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## Battle on Bago conquers ice

Barb Wildhagen of New London (top photo) competes in the 11th annual Battle on Bago: Winter Edition, which handed out more than \$275,000 in cash and prizes to thousands of participating anglers. An aerial view of Lake Winnebago shows participants scattered across the ice Saturday. Check [www.battleonbago.org](http://www.battleonbago.org) for results.

# Waite building reborn

Former grass carpet factory being repurposed for housing

By Tom Ekvall  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

What was once a thriving industry during the early 1900s, now vacant and run down, is being transformed into affordable housing to meet the needs of Oshkosh's low- and moderate-income residents.

The center of attention is the former Waite Grass Carpet factory, located in the vicinity of Mount Vernon Street and Custer Avenue and listed in 2017 on the Wisconsin Register of Historic Places. Instead of being torn down like many other vacant factories, the property is under renovation by the Oshkosh Housing Authority and will be known as the Waite Rug Place, providing 56 one- and two-bedroom affordable rental housing units.



VAN HOUWELINGEN

"We have a strong need for more af-

SEE **Waite building** ON PAGE 6

# Robotics team back in game for 10th season

Arcade escape challenge keeping FIRST Wave students on task

By Ali Ott  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Oshkosh FIRST Wave Robotics, the local school system's competitor in a contest that challenges teams around the country to design, build, pilot and market a robot that can compete within established game parameters, is in the midst of its 10th season.

"Students immediately start breaking into teams after the new video is released and begin to strategize. How can we design robots to score points and win the competition, and then move on in the tournaments?" said Alex Hummel, one of the adult mentors. "All in all, it is an amazing effort to teach students how to work together on a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math)-based project and tell the story on their own as they go."

The process of making the robots is quite extensive. Senior Kiran Loewenstein, FIRST Wave Robotics president, shed light on the fast-paced timeline required to be successful in the challenge that started Jan. 6.

"We have six weeks to build our robot," she said. "And by build, I mean do strate-

gy, then design with CAD software, manufacture the entire thing, build it, and then practice with it."

This year's challenge, FIRST Power Up, is based on an arcade game. The students and their robots are trapped in the game and must complete different challenges in order to escape. This seemingly simple challenge is designed to test each team's ability to build a robot capable of multiple functions. This year, the Oshkosh team consists of more than 30 students, each with their own tasks and input.

"We have two regional meets, one in La Crosse and one in Peoria," said mentor Karl Loewenstein. "Teams only have six weeks to build the robot, and after that it is essentially stuck in a bag until competition. Then you have to win one of those regional meets in order to qualify for the nationals."

There are two national competitions this year, one in Houston and one in Detroit.

Eric Leifermann, lead technical mentor of the team, works with the students to draw a three-dimensional model of the robot. This is a crucial step to make sure the electronics and mechanics work together. Blueprints are then printed off and passed on to the mechanics team, the next step in the process.

"There are no requirements for how



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Members of the FIRST Wave Robotics group in Oshkosh work on the elevator that will help their robot climb and lift two other bots.

much mentors can or cannot help. Each team runs differently," said Leifermann. "But I try to have the students do as much as possible."

Student Jack Wagner, CAD sub-team leader, is responsible for delegating and mentoring other students.

"We basically take software and design the robot in the digital environment first, and then use that to manufacture the robot," explained Wagner. This is his senior and fourth year in Wave, and his sixth year doing robotics. He has been working on CAD programs since he was in sixth grade.

Founded in 1989, FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) has many different competitions for different age groups, varying from kindergarten through 12th grade. Some of them use Legos as their building material.

The FIRST Wave Robotics team does an incredible job helping young students get recognized locally for their talents within STEM studies. This club takes many minds and hands to succeed at competitions, and the students and mentors work hard as individuals and as a team to do the best that they can.

In 2017, students and mentors from FIRST Wave Robotics traveled to China to assist a team with their competition. International teams are encouraged to pursue FIRST Robotics competitions, and travel to the United States for the title competitions if they win their regionals.

Progress on the team can be found at [waverobotics.com](http://waverobotics.com) and [www.facebook.com/waverobotics](http://www.facebook.com/waverobotics).



# Guitars encased in Buckstaff history

By Dan Roherty  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Music fans can see and maybe even hear a few notes of Oshkosh history if they come across a guitarist playing a special edition Fender that went back a century for its pine body aesthetics.

Fender Musical Instrument Corp. stepped back in time to its early years and original instruments to create three new models made from pine that dates back more than 100 years as part of the Buckstaff Furniture Co. and from the former Globe Grain Elevator in Superior.

Mike Born, director of wood technology for Fender, was able to use Buckstaff pine for the original prototypes of three models included in the 2017 Exotic Collection — the Limited Edition American Profession-

al Pine Jazzmaster, Limited Edition American Vintage '59 Pine Stratocaster and Limited Edition American Professional Pine Telecaster.

Born said he was looking for reclaimed wood that would have an interesting background but also lend itself to make production guitars in quantity.

"We needed wood that was made from a certain type of factory where the pine was mainly beams so the dimensions would be large enough to use," Born said. The Buckstaff pine was made from the original regional forest of the Midwest that consisted of mostly eastern white pine.

"The reason we stopped using (Buckstaff) factory's wood in the three models we made in the Exotic Wood Series this year was that not enough of it was cut to full dimensions to get the proper dimension of a guitar body for manufacturing."

The balance of the reclaimed pine models is being made from the Old Globe Grain Elevator in Superior and being rolled out on a limited basis.

Dating back to Oshkosh's early history in the 1850s, Buckstaff's national reputation for furniture and wood products endured for a century and a half in the city before its former location on South Main



PHOTO BY FENDER

One of Fender Guitar's 2017 Exotic Collection, the Limited Edition American Vintage '59 Pine Stratocaster, is one of three created by Mike Born using reclaimed wood from Oshkosh and Superior.

Street became the site of the new Menominee Nation Arena. Buckstaff had the last working sawmill in the city late into the 20th century.

Heather Youmans, Fender's public relations manager, said Born also has sourced wood to make the Front Row Legend Esquire, a guitar crafted from 100-year-old Alaskan yellow cedar reclaimed from the original bench boards of the Hollywood Bowl.

"He has a pretty amazing job and is able to source the wood that is safe, sustainable and environmentally conscious while holding interesting stories and history," said Youmans.

Images and details on the three special edition pine models can be found at [www.fender.com](http://www.fender.com).

## Three named Merit Scholarship finalists

Three Oshkosh Area School District students have been named finalists in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Competition, which received more than 1.6 million entrants.

Oshkosh West senior Carly Coon and Oshkosh North seniors Isaac Bock and Kiran Loewenstein were among 16,000 semifinalists in the nation and have advanced to finalist standing. They are among 15,000 finalists being considered for the

scholarship and were selected on the basis of their academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, and honors and awards received.

"This is such an honor," said Coon. "I have been supported by so many of my teachers and the entire administration here at West and am really just so grateful for this opportunity and experience."

The program recognizes high school seniors who have excelled in academics and have the potential to succeed in rigorous college programs. Seniors must submit an application to be considered and demonstrate excellence both academically and in the community. In addition, applicants must be recommended by a high school official, submit an essay, and have a qualifying SAT/PSAT score.

Merit Scholarship winners of 2018 will be announced beginning in April and concluding in July. These scholarship recipients will join some 283,000 other distinguished young people who have earned the Merit Scholar title.



Dan Roherty  
Oshkosh Herald  
editor

## Where I'm coming from to here

It hasn't taken much time looking at what's going on in Oshkosh to realize this is a city both steeped in meaningful history and steadily on the move in the 21st century.

I hope I don't get tagged too hard as an outsider from Appleton considering my familiarity with Oshkosh over the course of my life and half-hour proximity to the many visit-worthy experiences it has offered. Wisconsin residents in general would have to be fairly isolated to be unaware of Oshkosh's statewide reach in commerce, events and strong membership in the UW club.

