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Oshkosh Ave. hotel in works

Commission also discusses Morgan property revival

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Plans for a new hotel on property occupied by the former Robbins Restaurant in the 1700 block of Oshkosh Avenue were unveiled at the March 4 meeting of the City Plan Commission.

The proposed hotel would be a Marriott Residence Inn with 112 rooms and associated parking. The extended-stay hotel would be situated just south of the planned global headquarters for Oshkosh Corp.

Oshkosh developer Steve Hoopman released details of the project during discussion of a General Development Plan (GDP) for the 6.4-acre area, which would potentially include five commercial, service or retail developments. Hoopman said the hotel would be built as Phase 1, and the commercial developments to follow as Phase 2 in the recently approved tax increment financing (TIF) district. H2 Oshkosh Ave LLC is the listed owner of the parcel.

Plan Commissioners gave 8-0 approval with one abstention to the GDP, the first step in the development process for mixed



PHOTO BY TOM EKVALL

Developer Steve Hoopman presents a conceptual plan for development of a Marriott Residence Inn on Oshkosh Avenue with Ben Ganther, president of Ganther Construction, looking on.

use projects with city planning staff also recommending approval subject to certain requirements. The GDP will now go before the Common Council for approval. A Specific Implementation Plan would follow

and later come before the Planning Commission with finalized details.

The Plan Commission also unanimously recommended approval of the GDP

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Candidates for Council put goals forward

April election will determine three seats for four hopefuls

By Patty Brandl
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Primary election time is here, and Oshkosh voters will soon choose which three Common Council candidates from a field of four will fill three vacant seats in 2018.

Three of the candidates are incumbents and the fourth, who made an unsuccessful bid for a seat last year, has thrown his hat into the ring for another run. All have done board service in the past and are currently serving on various city boards and commissions.

• Steve Herman, who is serving his third term as deputy mayor, retired after a 30-year career with the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department and currently works part time for the County Parks Department. Herman said the biggest issue facing Oshkosh in 2018 is the debt. Herman said the city fights a constant battle to keep up with the deteriorating infrastructure, which suffers from years of neglect.

"We need to figure out better how we can replace the infrastructure and not always place it on the back of the taxpayers and businesses in Oshkosh," he said. "We have done a good job reducing our debt the last few years, but we need to take a look at the overall process."

Having been involved in public service throughout his professional career, Herman said he has the experience to under-



stand the needs and demands of Oshkosh and the surrounding area.

"I feel that I listen to the facts on issues that come in front of the Council, and I make a decision that I believe is in the best interest of the citizens and the city," he said.

• Lori Palmeri, an incumbent, works at a variety of jobs that include grant writing and consulting for nonprofits through Palmeri and Associates Planning Support; teaching part time as a substitute for the Oshkosh Area School District; and also owns a small business where she restores furniture. She said there are pressing issues the city must face in 2018. In addition to jobs, one of the major areas of focus for Palmeri is passing along timely and accurate information on housing and transportation from city hall to Oshkosh residents. She is pro-affordable safe housing and transportation for all.

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Herd hosts young sports career seekers

By Ti Windisch
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The Wisconsin Herd hosted a career fair and panel discussion focused on opportunities to work in sports in advance of their game against the Westchester Knicks on Saturday.

The career fair included a plethora of sports teams and other sports-adjacent employers. Menominee Nation Arena was packed with well-dressed college students and recent graduates looking for more information on how to pursue a career in the varied sports industries.

Panel speakers included Steve Brandes, president of the Herd; Alicia Dupies, vice president of corporate social responsibility for the Milwaukee Bucks; Dr. Patrick McKenzie, team physician of the Green Bay Packers; Tommy Smith, vice president of the NBA G League; Malcolm Turner, president of the NBA G League; Brandon Williams, analyst on the Big Ten Network; and Rob Zerjav, president of the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers and Fond du Lac Dock Spiders.

The area of the arena used for the panel was full of young people, something that Turner said he enjoyed because of how he was helped by similar events when he was that age.

