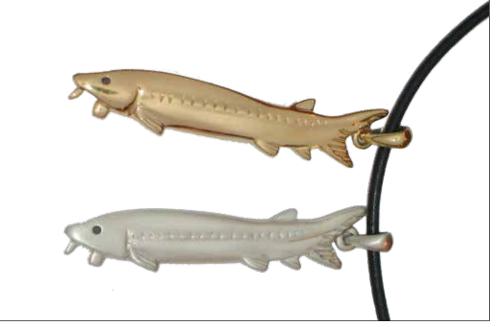
The program has tough metrics, requiring all employers to not only complete

the program and demonstrate proficiency, but the company must also provide each employee with a salary increase within a set period of time.

"I call (Miller) 'Million Dollar Bobbi," said Anthony Snyder, CEO of the Fox Valley Workforce Development Board. "She's been incredibly successful at bringing coalitions of employers together, tackling critical training needs and ensuring that the outcomes are a real knockout."

Since 2013, the board has worked with local employers in its six-county area of Calumet, Green Lake, Fond du Lac, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago.

This training session is free, but registration is required by emailing Carrie Korth at ckorth@fvwdb.com or calling 920-720-5600.



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 $A\ necklace\ keepsake\ is\ one\ of\ the\ jewelry\ items\ made\ at\ Reimer\ Jewelers\ with\ a\ sturgeon\ theme.$

Sturgeon jewelry catches memories

Reimer Jewelers in Oshkosh has carved out its niche in the fishing business by developing a line of specialty jewelry to complement fishing enthusiasts looking to celebrate their interest.

Paul Wagner at Reimer said sturgeon are the most popular fish requested for

jewelry pieces, along with other trophy fish. They are made in house using the wax method of casting.

Bench jeweler Paul Spanbauer has a master's degree in art from the University of Wisconsin Madison and creates the pieces for both men and women spearers.

Fundraisers

The **Oshkosh Area School District Education Foundation** hosted its fifth annual Trivia Night Fundraiser on Feb. 2 and raised nearly \$4,000. All of the proceeds will be used to enhance the educational experience for students and staff in the school district. Twenty-one enthusiastic teams of eight players packed Becket's atrium for an evening of generosity and friendly competition. The Oshkosh Rotary Stealth Fighters won the contest for the fourth year in a row.

The **Oshkosh Fraternal Order of Eagles** held a fundraiser Jan. 13 at Electric Lounge that raised more than \$3,500 to be split between Veteran's Outreach of Wisconsin and Veteran's Equine Trail Services. The fundraiser consisted of a dart tournament, silent auction, raffles, paddles and food sales. Organizers said they asked the community to help with donations and that Oshkosh and Winneconne came through.

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Spartan boys earn share of FVA crown

North avenges season's only loss against Kaukauna

By Charleigh Reinardy HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Oshkosh North boys basketball team stole the top spot in the Fox Valley Association right from underneath Kaukauna, redeeming themselves with a 88-67 victory Friday night to give the Spartans at least a share of the conference title.

Oshkosh North (20-1, 16-1 FVA) head coach Brad Weber was excited to take another step in a long journey with his team Friday night as the Spartans, who lost to the Ghosts earlier this season, can wrap up a conference title outright with a win over Neenah in the regular season finale Thursday.

"Our mental toughness," Weber said, "the ability to stick to our game plan, the ability to play through adversity, the ability to play together, was a neck-up win in my opinion."

Tyrese Haliburton was the star Friday night, scoring a game-high 42 points and got the Spartans going early. He hit his first 3-pointer of the night to ignite the crowd as they jumped to a 10-2 lead.

While the offense was there early, it was the defense that stood out for the Spartans

"We worked a lot on our defense," North's Wesley Schiek said. "We made sure everybody knows the spots that they are in and worked on communicating."

Added Weber: "We had a little more mental focus then we did in the first game. We came out, stuck to our defensive plan right from the get-go, which in the first game we didn't. Most importantly, we played as five together."

Kaukauna had many miscommunication problems throughout the game, causing the ball to be thrown out of bounds and



Photo by Charleigh Reinardy

Tyrese Haliburton of Oshkosh North drives against Kaukauna on Friday night on his way to a 42-point game and victory over the Ghosts.

multiple turnovers.

Meanwhile, Haliburton stole the show after stealing the ball multiple times, leading to easy layups, dunks and 3-point shots.

The Spartans jumped out to a 21-4 lead with 11:24 left in the first half, and with Kaukauna struggling on offense, slowly gaining momentum with a few shots here and there as they went into half with a 42-28 lead.

"Everybody came out tonight with confidence," Haliburton said. "This is all we could think about, so it's a good win for us. I know what my guys are capable of."