The journalism coverage area that I joined in the 1980s always included the Fox Valley's southern region as this overlapping metro region created an urban corridor from here to there. The Post-Crescent once had a small Oshkosh office, among others, in the 1980s that kept tabs on Winnebago County news that often had an impact on Twin Cities (Neenah/Menasha) and even south Appleton coverage.

My earliest memory of being in Sawdust City was when my beloved Marshfield Columbus Dons lost a heartbreaker in the 1974 WISAA football championship against Lourdes at Titan Stadium, a game that Knights fans undoubtedly either remember fondly or heard about.

Indirect connections to the city have come in many forms for me: Two brothers went to grad school at UWO, my recently departed 98-year-old aunt graduated from Oshkosh State Teachers College in the late 1930s, and many of my former media colleagues either went to UWO or worked at the Northwestern along the way.

My time growing up in Marshfield and eventually the Fox Cities launched its share of roadtrips for concerts at either UWO (Kolf and Albee), Waterfest (before and after Leach opening) and a tavern or two with good live music or pool and pub darts with resident friends. St. Paddy's parties were legendary in the 1970s (just one for me) to the point of unraveling into the streets, which had comparable versions in Eau Claire (Tornado Watch) and La Crosse (Octoberfest), the side of the state where I was based in college days.

While party reputations can sometimes precede a city, as they did in that era, Oshkosh ultimately turned that vibrancy into a series of well-organized and professionally run festivals that are more than welcome to local commerce today. Other communities have taken note and look to use the blueprint for their own cultural growth.

My most recent experience in the city was strictly business, serving Oshkosh Corporation's bid and proposal team in pursuit of vehicle production and support work for its Defense division. I came away solidly impressed

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# Signs of spring returning soft and harsh

By Rob Zimmer  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Already the rush of spring is upon us and a series of spectacular natural events will unfold over the next several weeks to welcome the new season.

Late winter and early spring in Oshkosh means getting outdoors and enjoying the inspiring power and beauty of the coming of spring. The new season comes quickly once winter's last breath respire across land and water.

I took a walk through the wooded trails and along the lakeshore at Asylum Bay recently as warmer temperatures quickly melted whatever snow remained and small ice shoves precluded the monstrous pileups sure to come over the next several weeks.

The voices of spring were chiming among the towering maples and the blood red dogwoods, already blushing with rising sap as February draws to a close. The spring dogwoods set the stage for the coming weeks of dramatic change.

In the woodlands, a great horned owl sat on her nest. Already these magnificent birds of prey are laying eggs, the female remaining upon them to keep them warm while the male hunts for food for the pair.



PHOTO BY ROB ZIMMER

Ice shoves will return to the Oshkosh shoreline as Lake Winnebago relents to the new spring.

Snow, ice or rain, once the owls begin to nest, as they do every year in February, there's no turning back. The tide of spring is swelling.

All along the Lake Winnebago shoreline in Oshkosh, ice shoves, those magnificent symbols of Mother Nature's relentless force, are visible as the weakening ice breaks free, driven by the winds of late winter and

early spring. The height and location of the ice shoves depends upon the strength and direction of the wind that finally drives the ice ashore.

Last year, significant ice shoves more than 15 to 20 feet high were recorded at several shoreline spots in Oshkosh. Already, minor shoves have occurred along some parts of the lakeshore, with the big

push still to come over the next several weeks.

Arriving to announce the coming of spring any day now, red-winged blackbirds, American robins, sandhill cranes and grackles will appear to greet each dawn with their welcoming voices. Our resident songbirds already began to sing last week. Northern cardinals erupted into siren song throughout the city, while house finches and mourning doves also joined the spring-like chorus.

The arrival of thousands of tundra swans is just a few weeks away, along with American white pelicans that will grace our waterways immediately after ice-out.

Of course, there are the massive lake sturgeon, those prehistoric giants that will begin their magnificent migration, a long and winding journey from Lake Winnebago and the upriver lakes all the way up to New London, Shiocton and Shawano immediately following the sturgeon spearing season just completed.

Mother Nature never stands still. Be sure to enjoy the rush of spring over the next few weeks.

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



PHOTO BY MICHAEL COONEY

## Rally for immigrants

Volunteers from the newly formed organization United Action Oshkosh led a march Saturday in downtown Oshkosh with other area volunteers and organizations in support of the local immigrant population. United Action founding member Ryan Hamann said in a statement, "We hope to help our community understand the importance of DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program), TPS (temporary protected status), and identify actions we can take to help support those members of our community affected by immigration barriers." The march began at the Opera House Square and ended at the Winnebago County Courthouse parking lot, where speakers were heard.

## Women's Day workshops planned

International Women's Day will be marked in downtown Oshkosh on March 10 with workshops meant to empower, inspire and entertain.

The day will start with a group lunch at 11 a.m. at Becket's and then three 45-minute workshops at different locations downtown from 12:30 to 4 p.m. ending with music at New Moon. Each workshop will be presented by women in the community.

Some of the workshops are self-defense, self-awareness and how to make a difference. City councilwomen and League

of Women voters will be available and a multicultural reading and art journaling available. Businesses participating are Fire Escape, Backlot Comedy, American Black Belt, Marissa's Fitness Studio, Oshkosh Public Library and AtomicKatz.

Workshops will be geared for age groups of 6-11 years, 12-18 years and 19 and older. Tickets are \$25 and include lunch, workshops and music. They can be purchased at [FireEscapeArt.com](http://FireEscapeArt.com) and registration is required.

## Column

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with the company's professional and community-focused mission that is keeping it rooted in Oshkosh while it continues to expand its reach and reputation as a versatile manufacturer.

I'm becoming more of a townie by the hour as I explore, research and generally get acquainted with the rich heritage of this community through the many helpful residents and public officials I encounter every day while finding my way around. There may be no official city ID but I do have my

Oshkosh library card.

More importantly, the group of writers we offer are passionate about Oshkosh and carry impressive journalistic and community background, as do the many organizations and individuals contributing news and ideas about what's going on from week to week.

Whether it's being tagged Sawdust City, Wisconsin's Event City or any other nickname that probably limits the description of its broader reach, Oshkosh is an essential piece of the Valley and state that celebrates its history while moving forward. We can only hope to convey part of that continuing story that we want to pass along.

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## Community news briefs

### Sturgeon spearing season concludes with 654 total

A total of 654 sturgeon were harvested from Lake Winnebago during the 16-day spearing season that concluded Sunday. An additional 297 fish were harvested from the Upriver Lakes, bringing the systemwide total to 951 sturgeon harvested during the 2018 season.

The final day of the season on Lake Winnebago concluded Sunday with the lowest daily harvest of the season: 14 fish. Five were registered at Calumet Harbor, four at Stockbridge Harbor, three at Payne's Point and two at Wendt's.

The largest fish of Sunday's harvest was 131.0 pounds, 76.4 inches and registered at Calumet Harbor by Kristine Halbach of St. Cloud.

This season's harvest from Lake Winnebago ranks 42nd out of the 78 seasons dating back to 1941

### UW-Oshkosh virtual campus gains fresh look

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh virtual campus map has been updated and redesigned to accommodate the growing needs of students, families, visitors, faculty and staff. The new, mobile-friendly map was released December in advance of the spring semester.

The initiative was developed by Sara Mayhew, a fourth-year student from Wauwatosa majoring in English with a minor in computer science. The new virtual campus map boasts a rejuvenated look, accessible menu/search functions and improved 360-degree panorama tours.

Found at <https://virtualtour.uwosh.edu/>, the modernized interface, menu and search feature function very similarly to Google maps and the 360-degree panorama tour was developed using Google's Virtual Reality tools. The chief goal of the project was to make the map usable on mobile devices.

### Emerald ash borer management underway

The city's Landscape Operations Division has identified several areas where emerald ash borer has established itself in public and private trees.

Arborists noted that Maricopa Drive between South Westhaven and 9th Avenue, Greenfield Trail north of 9th Avenue and Heritage Trail north of 9th Avenue had excessive woodpecker damage, which indicates an ash borer infestation. Trees have been injected on public property during the last four years and the trees identified

last week have not been treated, but will be during the next treatment cycle.