"When I was in these seats way back when I learned a lot from these types of discussions and these types of panels, so it's something that I enjoy doing, and I do quite a bit of it," Turner said. "It's important because we all want immediate success, but there are steps that you have to take ...

I was just so thrilled with the turnout that we had. It's an important message."

What they said

Missed the Herd panel discussion? Here's a quote from each of the speakers.

Steve Brandes, on resumes/cover letters: "Every hiring manager operates differently. Some don't care about your cover letters, some do. I'm a person that does. You send me a cover letter that says, 'Dear Cleveland Browns,' I don't even look at it. I throw it out. If you're not paying attention to detail, then you're not a person that's going to be on our staff that's going to care about detail."

Alicia Dupies, on the value of informational interviews: "Reach out and ask for 15 minutes. I think you'll be surprised where it will get you. Our intern that we have right now, I did an informational interview with her while she was doing a Jesuit service volunteer year in Seattle two years ago. She came home, she came in to meet with us in person, and everything fell into place at the right time."

Dr. Patrick McKenzie, on staying current in a field: "Never lose interest. I don't care if you've done a thousand ACLs, never think you know everything about an ACL. We are flooded with literature. There is a plethora of literature for us to read at all times. So I think you should immerse yourself in the literature of whatever your field is. But I also think it's important to

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New queens crowned in Oshkosh

By Jan Padron
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Ten young women competed for the title of Miss Oshkosh, and four competed for Miss Oshkosh's Outstanding Teen 2018, March 3 at the Oshkosh Civic Auditorium. Among the glitz and glamour, contestants competed in interview, talent, swimsuit and evening gown competitions.

In its 54th year, the Miss Oshkosh pageant awarded more than \$11,000 in scholarships. Sponsored by the Women's Association of Oshkosh and directed by Desiree Nerenhausen and Kelsey McDaniels, the contestants have been practicing for this



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Miss Oshkosh 2018 Kate Lidtke (left) and Miss Oshkosh's Outstanding Teen Liberty Mugerauer will compete in June for the respective state titles.

event since tryouts in November.

"We hold tryouts in the fall," stated Suzi Geffers, co-chairwomen for the Miss Oshkosh pageant. "We select the girls that we feel would best represent the community."

Part of the Miss America Organization whose national platform is the Children's Miracle Network, the local and state contestants champion causes important to them.

"It's one of the points of the crown: service to others," said Geffers. "Throughout the year the new Miss Oshkosh and Miss Oshkosh Outstanding Teen will actively engage with many service organizations to provide support where she can, as well as continue to promote their platform."

In addition to acts of service, the newly crowned titleholders will represent Oshkosh in the Miss Wisconsin and Miss Outstanding Teen Wisconsin pageants in June. Winning the title of Miss Oshkosh 2018 was Kate Lidtke, a senior from Winnebago Lutheran Academy. She performed a flawless rendition of "Journey to the Past" from

the movie "Anastasia" and her platform is Special Needs, Special Minds: Including Those with Special Needs.

"Being Miss Oshkosh, I have the opportunity to educate community members about special needs awareness and inclusion," said Lidtke. "I get to see firsthand how community members will be positively affected."

Lidtke's counterpart and winner of Miss Oshkosh Outstanding Teen was Liberty Mugerauer, a freshman at Lourdes Academy. She won the crowd with her twirl routine to "Sparkling Diamonds" and promotes her platform, A Voice for Orphans.

No matter the outcome of the pageant, contestants all walked away with life skills that will benefit them in their futures.

"Miss America organization is something that empowers girls in so many ways," said Mugerauer. "The interview experience is something I will use my whole life, the ability to perform whatever talent you choose in front of a large crowd is empowering, and

it is a scholarship organization which is the first priority of the system. Most importantly for me, choosing a platform to advocate for and being able to do my little part of changing the world is something most 14-year-old girls don't have the opportunity to do."