Haliburton started the second half off like he ended the first. He had back-to-back dunks to help increase the lead and it was history after that.

"I don't have time to mess around," Haliburton said. "I don't have time to get it next year if I don't get it this year, I don't have time for that. I hold my guys accountable and they hold me accountable, so I'm happy we could win this tonight."

Sitting at 20-1 on the season, Weber is happy the way his guys are playing - espe-

cially as the WIAA playoffs approach next week.

"(This win) is something that after the season we will reflect on and feel pretty good about," Weber said. "We got Neenah next week and then we got the tournament, so if we stop right now and smell the roses, I think the rest of the season will pass us by."

Schiek added 17 points for North while Gout Deng sunk 10, and Quincy Anderson scored eight.

Jordan McCabe led Kaukauna with 33 points.

Six area wrestlers advance to state tournament

By Alex Wolf
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

There were six Oshkosh wrestlers – five from Oshkosh West, a new school record – that advanced to the WIAA State Tournament after competing in sectionals last Saturday.

Oshkosh West's Alec Hunter (106 pounds), Reese Thompson (132), Connor Collins (145), Edgar Heredia (170) and Andrew Kalfas (285) each earned a trip to Madison while Oshkosh North's Dalton

Holmes (152) made it as well.

For the Wildcats, Thompson and Heredia captured sectional titles while Hunter, Collins and Kalfas each finished second. Only the top two at each weight class advance to state in Division 1.

Holmes won a sectional title at 152-pounds after pinning his opponent in just over 5 minutes.

Heredia won his title match on a 6-3 decision while Thompson shut his opponent out with a 4-0 decision. Hunter lost

the title match on an 8-2 decision while Collins beat his opponent 6-4 in the second-place wrestleback. Kalfas was pinned in just under a minute in the first-place match.

North's Cade Schmitz (113) was so close to making it to state but was pinned in the second-place wrestleback in just under three minutes

North's Thomas Urben (120) and West's Josh Coopman (120), Logan Grota (126), Henry Foust (138), Kevin Loos (160) and Blake Framke (182) wrapped up their season at sectionals.

Correction

Thursday, Feb. 15, Page 8: Oshkosh North wrestler Thomas Urben finished second at 152 pounds in the Division 1 regional in Slinger to advance to sectionals after winning a wrestleback, not third as reported.





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Prep Sports Roundup

BOYS SWIMMING

West's Groth wraps up season competing at state

Oshkosh West junior Andrew Groth finished his year at the UW Natatorium on Saturday, competing in two events down at the WIAA Division 1 State Tournament in Madison. Groth was 14th in the 500 freestyle with a time of 4 minutes, 49.08 seconds, while taking 16th in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:46.71.

Greenfield's Ben Davis won the 200 free with a time of 1:39.19 while Waukesha South/Catholic Memorial's John Acevedo won the 500 free with a 4:31.15. There were 24 swimmers competing in each of those events.

Madison West won state with a score of 293, while Middleton took second with 223.5 points. Neenah was 11th.

Lourdes Academy trio fall short in bid for state

The Lourdes wrestling team had three competing, but all fell short. Carson Kraus (132) finished 1-2 for the Knights, Keagan Stelzer (195) was fourth with a 2-2 record while Cam Kelly (126) went 0-1. The top three advanced to state.

Kraus won his first match on a major decision, 16-2, but then lost in the semifinals in a tight 6-4 sudden victory decision. Then in his consolation semifinal he lost another tight 6-4 decision.

Stelzer lost his third-place match, which would have advanced him to state, 9-4 to Lucas Sullivan of Johnson Creek. He pinned his first opponent in 2:57 before losing 4-2 in a tie breaker. He won his second match on a pin in 3:38.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Wildcats pick up conference win over Fond du Lac

The Oshkosh West boys basketball team picked up its second straight win last Friday, 67-53, in a Fox Valley Association game played in Oshkosh.

Derek Kroll had another solid performance, scoring 27 points – while hitting three 3-pointers. Karter Thomas added 11 points for the Wildcats while Noah Steinhilber chipped in nine.

West (10-11, 8-9 FVA), which wraps up the regular season against Kimberly on Thursday, went 12-13 at the line.

Fondy was led by Quintin Winterfeldt, who had 24 points.

Knights use big second half to beat Hustisford

After being outscored 26-20 in the first half, the Lourdes boys basketball team outscored Hustisford 50 to 34 in the second to earn a 70-60 Trailways-East Conference win on the road last Friday.

The Knights (14-7, 13-0) got 21 points from Preston Ruedinger, while Doug Ryan added 15 and Henry Noone chipped in 13.

Justin Kehl led Hustisford with 28 points.

Valley Christian tops CWC in defensive battle

The Valley Christian boys basketball team held Central Wisconsin Christian to just 31 points in a 39-31 Trailways-East Conference win last Friday.