Property owners with ash trees are asked to consider preventive treatments in order to preserve the trees. For further information, contact Bill Sturm, Landscape Operations manager.

### Spring primary results confirm low turnout

City election inspectors processed 3,597 ballots among the 16 polling sites for the Feb. 20 spring primary election. City Clerk Pam Ubrig had anticipated low voter turnout with just one race and inclement weather.

The breakdown was 524 absentee ballots, 107 were early voting and 2,966 were voters at the polls. Turnout was 8.5 percent.

City staff were finalizing the election this week and preparing for the April 3 election. Ubrig anticipates the ballots to be delivered near the middle of March with early voting starting soon after and ending March 30.

### Technology discussion topic of Amplify session

Amplify, a program of the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce, will feature a discussion titled Ideas Amplified – What Does Go Faster Mean for Business and Education? from 5:30 to 7 p.m. March 8 at Oblio's Lounge.

David Gundlach, deputy superintendent of the Oshkosh Area School District; and Tina Schuelke, executive director of the Change Management Communications Center, will lead the conversation about how the exponential rate of change in technology is affecting business and education strategies.

The discussion will explore how artificial intelligence, machine learning, deep learning, quantum computing and other technologies are disrupting day-to-day operations.

### Oshkosh woodworkers strike of 1898 discussed

Michelle Lokken will give a presentation on the 1898 Oshkosh woodworkers strike from 6 to 7 p.m. March 8 at the Oshkosh Public Library.

This headline that ran in the Northwestern in 1891: "Riotous conduct marked yesterday's history – it began at Morgan's Factory early in the morning and closed at McMillen's at sundown – it was there the fatality occurred – The story."

The presentation is sponsored by the Winnebago Genealogical Society.

# Community events

#### Ongoing

Masterpieces of the Valley, Paine Art Center and Gardens, 1410 Algoma Blvd.

Replay!, Oshkosh Public Museum, 1331 Algoma Blvd.

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

#### March 1

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

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

#### March 2

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 vs. Maine, 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.

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 Pobereznay Road

Oshkosh Brewery Tours, noon to 5 p.m., OshkoshBars bus stop

Wisconsin Herd Basketball vs. Raptors, 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

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

#### March 6

Cello performance by Katherine Decker, noon, First Congregational Church, 137 Algoma Blvd.

#### March 8

Women in Management, 11:30 a.m., La Sure's Banquet Hall, 3125 S. Washburn St.

#### March 9

Family Bingo Night, 5:30 p.m., Oshkosh Community YMCA, 3303 W. 20th Ave.

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

"Seussical the Musical," 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

Rising Phoenix, 8 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co., 1501 Arboretum Drive

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

#### March 10

Decoy and Sporting Collectible Show, 8:30 a.m., Hilton Garden Inn, 1355 W. 20th Ave.

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

Family Flight Fest, 10 a.m., EAA Aviation Museum, 3000 Pobereznay Road

Women's Empowerment Workshop, 11 a.m., Downtown

Guns and Hoses Charity Hockey Game, 3 p.m., Oshkosh Community YMCA, 3303 W. 20th Ave.

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

"Seussical the Musical," 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

March Madness for a Good Paws vendor and craft fair, 9 a.m., Comfort Suites

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

#### March 11

Cookies and Beer, 2 p.m., Bare Bones Brewery, 4362 County S

"Seussical the Musical," 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

## Trans-Siberian founder brings education program back to schools



Mark Woods from the Trans-Siberian Orchestra performs with Oshkosh orchestra students during a 2015 visit.

A founding member of a world-renowned rock orchestra is putting Oshkosh students center stage March 16 at the Menominee Nation Arena.

Mark Woods, an electric violinist and original member of the Trans-Siberian Orchestra, will feature the Oshkosh Area School District's orchestras and choirs for a public concert.

Wood, who also worked with orchestra students in Oshkosh in 2015, will spend the week leading up to the concert working with OASD students through his educational-outreach program, Electrify Your Strings and Choir. The program injects energy and funding into school music education programs.

The Emmy-winning composer's music and strings education program has been featured on news programs nationwide. He

is also the founder of Wood Violins, a company that makes unique electric violins.

He has performed with Celine Dion, Billy Joel, Steve Vai, Westworld and Leny Kravitz, and as a solo performer has released seven CDs featuring his own versions of popular rock songs.

The community concert will include more than 450 student musicians on stage. Tickets are available in advance through the Menominee Nation Arena box office, [menomineenationarena.com](http://menomineenationarena.com) or 920-744-2035. There are limited Gold VIP lounge seating tickets with pre-concert meet-and-greet available for \$42, and limited Silver VIP floor seating tickets with post-concert signing for \$22. General admission tickets with bleacher/bowl seating are \$12 per ticket. Ticket proceeds benefit OASD music programs.



# FVTC rolls out better drivers through classes

By Dan Roherty  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Most Oshkosh drivers have solved the ins and outs of roundabouts as they have become standard solutions to busy intersections, but they also likely notice others who could use some instruction on navigating the multiple lanes and turns while sign reading.

Fox Valley Technical College offers a Traffic Safety School in Oshkosh and Appleton through its Public Safety division that many enrollees have taken toward either improving, restoring or keeping driving privileges, or brushing up on the latest and more nuanced rules of the road.

Proper roundabout approaches are one of the traffic elements taught. Bus lights and distances, failure-to-yield rules, slow-moving vehicle law changes and a list of about 20 other topics come with the course.

Tom Witczak, adjunct instructor at FVTC and a former Appleton police officer, has been the classroom instructor there for 17 years among his 35 years in law enforcement and teaching.

"We spend some time on the roundabouts so they have some understanding of them and how to drive on them properly," Witczak said.

Some have taken the 12-hour state Department of Transportation classroom course to improve their knowledge of traffic laws. Others are there either because of a court order or plea bargain related to traffic offenses or at the request of their insurance company. It's an opportunity to reduce at least three demerit points on a driver's record.

"They (the DOT) have a curriculum that they provide for us to follow. I go a lit-



PHOTO BY JENNY OLSON-FISCHER

Traffic Safety School participants at FVTC are instructed to stay in the vehicle after accidents involving power lines, such as this one that also set a tree on fire in Appleton in December, until a rescue crew arrives or a vehicle fire makes that a necessity.

tle beyond that," Witczak said. "I put some more stuff in there because I think it's important for them to know."

When new traffic rules or alerts arise, Witczak adds them to the course. This school year, he noted the recent addition of a set of yellow warning lights on school buses that turn on ahead of the red lights that require traffic to stop for student departures.

He sees class members with an age range of 16 to 82, whether mandated or voluntary, and he usually has about 15 in his Saturday sessions.

"You get the hard-core people there just to get three points off their record just to keep driving," Witczak said. In other cases,

he said insurance companies will tell participants, "If you complete it we will continue to keep you on our policy."

The course's most critical benefit is in reducing traffic crashes and injuries by changing risky and misinformed driving behavior. Participants learn about deficiencies in their own vehicle habits and develop positive changes going forward.

Basic understanding of right-of-way rules is emphasized, such as when a pedestrian first enters a crosswalk at whatever pace they are moving.

"Once an individual, whether they are elderly or not, steps off the curb they have the right of way," Witczak said. "Too many drivers are in a hurry. The law says that when they step off, you stop."

As an approved traffic safety school training site, Witczak's team also provides specific instruction to law enforcement and emergency crews as part of their ongoing training requirements. Police get four hours of pursuit training every two years, for example.

FVTC also offers a one-day Defensive Driving Course available to people of all ages, covering areas such as skid control and how to properly and safely take evasive action. Another driving course is available to companies who have employees on the road for extensive times, where they learn about their vehicle, the roadways they drive, traffic laws and how to handle adverse weather conditions.

There is a separate group dynamics class at FVTC for drunken driving cases, a 24-hour class required for the return of driving privileges.