The runners-up for Miss Oshkosh included first runner-up Emily Boyce, second runner-up Hannah Krueger, third runner-up Jamie Karlic, and fourth runner-up Kailyn DeBlaey. Karlic also received the award for highest overall interview score while most ticket sales and nonfinalist talent went to Caroline Baier.

Winning the nonfinalist interview was Anastacia King. Runner-up for the Miss Oshkosh Outstanding Teen was Isabella Garvey.

Mired in scandal, the Miss America Organization has gone through an overhaul of its leadership, announcing in January that former Miss America Gretchen Carlson has taken over as chairperson of the organization. She is promising big changes, but those haven't been announced yet.

"We are excited to see what is planned for the organization," said Geffers. "The only changes we've seen so far is that the age of eligibility has been raised from 24 to 25 years old. And on the teen level, there used to be three ways you could become a contestant. It used to be that you could be appointed, but they've eliminated that."

On the local level, there were also some big changes with the changing of the guard as longtime pageant co-directors Gordy Lund and Marilyn McCormack retired from the organization. With more than 90 years of experience between them, along with Gert Schultz who passed away in 2016, "The Ladies" as they are referred to by contestants have made an impact on the lives of hundreds of women who have been part of the Miss Oshkosh organization.

With a moving tribute, the Women's Association and past Miss Oshkosh winners gave a thank-you to those three women and their efforts over those many years.

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New agency's mission is to bring out the best

Fett's diverse background comes together with Tashi Deley

By Samantha Strong
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

For those who know her, describing Ali Fett in one word is a difficult task. This is because she is so many things to so many people: a mother, a co-worker, a cheerleader, a support system, a problem-solver, but most of all, an inspiration.

Fett, who currently lives in Oshkosh, has always lived a life of servant leadership. This line of thought speaks to the core of her person and the life she strives to live daily.

"At a very young age, I remember seeing people differently than how they saw themselves, and even today I have such a great passion for almost mirroring to them their beauty – who they truly are and the gifts they bring to the world," Fett said. "This has always been a joy and a passion for me."

Keeping in tune with her personal and professional life goals, Fett is launching her own talent consulting business, Tashi Deley LLC, located in Oshkosh, with the hopes of becoming a nationwide phenomenon. The organization will serve both individuals and organizations by assessing their strengths and how they can contribute to their organization and society as a whole.

"The whole goal of the company is to pull out what is already the greatness within people and help them clarify their purpose," Fett said. "I want to show people that who you are is good enough, and together, we can foster the greatness in who you already are."

The name Tashi Deley is derived from a Tibetan greeting that means "I see you and I honor the greatness within you," which is the basis of Fett's developmental trainings, motivational speeches and one-on-one coaching.

Fett had quite a few other life experiences that have shaped her, such as the Tedx talk she gave in August, her days playing and coaching basketball, becoming a school principal at age 28, working for the Milwaukee Bucks and, most recently, leaving her job at Verve, a Credit Union as the assistant vice president of talent development where she worked since 2013.

The most influential parts of any of these experiences though, according to Fett, were the people she met and the experiences she had along the way.

"I've had such wonderful experiences that have been encompassed with beautiful leaders and mentors that I've been privileged enough to be around and that have always seen something in me," Fett said. "They've always thought I could do a job that I thought I wasn't qualified for."

One of the most influential people in



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Ali Fett is pooling her experience in education, sports and finance to form a talent consulting business in Oshkosh.

her life as of late, Fett said, is Kevin Ralofsky, chief executive officer of Verve. Ralofsky said Fett has been an inspiration to not only him, but the rest of the employees at Verve.

Ralofsky said one of the reasons he hired her was her answer during one of her first interviews.

"She looked at me and asked why I would hire her when she didn't even balance her checkbook," Ralofsky said. "It was then that I knew she would be perfect. Her talents in her previous roles prepared her

for what I envisioned for her – and she has continually delivered time and time again."

Ralofsky said it was easy to mentor Fett and prepare her for her next chapter because she believes in and lives similar leadership ideas as him – to help everyone be at their best and highest use, while encouraging them to bring their special talents and gifts forward in every interaction, situation and opportunity.