Valley Christian (7-13, 3-10 Trailways) led 18-12 at the break and got nine points from John Geffers. Aristidis Giannopoulos and Isaiah Wade added eight points for the Warriors while Yianni Giannopoulos chipped in seven.

The team played Monday against Tri-County and host Dodgeland in the regular season finale Thursday night.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lourdes defeated in regular season finale

The Lourdes girls basketball team was outscored 35-23 in the second half in a 58-46 nonconference loss to St. Mary Catholic last Friday.

Abi Giese led the Knights (17-5) with 17 points while Alexis Rolph chipped in 11 and Quinn Godfroy added nine.

Abi Thelen led St. Mary Catholic with 21 points.

Oshkosh West can't keep up with Kimberly

Oshkosh West failed to score more than 18 points in a half as the girls lost a 65-34 Fox Valley Association game last Thursday.

The Papermakers shot 46 percent from the field, hitting 11 3-point shots as they led 36-16 at the break.

Megan Kaminski led the Wildcats with 11 points while Kendra Davis chipped in seven. The Wildcats will face Kimberly again in the WIAA Division 1 regional Friday night. The Wildcats got the No. 15 seed in the tournament while Kimberly is the second seed.

Oshkosh North explodes in second half to win

The Oshkosh North girls basketball team outscored Neenah 39-22 in the second half after trailing by 10 in the first half to pick up a 55-48 win on the road last Thursday.

Ashley Wissink led the Spartans with 24 points while Nydia Griffin and Alina Harmon added nine and eight, respectively.

North, who go the No. 16 seed in the tournament, will travel to face top-seeded Appleton North on Friday night.

Compiled by Alex Wolf, Herald contributor

Lourdes girls go unbeaten again in conference play

By Morgan Van Lanen
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Lourdes Academy girls basketball team concluded its conference play undefeated once again last Thursday in a 59-48 victory over Oakfield.

The Knights went 12-0 this season in the Trailway-East Conference. This is the third-straight season the Lourdes girls team clinched the title undefeated in conference.

Last season, the Lady Knights ended their run in a devastating 58-56 loss to St. Mary's Springs in the regional final match up. After Thursday's game, senior point guard Abi Giese reflected on the fact that, although her team had a better overall record last season, they have played stronger opponents this season, which has helped them prepare better come tournament time

"These past couple of games have been closer games so we're really happy that we've had that opportunity to get the practice before the playoffs," Giese said. "Last year we didn't really have that many close games so we were ready for blowouts in the tournament, but then it ended."

The Knights started slow Thursday, something that has haunted them all season. But they were able to bounce back.

"We sometimes have a tendency to come out slow so we knew we needed to intercept the momentum for the rest of the game and score," Giese said.

Oakfield went on a 13-point run in the first half to put the Oaks on top 20-10. The run included three-consecutive three pointers and a stifling defensive effort that shut down Lourdes.

Junior guard Alexis Rolph said the Lady Knights did not let the deficit bring them down because they did not notice the score had changed so drastically.

"To be completely honest, I didn't even realize we were down by 10 and I don't think many of our teammates did either," Rolph said. "We have total confidence in each other so I think that helps. Our defense was really lacking tonight, which is really the focus, but we were able to hit shots in the second half that weren't falling in the first."

With 3:45 remaining in the first half, Giese stepped up to the free throw line after drawing a foul on a drive and made the first. On the second attempt, junior Marley Wesenberg grabbed the miss and put it in and pulled the Lady Knights within three.

Oakfield was able to take a 26-25 lead at the break, but that lead didn't last long as Giese scored right away in the second to give Lourdes the lead back.

Head coach Reed Tyriver said the leadership from players like Giese has helped his team come back during intense games.

"Leader is the first word that pops into my head," Tyriver said. "(Giese) is a senior and she's been on varsity since she was a sophomore. She was a captain on the volleyball team that went to the state championship. She's been in those big situations. And, she probably didn't have the kind of night she wanted in terms of finishing around the hoop, but just hustle plays and bringing her team together and being that vocal leader was really important for us."

The Lady Knights started to pull away in the second half while hitting two pointers, but with 4:28 remaining, a layup from Sabel drew them within four. This would be the closest the Oaks got to regaining the lead before the Lady Knights went up by 10 with 1:31 to go.

"We definitely expected them to come out and give us a good run in the first half," Rolph said. "We knew in the second half that we would be able to come out and kind of control things. Every team we play in conference gives us a good run, which is great for playoffs because it makes us better."

Tyriver said his fourth-ranked Division 5 girls' basketball team is ready for whatever the tournament throws at it. The Knights will receive a bye in the first round of the tournament and will host either No. 8 Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah or No. 9 Heritage Christian on Friday night.