Traffic Safety School registration can be online or in-person at the Oshkosh Riverside Campus.

## Fundraisers

Ascension Mercy Hospital celebrates its survivors and remembers those lost to heart disease at its third annual **Mercy Health Foundation Faces of Courage** event at 5:30 p.m. March 9 at the UW-Oshkosh Alumni Welcome and Conference Center. The evening will have food, silent and live auctions, and will raise funds for Mercy's cardiac rehabilitation center to purchase additional equipment to assist patient recovery. Individual tickets are \$75; tables of eight are \$600. For more information, contact Alison Egan at [alison.egan@ascension.org](mailto:alison.egan@ascension.org) or 920-223-0520.

joining in the **Help for the Homeless** hygiene drive, 91.9 FM The Family's 26th annual effort, that runs until March 11. This drive will collect personal care and cleaning products for local crisis agencies. Donations received in Oshkosh will be collected for ADVOCAP, Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services, Day by Day Warming Shelter, Father Carr's Place 2B, Forward Service Corp, The Salvation Army and Winnebago County Human Services. There are two boxes for donations in the lobby area of the front desk of the Police Department. Items sought include cleaning supplies, paper products, baby care, hair care, personal care, first aid and dental care.

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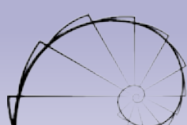
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# Waite building

FROM PAGE 1

fordable housing in the community," said Susan van Houwelingen, executive director of the Oshkosh Housing Authority, which acquired the property in 2012 and got a green light for the rental assistance housing when it received a Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA) tax credit award in 2016 as well as Historic Tax Credit eligibility.

Van Houwelingen said the awards made development of the units economically feasible. The Housing Authority has a waiting list of more than 800 people in need of affordable housing. The first unit is expected to be ready for occupancy by December with the remainder by March 2019. Half of the units will be for those with incomes at or below 50 percent of county median income (CMI) and half below 60 percent of CMI, she said. Many will probably be between 30 and 40 percent of CMI, she said.

The tax credit incentive programs encourage public-private partnerships to develop affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization by enabling private partners to offset federal income tax libil-



PHOTO BY TOM ERVALL

A crew member from McGann Construction, of Madison, general contractor for the Waite redevelopment, water-blasts the inside of the building last week.



OSHKOSH PUBLIC MUSEUM PHOTO

An undated photo shows the former Waite Grass Carpet Co., built in 1912.

spun into a passable twine. At one point in time Oshkosh produced more grass rugs than any other city in the world and gave the city a reputation of being a textile city as well as a lumber city.

The company produced rugs for more than 50 years, although the company added rugs made with wooden fiber and other materials in later years to keep up changing trends and demands, with summer rugs being a popular seller throughout the country. The founder, Frederick Waite, had patented a process of weaving cotton fiber and the wire grass together.

The company was nationally known for its contemporary designs and quality of the manufactured products, and had one of its rugs featured at the New York World's Fair in the Federal Building.

Eventually the buildings were purchased by Lenox Candles (known then as Victrylite, a division of Paragon Products Corp.) in 1966 to produce candles and serve as a warehouse.

The Waite Rug Place will be the agency's first adaptive reuse of a factory for affordable housing. The Housing Authority provides public housing at other locations in the city but during the last several years has had to reduce the number of units through remodeling activities by 60, which she said needs to be replaced. She said the historic buildings listing creates special challenges in that the exterior must be preserved to its original design, such as the bricks and windows.

"What can be preserved must be preserved," she said, adding that replacement of windows will be a major expense as they must be sent out to be refurbished.

Construction work is being done by McGann Construction of Madison. Renovation began during the fall. Stratford Capital, of Boston, is the investor and general partner for development of the housing, as part of the tax-credit incentive programs. She said the original idea was initiated by her predecessor, Brad Masterson, who retired as executive director in 2013, when van Houwelingen assumed the position.

Total development costs are expected to exceed \$10 million, with a purchase price cost of \$853,500 for the property acquisition. The Housing Authority also is providing \$1.2 million toward the debt obligation from agency capital funds and received a \$840,000 award from the Federal Home Loan Bank Affordable Housing Program to assist with gap financing. Tax credits totaled \$6,434,302 for the LITC program and \$2,942,129 for the historic program.

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ities through equity investment in such projects.

Tenants will pay 30 percent of their income as rent, with market rent (unsubsidized) projected at \$511 per unit. Preference will go to senior citizens (62 and old-

er) and people with disabilities.

"We could use more federal dollars" (from the department of Housing and Urban Development), she said, adding that funds for affordable housing has been limited.

She said redevelopment of the two remaining Waite buildings will also feature a two-shift day care center on the north side of the property. The project will also provide supportive services through the Housing Authority and other local agencies.

"We have a strong interest in residents becoming self-sufficient," van Houwelingen said. Many residents, she added, are having a hard time making ends meet.

The building dates to 1912 with the start-up of Waite Grass Carpet Co., one of several factories in Oshkosh producing rugs composed of wire grass (a wild marsh plant) grown near the Oshkosh area and

## Oshkosh Corp. named top manufacturer

Oshkosh Corp. has been named the 2017 Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year in the annual competition sponsored by the Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce, the advisory firm of Baker Tilly Virchow Krause and the legal firm of Michael Best & Friedrich.

The program recognizes state companies that demonstrate a commitment to business excellence, which has a positive impact on the company and the state.

Oshkosh Corp. was part of the Mega category, based on the number of employees.

## Business notes

**Muza Metal Products** is celebrating 90 years of business this year. The value-added sheet metal fabricator was founded in 1928 inside the garage of Leo Muza Sr. as a two-person sheet metal shop. In 1953, Leo Muza Jr. and Aloys Schuster took over the business after the death of Leo Sr. Three years later, the business moved to its current location at 606 E. Murdock Ave. In 1976 the company separated into Muza Metal Products and Muza Sheet Metal, which moved to a separate location on Oshkosh's north side. In 1997, Tom Muza purchased the business from his father. In early 2011, Muza was purchased by Wing Capital Group of Milwaukee and has expanded

to 191,000 square feet of operational space.

Oshkosh marketing and advertising agency **Candeo Creative** won a gold American Advertising Award for a cross-platform integrated marketing campaign Feb. 16. The gold award recognizes the cohesive strategy and excellent execution of the Love Letter Campaign created for the Oshkosh Convention & Visitors Bureau. Candeo Creative submitted video, billboard and Facebook advertisements for evaluation, and the judges assessed them as a series. The campaign moves to district competition March 23-24. District winners will advance to the national finals June 8.

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The Winnebago County Drug and Alcohol Coalition wants to share experiences and perspectives on the impact of substance use with a Community Conversations Tour.

The public is welcome to share in free food and an opportunity to meet in small groups on how drugs affect the community.

Participants will be invited to a larger gathering where conversation outcomes will be presented including themes, emerging issues and ways to take action.

Tour dates:

Law enforcement: 8 to 9:30 a.m. March 6 at Winnebago County Sheriff's Department

Government/agencies: 8 to 9:30 a.m. March 15 at UW Extension's Coughlin Center

Nonprofits and volunteers: 9 to 10:30 a.m. March 19 at Hooper Community Building

Health care/treatment: 8 to 9:30 a.m. March 20 at Coughlin Center

Recovery/clinical support: 8 to 9:30 a.m. March 29 at Solutions Center

Media and communications: 8 to 9:30 a.m. April 11 at Coughlin Center

Schools and youth organizations: 9 to 10:30 a.m. April 17 at UW Alumni Conference Center

Community residents: 6 to 7 p.m. April 24 at Primo Restaurant

Faith communities: 9 to 10:30 a.m. April 25 at Hooper Community Building

Youth (ages 12-18) and parents: 5:30 to 7 p.m. April 26 at Primo Restaurant

Businesses and employers: 8 to 9:30 a.m. April 30 at Coughlin Center

To learn more and RSVP, visit [www.winnebagodac.org/events](http://www.winnebagodac.org/events) or [www.facebook.com/pg/winnebagodac/events](https://www.facebook.com/pg/winnebagodac/events).