"It takes a great deal of courage to take risks and pursue your dreams," Ralofsky said. "Ali's determination to step out on her own so she can make an impact beyond the walls of Verve speaks to her unrelenting dedication to putting the development of others first. Her entrepreneurial spirit, paired with her genuine love for growing people, will surely lead to success in her new endeavor."

After lots of reflection and self-discovery, something Fett does best, she realized it was time to answer her calling of serving others in a new way – by opening Tashi Deley. While there is still work to be done on her next adventure, Fett said she is optimistic and excited for the company's future.

"I hope this is something that lasts long beyond me," Fett said. "It's not about Ali Fett in the least bit. This is about lasting beyond looking to potentially affect others globally. We'll be rooted here (in Oshkosh) but will hopefully affect many lives for years to come."

Hotel

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for the construction of the Oshkosh Corp. headquarters and held a workshop discussing a proposed apartment and commercial development project on vacant land involving the former Morgan Door Co. property on Oregon Street and West Sixth Avenue.

Principal planner Mark Lyons said the hotel/commercial project is consistent with the city's Comprehensive Plan.

Construction of the hotel would start this spring, according to the application, and developers are working with prospective commercial tenants that include mixed retail stores, restaurants, fast food businesses and a health care clinic. The Robbins supper club, which had operated since 1928, closed in June 2016 and would be razed along with other existing homes for the development.

Conceptual plans for the 189,000-square-foot Oshkosh Corp. headquarters reveal a welcoming, open, yet secure facility that is kept back from the lakeshore to allow a continuous public access to the waterfront. The proposed design features display spaces for vehicles, flexible spaces for larger corporate meetings, an open floor plan, a conference center, open

atrium, an indoor/outdoor cafe, fitness center, a mother's room, an innovation area, company store, a patio with activity area, and trail access.

Topics of discussion included the presence of the outdoor display spaces, design of rock walls and traffic flow.

Lyons noted that present ordinances for a Corporate Business Park (CBP) do not allow outdoor display spaces, but felt the issue could be dealt with through a base standard modification. He said the proposal is not the traditional outdoor display that was intended to be prohibited in a CBP.

David Paino, vice president of development management for Trammell/Crow Co. of Oak Brook, Ill., and applicant for the GDP, told commission members that the five proposed grade-level display areas would blend into the environment to highlight vehicles that the company features for prospective buyers. Paino said the display areas would not be elevated above ground.

Regarding access to the facility, there is one proposed 39-foot access point, of either the recently dedicated North Keller Street extension or the future extension of North Westfield Street. The entrance would include two 12-foot outbound lanes and one 15-foot inbound lane with 664 parking spaces. Being an office park, outbound traf-

fic was not anticipated to be a problem.

Plan Commission members also discussed redevelopment of the Morgan District in a workshop session now that the 26-acre parcel will be vacated by Oshkosh Corp for its storage of military vehicles.

Ed Bowen, a commercial real estate developer with Morgan Properties LLC and a member of the Plan Commission, presented conceptual plans for a multibuilding apartment complex along with separate business developments, to get feedback on the TIF district's future.

Morgan Properties LLC, which owns the land, had proposed and received Council approval in 2016 for a project featuring 120 apartment units and a grocery store on land bordering the Fox River with the city to provide tax assistance and infrastructure improvements. Planned developments did not materialize as a key potential tenant decided to build elsewhere in the state.

Bowen said that Oshkosh Corp. is moving its vehicles as its lease expires March 17 with only a large pile of crushed stone remaining at the site, which would be used as fill for developments.

He said people are interested in moving near the downtown and having a riverfront view in his renewed push for the proposed mixed-use development. He said

the proposed townhouses would likely be rental units rather than condominiums.

Joseph Lee, president of JLA Architects, said the project would feature a view of the river, a clubhouse and fitness center, plenty of common space and access to the Riverwalk as well as other high-end features.