"We've had a lot of close games," Tyriver said. "So I would say this team is definitely battle tested. After a couple of the close games we've talked about, there's kind of that 'X factor' that I feel like this team has. It's not a tangible thing, it's just, when the going gets tough, and they really find a way to pull together. I mean, we did not play well tonight, but we found a way to pull together when it really mattered."



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North bowlers head to state

The Oshkosh North Girls Bowling team is headed to state for the second year in a row, last year being the first year the team had earned the trip. Shown are (standing from left) sophomore Brooklyn Komorowski, senior reserve Hailey Canfield, seniors Emily Schleicher, Alyx Peterson and Olivia Komorowski, and (sitting) senior reserve Brenda Pennell and freshman Ashanti Roberts. The coach is Christine Lemay and adviser is David Ruby. The team had a 12-1 season, only losing to Oshkosh West. Olivia Komorowski is also going to state as an individual bowler. Gredon Wright and Jordan Emery are going as male individual bowlers. State competition is March 2-4 in Weston at Dale's Weston Lanes. There is a send off for the team March 2 at the school.



Great Futures award winners

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh recapped 2017 with a Great Futures Celebration Dinner, where awards were presented to friends of the club who have supported its mission. Shown (from left) are club CEO Marc Dosogne, Professional Service Award recipient Angela Koepke, Award of Merit recipient Todd Reuss, Kids & Community Award recipient Bemis Co. accepted by director of human resources Katherine Pouba, J.R. Vette Friend of Youth Award recipient Mary Johnson and club board president Matt Jameson.

UWO's Free School returns in March

Fox Valley residents have been welcomed to the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh's campus for a day of free classes the last two years, drawing about 100 students in 2016 and 200 last year. The students of Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC) are offering this year's session from 1 to 5 p.m. March 10 at Sage Hall on topics related to sustainability, health, social justice and community building.

An "express yourself room" with craft supplies and multiple kids' activities will be provided. The Free School also includes an unscheduled classroom in which volunteers can spontaneously offer classes.

Instructors are students, professors and community members who have donated their time and expertise on classes such as Greening Your Kitchen, Tae Kwon Do, Introduction to Islam to Skin Healing Herbs and Lotions. The theme of sustainability —

broadly construed to include environmental concerns, health, community building and justice — governs the day.

"It's clear that we need to build better, stronger, more sustainable communities," said Laura Hartman, faculty adviser for SEAC. "But the knowledge, skills and community connections to get there seem hard to come by. The Free School says: Collectively we have knowledge and skills, so let's teach and learn from one another."

Participants may come for the whole afternoon or just a part of it. Parking is free on Saturdays, but participants are encouraged to use public transit, bike or walk. Free snacks and children's workshops are provided as facilities permit.

For more information, contact Hartman at hartmanl@uwosh.edu or 920-424-0768. Also visit the Facebook page: www.facebook.com/uwofreeschool.

JuBriCoSa musical production at St. John's

JuBriCoSa will present the musical revue "Broadway Rhythm" March 1-3 at St. John's Lutheran Church, 808 N. Main St.

Young people ages 7-16 will perform selections in this musical production that showcases songs from popular Broadway musicals including "Mama Mia," "Hamilton," "Footloose," "Oliver," "The Music Man," "Into The Woods" and others.

JuBriCoSa, a nonprofit organization en-

tering its 30th season, teaches young people self-confidence and responsibility through the performing arts at locations in Oshkosh, Neenah and Winneconne.

Tickets for "Broadway Rhythm" can be purchased at www.jubricosa.org or at the door beginning 60 minutes before each performance, which are at 7 p.m. March 1 and 2, and 2 and 7 p.m. March 3.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

Feb. 1, 1968

Strasser signs with Jets: It was reported that Oshkosh State University's Myles Strasser was drafted in the 17th round by the New York Jets of the American Football League. Strasser, a three-year regular with the Titans, was selected to the Wisconsin State University all-conference team the past two seasons. The talented running back piled up to 950 yards rushing for

Coach Russ Young's Oshkosh Titan team last season. The Green Bay Packers used their two first-round picks to select linebacker Fred Carr and guard Bill Lueck.

Source: Oshkosh Daily Northwestern

Feb. 3, 1968

Lombardi steps down as Packers coach: On this date, Green Bay Packer Head Coach Vince Lombardi announced his decision to step down as head coach. The baton was handed to assistant coach Phil Bengston, who will assume the head coach duties. Lombardi, who won five NFL titles and a separate division championship in his nine years as head coach, agreed to stay on as general manager.

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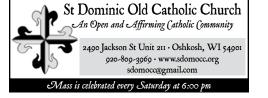


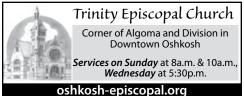
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