Community Conversations are supported by the Department of Health Services' State Targeted Opioid Response Program.

# Rent Smart 2018 courses offered by UW Extension

The Rent Smart workshops presented by Winnebago County's UW Extension provide practical education to help people find, get and keep suitable housing.

Each workshop consists of two sessions. Participants must attend both to receive a certificate of completion to show commitment to being a good tenant. Registration is required by calling 920-232-1973.

Oshkosh sessions are from 6 to 8:30 p.m. March 6 and 8 at Father Carr's Place to B, 1062 N. Koeller St.; 9 to 11:30 a.m. July 5 and 12 at J.P. Coughlin Center (Room B), 625 E. County Y; 6 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 17 and 19 at Father Carr's; and from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Nov. 7 and 9 at the Oshkosh Public Library (Conference Room and Room B), 106 Washington Ave.

Topics include cost, affordability, checking the property and landlord, application process, responsibility for maintenance, repairs and care, communication and rental agreements.

## Correction

Feb. 22, Page 8: Cade Schmitz was omitted from the first-semester High Honors listing for Oshkosh North High School.

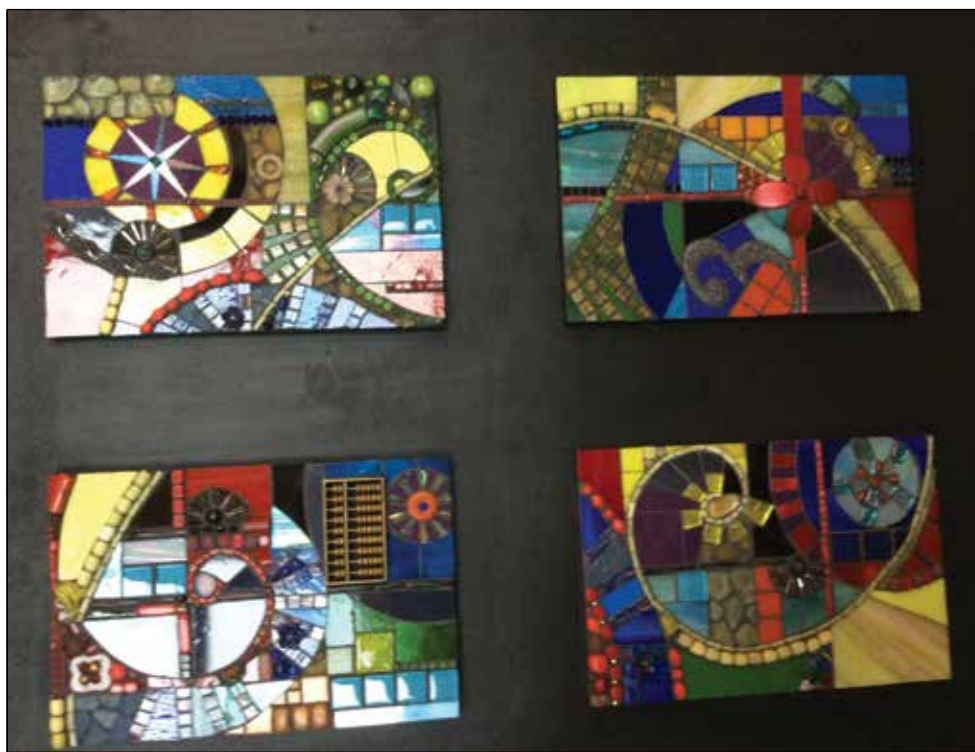


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## Gallery Walk artist

Julia Flanagan will be one of the featured artists from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the monthly Oshkosh Gallery Walk downtown. The work of local, regional and national artists, such as some of Flanagan's works shown here, are on display with a chance to meet and mingle with the artists and others.

# Library's Spectacular Vernacular highlights language and culture

A new series of programs at the Oshkosh Public Library offers a global sampler of language learning, practical tips for functioning *sans Anglais* and opportunities to meet local people from other countries and learn about their culture.

Spectacular Vernacular is a set of five programs that offer an introduction to language learning, underscores the benefits of being multilingual and highlights interesting aspects of different cultures.

"If you've ever thought about learning a new language and come up with 27 reasons why it's too difficult, this is a great way to explore some of the resources that can help you get started," says Sandy Toland, coordinator of adult programs at the Oshkosh Public Library. "Even if learning a new language isn't your goal, we'll have opportunities to learn about other cultures, meet some awesome people from around the world and expand your world view."

The library will also showcase its online language learning resource, Mango, with more than 70 languages to learn for travel, business or fun, through user-friendly, interactive lessons. Mango also has cultural traditions for specific languages and countries.

Free programs include:  
The Importance of Languages in the

21st Century, 6 to 7 p.m. March 1: Professor Isabel Alvarez from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh discusses the advantages of learning a foreign language in today's society.

Mango Day, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 8: Learn more about Mango, our easy-to-use online language learning resource. Get a Mango demonstration, mark your travels on our world map and test your language skills to register for prize drawings.

Multilingualism Made Easy, 6 to 7 p.m. March 15: Learning languages can be daunting. Join our panel of local experts discussing why language acquisition is an essential skill that anyone can hone.

Focus on Arabic, 6 to 7 p.m. March 22: Learn more about the fifth most common language spoken and its script, which is the third most widely used writing system in the world.

The Polyglot, 2 to 4 p.m. March 24: They all call Oshkosh home, but English is not their native language. Meet new people and experience many of the languages and cultures that make up Oshkosh.

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# Air Force Reserve Command will mark 70th at EAA

The Air Force Reserve is celebrating its 70th anniversary at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2018, bringing its fleet of military refueling aircraft as part of AirVenture's "Year of the Tanker." The 66th annual Experimental Aircraft Association fly-in convention is July 23-29 at Wittman Regional Airport.

The Air Force Reserve Command, which encompasses nearly 70,000 citizen airmen, will bring operational aircraft and participate in a special display showcasing the past, present and future of tanker aircraft.

"We are honored that the Air Force Reserve will mark its 70th anniversary at Oshkosh, as it is a perfect place to showcase the Reserve's aircraft and citizen airmen," said Rick Larsen, EAA's vice president of communities and member programs, who coordinates AirVenture features and attractions.

"Its presence will make the Year of the Tanker possible, but it will feature other aircraft and programs during the week."

Air Force Reserve Command aircraft will participate in the daily air shows at AirVenture 2018, and be displayed on Boeing Plaza throughout the week. Reserve citizen airmen will also participate in WomenVenture, creating opportunities for all to meet and connect in an event designed to encourage and inspire the next generation of women in aviation. In addition, there will be special forums and programs highlighting the Reserve's mission around the world in support of military and humanitarian operations.

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# High-powered North primed for state run

## Spartans built on last year's lessons to set higher goals

By Tim Froberg  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The bus was silent as it chugged back to Oshkosh.

March Madness had turned into March Sadness for Oshkosh North, and no one felt like chatting after the Spartans' frustrating 76-61 loss to high-powered Stevens Point in a sectional final at Marshfield.

As a somber Tyrese Haliburton reflected on the gut-wrenching reality that North's fabulous season was suddenly over, he received a text alert on his phone and read some inspirational words by teammate Quincy Anderson, who was seated nearby.

"Next year - our year" was Anderson's message.

The Spartans (21-1) are on a mission to make Anderson's text come true.

They have been ranked No. 1 among Division 1 teams throughout the season in both The Associated Press and Wisconsin Sportsnet polls and are the two-time defending champions of the rugged Fox Valley Association.

Claiming another FVA title was just fine with the Spartans, but the goal they are really chasing remains as clear as numbers on a scoreboard. They want to win it all and give the North boys' basketball program its first WIAA state boys' basketball title.

"To be able to do that would be so big for our community, our city and most importantly, our team and our program," said Anderson. "Tyrese and I have talked about what would mean for everyone, including the little kids on the travel teams from upcoming generations. To be able to instill the confidence in them early that you can do it, too, that would be great."