Bowen said the architecture firm was selected because of the quality of developments done elsewhere in the state. He said the workshop presentation represents a "first glance" of what could be done, get feedback on likes and dislikes, and that more details would be provided in a few months.

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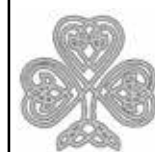
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Members of the Winnebago Barbershop Chorus perform at a church recently.

Barbershop chorus aspires to keep music form alive

By Alycia Fritschka
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

As time goes on and music taste among youth changes, concern grows for the potential loss of barbershop music as an art form. According to Roger LaPoint, a longtime member of Winnebago Barbershop Chorus, their mission is to maintain young people's interest in barbershop style and get them involved to keep the music alive.

His group has been heartfully preparing all year for its annual show themed "Heroes of Harmony" featuring the Frontier Quartet on March 24 at Alberta Kimball Auditorium.

"The show promises to provide all the jokes and groans from the old country show of yesteryear," said chorus member Mike LaPoint.

To help promote the barbershop style, the chorus hosts a "Super Sing" once a year where they invite middle school and high school students to participate in a one-day camp. The kids learn four or five songs and perform them in front of an audience.

Though barbershop style traditionally includes exclusively male voices, female singers are welcome to participate. The chorus also provides funding to high school students attending Young Men in Harmony camps. In May they sponsor a Youth in Harmony Festival to encourage young men's interest in barbershopping.

For those whose schedules are too busy the rest of the school year, the chorus offers summer opportunities for men of all ages who would still like to sing with them.

"Our goal after this show (Heroes of Harmony) is to get ready for our church sing-outs in the summer," said Mike LaPoint. The church sing-outs are three or four consecutive Sundays in June and July at local churches. The chorus sings about two songs per performance, often singing at up to 10 different churches in a single Sunday morning.

Merrill Middle School to host Trojan Dinner

Located inside Merrill Middle School, the Trojan Diner is being presented March 20 by Candice McGregor's seventh-grade Teen Work students.

They will offer a menu of chicken dinner, side dishes, appetizers and desserts from 12:10 to 1:49 p.m. in Room 110 at a cost of \$4.

Students have spent the last nine weeks researching careers in restaurants, completing online job applications, interviewing for positions, planning the menu and preparing the food. In Teen Work, students learn essential skills to help them be successful in the workforce.

To make the experience more authentic, community members from the Oshkosh Herald, Miravida Living and The Community for Hope came in to interview the students and provide feedback

"We will be inviting new guests to join us to practice and just perform those songs for the summer," he said. "They are not obligated to join us permanently, but we hope they do."

In addition to providing old-fashioned entertainment of bygone times, the chorus actively gives back to the community through their fundraising events. Two or more local charities are chosen and scholarships awarded to students majoring in music education. This year the chorus donated \$500 to both the Oshkosh Area Humane Society and ADVOCAP.

The barbershop movement began as a gathering arranged by Owen Clifton Cash in Tulsa, Okla., where he and some a cappella-loving friends who also wished to preserve the art of barbershopping met on April 11, 1938, on the Roof Garden of the Tulsa Club to gather and sing.

From this meeting the Barbershop Harmony Society, otherwise known as the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in American (SPEBSQSA), was formed.

According to the Winnebago Barbershop Chorus website, on July 21, 1946, what later became the Oshkosh Chapter of SPEBSQSA was formed and performed its first contest at the American Legion Clubhouse. It was estimated that around 1,800 people attended, 700 of which were barbershoppers and their families. In December 1962, the Oshkosh Chapter became registered.

Winnebago also performs as several quartets for special events, including company and private parties, weddings, anniversaries, and at nursing homes and assisted living centers.

The March 24 concert has two shows at 2 and 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and available from Mike Gray at 920-233-5211 or Greg Bellmer at 920-290-4182.

that they might be able to use in the future when applying for jobs.

"The interview for this course was probably much easier than a real interview, but it gave us an advantage for when we have other jobs to apply for in the future" said student Max Jamrock who hopes he gets the job of a cook in the restaurant.