North has everything it takes to bring home a gold ball. Haliburton and Anderson are elite players and are surrounded by a strong supporting cast. The Spartans are battle-tested, having gone 17-1 in the FVA this season and 35-1 the past two seasons, and are well coached by Brad Weber.

And they're hungry, too - determined to avoid last year's fate of falling just short of the state tournament.

"We were all hurting after that loss to Point because we believe we could have gone to state and maybe won it, so to come up short was tough," said Anderson. "But we didn't let that wall knock us down. We kept our confidence. As soon as that final buzzer went off, we were all thinking about when was the next time we could get back in the gym, so we could make sure it doesn't happen again."

Weber, the first-year head coach who



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH PLETZER

North's Gout Deng scores against Neenah in their final conference game before the tournament.

replaced longtime coach Frank Schade, added: "Point was just an outstanding team, but it stung and our players will tell you that it still stings. But it really added fuel to the fire for us the minute the off-season began. The kids now realize that sure things have been going well for us, but it's one night, and you're done if you're not on top of your game. That's what makes March Madness so fun for everyone."

Anderson and Haliburton are close friends and team captains who have played basketball together since the fourth grade. They have been the driving force in practice to get the Spartans to Madison.

"Our ultimate goal is to win a state championship and we feel like we're putting ourselves in good position to do that," said Haliburton. "For seniors like Quincy and I, it's our last chance to do it and we feel like it's our year to do it. We've pushed each other so hard in practice, almost to a fault."

The 6-foot-6 Haliburton runs the North show and is a special talent, a rangy playmaking guard with exceptional court vision. Haliburton can score (22.6 points per game), pass (6.3 assists per game) and rebound (5 rebounds per game), which is why he's headed to Division 1 Iowa State on a full scholarship.

"Tyrese is as complete a player as I've been around in my time at North," said Weber. "His ability to pass is obviously special and he can score in a variety of ways. But it doesn't stop on the offensive end. He leads

us in deflections, leads the conference in steals and is a phenomenal leader. He's the complete package."

The 6-4 Anderson hasn't yet signed with a college, but has received Division 1 interest. He is a skilled and athletic offensive player (17.6 ppg), a force on the boards (a team-high 5.6 rebounds per game) and a defensive stopper.

"Quincy is an explosive player on both ends," Weber said. "It's obvious he knows how to put the ball in the basket. But I think his best attribute is his all-around hustle. I don't know many people in the state can stay with him when he's determined to rebound. And he gives us such a different element that fuels our fast break."

Wesley Schiek (9.0 ppg), Matt Hickey (8.0 ppg), Gout Deng (7.2 ppg), Dylan Krumrei (6 ppg), Abraham Schiek (3.6 ppg) and Wil Schmidt (3.6 ppg) add scoring balance to a net-shredding North team that averages 79.9 points.

Wesley Schiek, a senior, and Abraham Schiek, a junior, are transfers from Valley Christian who have sacrificed statistical glory and filled less prominent roles at North.

"They're just great kids and have been great additions to our team" Weber said. "They're skilled players. Wes averaged around 26 a game last season and Abraham was around 21. To come in and just star in their roles like these two have, I don't know a lot of people who could do that as well as they have."

Weber's adjustment from assistant

coach to head coach has been just as seamless. He knew the program inside and out after working with the legendary Schade for 18 years, and hasn't tampered with Schade's winning formula.

"When I took over, I just told the guys, 'Not much is going to change,'" Weber said. "What coach Schade did worked for more than 30 years, so there's no reason to change it now. We're just going to continue with what North basketball is about and we pride ourselves on carrying on that legacy."

Haliburton and Anderson say that the transition from Schade to Weber couldn't have been much smoother.

"Coach Schade was one of the best coaches in state history and he taught me so many lessons, including a lot of life lessons," said Haliburton. "Coach Weber has been here so many years, so it's been great to have him come in and continue the process. It's not like we've brought in some random guy who has changed everything. Everything has kind of stayed the same and we haven't missed a beat."

Anderson added: "Coach Weber was with coach Schade for 18 years, so he had the opportunity to learn from one of the great coaches in Wisconsin history. Coach Weber has the same mentality as coach Schade, but I think he's probably a little more modern in his coaching style. I think he combines his own coaching style with everything he learned from coach Schade, and that's a great combination to have."

Another great basketball combo to have is stingy defense paired with explosive offense, and North has both. In addition to their ability to score in bunches, the Spartans are allowing just 44.5 points a game.

"Some of the things that coach Schade instilled in us are mentality, attitude and toughness," Anderson said. "He talked a lot about controlling what you can control, and attitude and toughness are two things you can control. We feel we're not going to get much done on the offensive end if we don't get it done on the defensive end."

To the surprise of no one, North is a No. 1 seed in regional tournament play that starts Friday when the Spartans host Appleton North, a No. 16 seed. It's the start of what the Spartans hope will be a deep and dynamic drive through a postseason to remember.

"The big thing we've focused on all year is to just keep getting better," said Haliburton. "We haven't paid much attention to the rankings. We talk about focusing on the process and not just the product. We've put ourselves in a good position to win at all times, so I have faith that we can win every game. Hopefully we can keep doing that and this ends with us winning a state championship."

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## GIRLS BASKETBALL

### Top-ranked Appleton North ends Spartans season

The Oshkosh North girls basketball team's season came to an end on Friday night, falling to top-seeded Appleton North, 77-23, in a WIAA Division 1 regional opener.

Oshkosh North got six points from Brooke Ellestad, while Ashley Wissink chipped in four.

Sydney Levy had a monster night for the Lightning, scoring a game-high 30 points while knocking down eight 3-pointers.

### Kimberly uses big second half to pull away from West

The Oshkosh West girls were outscored 39-17 in the second half as they lost to second-seeded Kimberly, 55-36, in a WIAA Division 1 regional game last Friday.

Kiersten McNulty was the only Wildcat to score double digits, leading the way with 11 points while Abby Hammonds had seven. Callista Rochon-Baker and Megan Kaminski each added six.

### Lourdes crushes Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah

The Lourdes girls basketball team dominated on both sides of the ball last Friday, picking up a lopsided 71-18 win over Elkhart-Lake Glenbeulah in the WIAA Division 5 regional.

Alexis Rolph led the way with 15 points, while Hope Burns chipped in 12 for the Knights. Quinn Godfroy and Abi Giese added 11 and 10 points in the win.

Lourdes jumped out to a 36-14 lead at halftime and then allowed just four points in the second half as they cruised to the win.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

### Spartans win Fox Valley Association title with win

After beating Kaukauna last week in a huge Fox Valley Association matchup, which gave the Oshkosh North boys basketball team at least a share of the conference title, the Spartans finished off Neenah in the regular season finale, 77-36, to win the conference title outright.

The Spartans wasted no time by jumping out to a 49-17 halftime lead.

Tyrese Haliburton led North with 28 points and had nine assists. Wesley Schiek added 13 points for North while Quincy Anderson chipped in nine.

### Papermakers stop Wildcats in FVA victory

The Oshkosh West boys basketball team suffered a 64-44 Fox Valley Association loss to Kimberly last Thursday.

Alec Rosner led the Papermakers with 20 points while two others were in double-digits.

Oshkosh West earned the sixth-seed in the WIAA Division 1 playoffs, which will start Friday night. The Wildcats will host No. 11 Eau Claire Memorial and if they win that, will either play No. 3 Stevens Point – last year's state champs – or No. 14 Appleton East Saturday night.

### Lourdes crushes Central Wisconsin Christian

The Knights got points from 11 different players as they picked up a 66-42 win over Central Wisconsin Christian in a Trailways-East Conference game played on the road last Thursday.

Lourdes got 14 points from Preston Ruedinger and Ben Huizenga, while Henry Noone added 9 and Doug Ryan chipped in seven. The Knights hit 11 3-point shots in the win, getting four from both Huizenga and Ruedinger.

Lourdes outscored CWC by 12 in each half in the win.

Lourdes earned the No. 2 seed in the WIAA Division 5 playoffs and hosted No. 15 Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah in the first round, but because of deadline, results were not available.

If the Knights won, they would host the winner of No. 7 Faith Christian/No. 10 Catholic Central Friday night.

### Dodgeland downs Valley Christian ahead of playoffs

The Valley Christian boys basketball team couldn't keep up with Dodgeland last Thursday, falling 69-41.

Dan Dunn and Isaiah Wade paced the Warriors offensively, scoring 12 points apiece. Yianni Giannopoulos added nine points for Valley Christian.

Valley Christian earned the No. 12 seed in the WIAA Division 5 playoffs and traveled to face No. 5 Oneida Nation this past Tuesday.

## WRESTLING

### West's Thompson finishes fifth at state tournament

Oshkosh West's Reese Thompson capped off his career on a high note, finishing fifth in the WIAA State Tournament on Saturday in Madison.

Thompson defeated Janesville Craig's Nate Ellis, 8-1, to capture the medal after losing to him 11-7 in the first round.

After that first-round loss to Ellis, Thompson picked up a close 2-1 decision and then won his next match by a pin in just over 2 minutes to make a trip to the fifth-place match.

Edgar Heredia, who made his second straight trip to state, was eliminated when he lost 3-1 to Kenosha Bradford's Jake Deates. Andrew Kalfas went 0-2 at 285, getting pinned by Kaukauna's Keaton Kluever in the opening match, and then lost 6-2 in the consolation bracket. 106-pounder Alec Hunter and 145-pounder Connor Collins also went 0-2, losing on two decisions.

Oshkosh North's Dalton Holmes (152 pounds) started off the state tournament with a win – pinning Wisconsin Rapid's Bergh Diebel in 1:18 – but then lost his next two matches.

Holmes lost on an 11-2 major decision in the quarterfinals and then lost 18-10 in the consolation bracket.

Compiled by Alex Wolf, Herald contributor



PHOTO BY ANDY RATCHMAN

Quinn Godfroy of Lourdes drives against Oakfield on Saturday night in the regional final.

# Lourdes girls advance to sectional play with victory over Oakfield

By Morgan Van Lanen  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Lourdes Academy Lady Knights kept their playoff run alive in a 76-50 regional final victory over conference rival Oakfield on Saturday night.

The Lady Knights came into the game remembering their devastating 56-58 regional final loss to Saint Mary's Springs last season.

Junior Marley Wesenberg, who had 10 points against the Oaks including three three-pointers, said the momentum from Friday night's 71-18 defeat over Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah carried over into Saturday's game.

"We wanted it so much tonight," Wesenberg said. "We had so much energy last night and we just wanted it so bad again today. We played together and we brought the talking and the energy tonight."

The Lady Knights used nine players from their bench against Oakfield, allowing some of the upperclassmen to get additional rest before heading to Slinger on Thursday to take on Hustisford in the sectional semifinal.

According to senior Maggie Berenz, the first few games of the playoffs allow younger players to get some time on the court who typically would not get the opportunity during the regular season.

"It gives the younger players some playing time during high-intensity games," Berenz said. "It is setting up this team to continue to do well in the future."

Less than two weeks ago, Lourdes took on Oakfield in the conference finale and won 59-48. However, the difference

between the two teams just nine days later was evident, senior Quinn Godfroy said.

"We just talked so much more in this game," Godfroy said. "And on defense, we played really well and it showed."

Godfroy was impeccable on offense against the Oaks. The guard led the team in points with 26, including 18 of those coming from three-point shots.

According to Godfroy, she and the rest of her team were so successful on offense because of one thing they are working on in practice.

"To make the extra pass to make an even greater shot," Godfroy said.

Junior Alexis Rolph was not far behind Godfroy in stats, as she collected 21 points, 10 from the charity line.

Wesenberg said the creativity the Lady Knights have used on offense was also a factor in their 147 points during the first two rounds of the playoffs.

"Especially playing these teams in the playoffs, we try to make new strategies and new plays to make it better for us," Wesenberg said. "We just play really strong offense."

Lourdes Academy is currently ranked eighth in Division V, falling four places from its fourth-place ranking last week on [wssports.net](http://wssports.net).

Regardless of their standings, stats or regular season record, the postseason is the time to take one game at a time and focus on getting to state, Wesenberg said.

We just have to keep doing what we're doing," Wesenberg said. "Work together, talk, just move the ball and play together."



# Herd adds Jennings, drops two of three

By Ti Windisch  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Wisconsin Herd acquiring Brandon Jennings during the NBA All-Star Break may have been a big win for the team, but it would be followed by losses in two of the three games Wisconsin has played since adding the dynamic point guard.

The Milwaukee Bucks selected Jennings 10th overall in the 2009 NBA Draft, and he starred for Milwaukee for four years until he was traded to the Detroit Pistons in a deal that brought Khris Middleton and Brandon Knight to Milwaukee.

From Detroit, Jennings went to the Orlando Magic, New York Knicks and Washington Wizards before ending up in China, and ultimately with the Herd. His return to the United States was marred by a losing effort for Wisconsin against the Fort Wayne Mad Ants on Feb. 21.

After that game, Herd head coach Jordan Brady praised Jennings for being an impact player while noting it would take time for everyone involved to adjust to his offensive presence.

"He's obviously an exciting playmaker," Brady said. "I think it's going to take a little time for everybody to get on the same page, for guys to get used to having the ball in his hands and know when it's going to come."

Jennings scored 31 points in his Herd debut, while hitting five of his 12 three-point attempts and putting up eight assists as well as eight turnovers. After the game, he spoke about the rust he knew he'd have



WISCONSIN HERD PHOTO

Brandon Jennings has made an immediate impact on the Herd with his arrival last week.

to knock off in game one of the season for him.

"I was a little tired in the first five minutes. I knew I would be though just because I was so excited and winded, and I haven't played since China," Jennings said. "I'm just happy that I got through my first game. (There are) a lot of new players, we're all still learning each other. I don't know them,

they don't know me. I think we'll just keep progressing as we keep going."

Jennings progressed quickly, as he poured in another 29 points Friday, this time in a Herd victory. Wisconsin snapped a five-game losing streak in an overtime win against the Long Island Nets that saw Jennings hit a game-tying three-pointer in regulation and score all six of the Herd's points

in overtime.

He dropped 29 points again Sunday afternoon, but it was not enough in a loss to the Raptors 905. Ricky Ledo, who has flourished in Jennings' three games with Wisconsin, scored 25 points Sunday after dropping 23 on Friday and 19 the previous Wednesday.

Ledo and Jennings may become the new one-two punch for the Herd, with James Young in Philadelphia and Xavier Munford often spending time with the Bucks. Jennings and Ledo are first and second in attempted field goals and points scored per game, respectively, since Jennings debuted with the Herd.

Munford was with Wisconsin just once this past week, as he started Feb. 21 and was uncharacteristically inefficient from the field. Munford said although he gets a lot out of his time with the Bucks, it is nice to get on the floor in Oshkosh.

"I get a lot of work in after practice, and before games and after games (with Milwaukee) so I'm definitely getting my work in," Munford said. "But you've got to stay in basketball shape and keep your game polished, so coming down here really helps."

With or without Munford in town, the Herd will have to put plenty of wins together in their last 10 games in order to qualify for postseason play. Wisconsin is currently eighth in the Eastern Conference, and only six teams from each conference go to the playoffs in the G League.

## Titan men receive at-large NCAA Tournament berth

Oshkosh Herald

The UW-Oshkosh men's basketball team received an at-large berth to the NCAA Division III Tournament when it was announced Monday afternoon.

This bid makes it three straight seasons the Titans (20-7) have made it to the NCAA tourney and will face Marietta College (Ohio) on March 2 in the opener. The game will be played in Springfield, Ohio.

In the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament this last weekend, the Titans tried to reach the championship game for the fourth straight season, but fell short as they lost 71-63 to UW-Stevens Point in the semifinal game played Friday in Stevens Point.