Student Laila Wesson summed up the progress of the project, "We've been studying the difference between jobs and careers. This project feels like a job right now because we know it's only for a short time. For the positions we are applying for, I know that they can end up being a well-paying career."

Those interested in attending are asked to send an email to candice.mcgregor@oshkosh.k12.wi.us.

Candidates

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Palmeri believes she is the best candidate because of her ability to relate to residents' day-to-day real-life issues

"Voters should know that I care about their future now," she said. "I live their experience, managing a four-generation household, caring for an elderly parent, grandchildren and everything in-between."

• Caroline Panske, a two-term incumbent, works in customer service at Oaks Candy, where she has been employed since November 2004. She considers all things related to the 2017 city land sale of the site of the former Lakeshore Municipal Golf Course to Oshkosh Corp. and related future decisions to be the biggest issue facing the Council this year. She said she has proudly supported the company during its search for its global headquarters, noting that the deal "solidified" the city as the best location. There remain questions of what to do with the remaining residential and commercial properties in that area, Panske said. She does not want that process rushed, in order to best preserve the natural charm and green space as well as to give the residents a voice in the next steps.

Panske believes she has demonstrated her value as a Council member to residents and points to her attendance, not only at Council meetings, but also at workshops, budget hearings and special sessions. She said she feels that she represents all resi-

dents, including those often underrepresented.

"I feel like I have found some footing and am comfortable bringing not only my concerns, but the concerns of the community members into the discussion," Panske said. "I would be honored to have your support in the upcoming election to the Common Council."

• Matt Mugerauer, who ran for a Council seat in 2017, has been employed as a customer service team lead at 4imprint for the past 11 years. Mugerauer believes that continued growth for the city through economic development is the most important issue in 2018. He applauds recent development successes like the Menominee Nation Arena and the Sawdust District, and said the city can't afford to stop or even slow the progress already achieved. New north- and south-shore downtown developments, Oshkosh Corp. Global Headquarters and surrounding land call for creative development approaches. "If we're not growing," he said, "we're dying."

Mugerauer said voters should choose him for a seat on the Council because he believes in the community. He said he would be a voice of reason and common sense in representing residents and would bring a high level of personal integrity and accountability.

"I have seen where we've been, where we are and I am excited for where we can go," he said. "We have what it takes to continue to make Oshkosh a great place to live, work and play for years to come."

City clerk's office prepares for spring vote, notes polling shifts

By Patty Brandl
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

With the April 3 Wisconsin Spring Election approaching, Oshkosh City Clerk Pam Ubrig and her staff are working hard to make certain the process runs seamlessly.

Ubrig reviews past elections as well as which races will be voted on in the upcoming election in order to come up with the number of ballots the community will need. Last spring's turnout was 18.5 percent of the city's registered voters, she said.

"No matter what the turnout, the City Clerk's office performs the same procedures to make sure the election is transparent, accurate and efficient for the voters of our community," Ubrig said.

Whether it's polling location changes, information about the offices up for election locally and statewide or questions on absentee and early voting, Ubrig and her staff are there to provide the answers.

This year, city voters will be tasked with selecting a justice of the Supreme Court; circuit court judges for branches 1 and 4; Winnebago County supervisor; three Oshkosh Common Council seats; three Oshkosh Area School Board seats; and a state referendum regarding elimination of the office of the state treasurer.

Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice candidates are Michael Screnock and Rebeca Dallot. Branch 1 Circuit Court judge candidates are Teresa Basiliere and Scott Ceman. Incumbent Karen Seifert is running

unopposed for Branch 4 Circuit judge. All Winnebago County supervisor candidates on the City Of Oshkosh ballot are running unopposed, said Winnebago County Deputy Clerk Julie Barthels.

Four candidates are vying for three seats on the Common Council: incumbents Steve Herman, Lori Palmeri and Caroline Panske, and newcomer Matt Mugerauer.