The Pointers, ranked 23rd in Division

III, used a 5-0 run with less than seven minutes to go in the game to take a 54-49 lead and never lost it again. The Titans, ranked 19th, were able to pull within 3, but the Pointers responded with a 8-2 run after that to help secure the win.

The Titans shot 44 percent from the field and were led by Charlie Noone, who had 18 points – going 5-for-10 from the field, all from 3-point land – while Ben Boots added 10 points and dished out five assists. Jack Flynn chipped in 11 points and had 10 rebounds.

For UWSP, MJ Delmore had a game-high 23 points, which included going 10-for-10 at the free throw line. Canon O'Heron added 14 points for the Pointers, who went on to win the WIAC title game over UW-River Falls 59-44.

## Titan women denied NCAA bid for first time since 2013

Oshkosh Herald

The UW-Oshkosh women's basketball team didn't receive an at-large bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament after the selection committee released the bracket Monday.

Despite finishing second in the WIAC with an overall record of 21-6 and 9-5 in the conference, and finishing second in the WIAC Tournament, the Titans will miss the tournament for the first time since 2013 – head coach Brad Fischer's first season.

In the WIAC title game, the Titans missed a game-tying 3-pointer at the buzzer as UW-Whitewater went on to win the WIAC championship game, 68-65, in a game played in Whitewater on Friday. Whitewater earned the automatic berth to

the NCAA Tournament with the win.

The Titans had chances to take the lead in the final two minutes as Emma Melotik hit a big 3-pointer to trim the Warhawks' lead to 67-65, but then both teams turned it over on the next four possessions as UWW's Malia Smith hit one of two free throws with eight seconds left before Titans' Eliza Campbell's 3 didn't connect to give the Warhawks – who went on to win the WIAC title – the victory.

Melotik led the Titans with 16 points while Campbell had 13 points, 10 rebounds and five assists. Chloe Pustina added 10 points; Isabella Samuels chipped in eight.

UWO outshot UWW (51.1 percent to 47.5 percent) but the 19 turnovers killed them. The Warhawks had 19 points off those turnovers.

## Winter baseball training camps set

The YMCA is sponsoring winter training camp March 11 for potential youth softball/baseball players. The camp provides young players an opportunity to throw, field and swing a bat during a time of year when developing skills may not be a priority.

The cost is \$15 (includes camp T-shirt) and checks can be made out to YMCA. Payments, including cash, should be made

at the door at Oshkosh West gymnasiums. Ages 5 and 6 are from noon-2 p.m. and ages 7 and 8 are from 2 to 4 p.m.

There will be a pitchers/catchers camp from noon to 2 p.m. March 18 for 9-12-year-olds, and a camp for 4- and 5-year-olds from noon to 2 p.m. March 25. All camps are at Oshkosh West. More information is on the YMCA website.

## FVTC Dean's List

Fox Valley Technical College has announced its 2017 fall Dean's List for the region for those enrolled in an associate degree or technical diploma program, with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

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# Obituaries

## Edna Priebe Luedeke

Edna Priebe Luedeke was born January 7, 1918, in the Town of Merton, WI, the daughter of Fred and Lydia Zarling Priebe. As a child she lived in various places, settling in Oshkosh where she worked as a maid for the Bell and O'Connor families. In 1941 she was united in marriage to Lawrence Luedeke at Martin Luther Church.



They loved to travel and went abroad several times.

Edna was a lifetime member of Martin Luther Church where she served in the Ladies Guild, Pioneers, nursery, Lutheran Women's Mission Society, Bible Class, and prayer chain.

Her home welcomed many friends of her children, stopping for homemade bread, potlucks, and just hanging out.

Edna was preceded in death by her husband Lawrence; sisters: Esther and

Ruth; brothers: Fred, Walter and Martin; a grandson, David Luedeke.

She is survived by her sister, Margaret Moratz, a brother, Edwin Priebe, and children: Beverley Lentz (Richard), Mary Malnory, Nancy Lienhard (Roger), Arthur Luedeke (Sandra), Thomas Luedeke (Debi), Charles Luedeke (Linda); 24 grandchildren and 53 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2018, at Martin Luther Church, 1526 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the service at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Jeffrey Berg and Rev. Nathan Ericson will officiate. Entombment will be in Lake View Memorial Park, Oshkosh. In lieu of flowers donations will be given to Hometown Hospice and Homecare.

The family acknowledges with gratefulness the wonderful care Edna received at Waterford and from Hometown Hospice.



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## North counselors tops in state

The Oshkosh North High School Counseling Team has been named the 2018 School Counseling Team of the Year by the Wisconsin School Counseling Association (WSCA). The award was presented to members of the team at the annual WSCA Conference on Feb. 21 in Madison. Pictured (from left) are Stacy Eslick, WSCA executive director; Shannon Steif, North junior counselor; Sarah Stanzek, North sophomore counselor; Andrea Holdorf, North senior counselor; and Lisa Lieder, district alternative education coordinator and transition counselor. Not pictured are Sue Nichols, North secretary; Diane Stueber, North registrar; Johnny Scott, district diversity coordinator and at-risk mentor; and Kaitlin Stindt, North freshman counselor.

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FREE when you redeem 3000 PIG POINTS

14 to 30-oz. Package **McCain Onion Rings or Potatoes** **\$1.68**

WITH CARD

Fresh Baked! Assorted Varieties **Piggly Wiggly's Very Own Cookies** **\$1.88**

12-Count

7 to 16-oz. **Cheeze-It, Zesta Saltines, or Keebler Cookies** **\$1.68**

WITH CARD

7.5 to 10-oz. Bag **O-ke-Doke Popcorn or Jay's Potato Chips** **\$1.88**

WITH CARD

Double Rolls - Ultra or Clean Care **Cottonelle Bath Tissue** **\$9.88**

30-Pack Equivalent to 3.95 12-Packs WITH CARD

1%, 2% or Skim **Piggly Wiggly Gallon Milk** **\$1.98**

5100 PIG POINTS Save 17¢ Per Gallon of Gas! **LOWEST LEGAL RETAIL**

24-Pack, 12-oz. Cans or Bottles - Miller 64, MGD or Miller Lite **\$17.87**

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24-Pack, 12-oz. Cans or Bottles - Coors Banquet or Coors Light **\$17.87**

**LOWEST LEGAL RETAIL**

30-Pack, 12-oz. Cans - Miller High Life Light or Miller High Life **\$16.86**

12-Pack, 12-oz. Bottles **Leinenkugel's** **\$12.98**

30-Pack, 12-oz. Cans **Milwaukee's Best or Keystone** **\$12.98**

900 PIG POINTS Save 03¢ Per Gallon of Gas! **Henry's Hard Soda** **\$7.28**

6-Pack, 12-oz. Bottles

6-Pack, 12-oz. Bottles - Belgian White, Pacific Apricot Wheat or Mango Wheat **Blue Moon** **\$7.48**

12-Pack, 12-oz. Bottles **Redd's Apple Ale** **\$12.28**

30-Pack, 12-oz. Cans - Hamm's Light or Hamm's **\$9.98**

# CRAZY 8 SALE

73% Lean **Family Pack Ground Beef** **\$1.98** lb.

80% Lean - Family Pack \$2.68 Ground Beef...lb.

16-oz. **Sugardale Bacon** **\$2.98**

WITH CARD

6-oz. - Blended or Light **Food Club Yogurt** **28¢**

LIMIT 10 FREE when you redeem 3000 PIG POINTS WITH CARD

6.4-oz. Package **Banquet Brown 'N Serve Links or Patties** **88¢**

LIMIT 4 WITH CARD

64-oz. Bottle - Regular Only **Food Club Apple Juice** **88¢**

LIMIT 3 WITH CARD

4 to 5.7-oz. Package **Knorr Rice or Pasta Sides** **88¢**

WITH CARD

2-Liter Bottle **7 Up, Dr. Pepper, Pepsi, or Mountain Dew** **88¢**

LIMIT 6 WITH CARD