Four Oshkosh Area School Board candidates are running for three open seats: incumbents Jim Evans, Allison Garner and Kelly Olmsted, along with challenger Liz Szilagyi.

Ubrig said the complete ballot will be posted on the city website at ci.oshkosh.wi.us as soon as it is available. Voting information is also available at myvote.gov or by calling the City Clerk's office at 920-236-5011. City polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

City voting location changes: These districts have changed polling locations:

Voting District 5 – Washington School has been changed to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 370 Bowen St.

Voting District 6 – Jefferson School has been changed to First English Lutheran Church, 1013 Minnesota St.

Voting District 8 – Franklin School has been changed to St. Jude the Apostle Parish (Leannah Hall), 1025 W. 5th Ave.

Voting District 10 – Carl Traeger School has been changed to Living Water Lutheran Church, 1585 S. Oakwood Road.

Absentee voting guidelines

Voting by absentee ballot is available for all eligible voters who are unable or unwilling to vote at the polling locations on Election Day. Early or absentee voting is now available through March 30. Although City Hall will be closed Good Friday afternoon, the City Clerk's office will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Absentee voters must be 18 years or older by April 3; have lived in the ward or municipality where they vote for at least 10 consecutive days before the election and be registered in order to receive an absentee ballot. Proof of identification must be provided. A request for an absentee ballot must be made in writing. Applications are available at the City Clerk's office or a written request in the form of a letter is also acceptable. It must contain the applicants voting address, the address to where the ballot should be sent and a signature. The deadline for applying for absentee voting by mail is 5 p.m. March 29. Residents can obtain and/or vote an absentee ballot at the City Clerk's office at 215 Church Ave., P.O. Box 1130, Oshkosh WI 54903-1130.

Community events

March 15

SOAR presents: The MadHatters, 5:30 p.m., Paine Carriage House and Conservatory, 1410 Algoma Blvd.

Taste of Oshkosh, 6:30 p.m., Becket's, 2 Jackson St.

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

March 16

Electrify Your Strings and Choir, 7 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

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

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

March 17

Dublin's St. Patrick's Day Bash, Dublin's Irish Pub, 2070 W. 9th Ave.

St. Paddy's Day at O'Marro's, O'Marro's Public House, 2211 Oregon St.

Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, 4 to 7 p.m., Wesley United Methodist Church, 761 Florida Ave.

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

Family Night Sound Sensation, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Community YMCA, 3303 W. 20th Ave.

Wisconsin Herd Viewing Party, 6 p.m., Bare Bones Brewery, 4362 County S.

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

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

March 18

Intro to Yoga, 12:30 p.m., Inner Sun Yoga, 711 Oregon St.

March 21

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

March 23

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

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

March 24

Breakfast with the Bunny, 8 a.m., Oshkosh Seniors Center, 215 Church Ave.

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

EGG-citing Day at the Zoo, 11 a.m., Menominee Park Zoo

"Old Fashioned: The Story of the Wisconsin Supper Club," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

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

Altrusa Art in the Garden Fine Art Show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn

Great Neighborhoods funding ideas welcomed

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Neighborhood associations can apply for city funding to enhance the livability of their neighborhoods through strategic improvements to public spaces as part of the city's Great Neighborhoods Program.

Formal applications are due May 31 to the Oshkosh Planning Services Division and can be used for such things as pedestrian safety improvements, park and playground enhancements, public arts and murals, and terrace beautifications, according to Alexa Naudziunas, assistant planner for the city.

The city has allocated \$250,000 for the Great Neighborhoods program for 2018, an amount higher than in previous years. Other eligible activities can include, but not limited to, community gardens, terrace trees, streetscapes and gateway improvements, public property enhancements and historic markers.

"We want them (the neighborhood associations) to think creative," Naudziunas said.

Naudziunas said the program "empowers neighborhood residents to see change happen in their neighborhoods" and take ownership of the improvements made. Last year there were nine projects submitted by neighborhoods for funding.

She said local, private contributions are encouraged, noting that neighborhood groups will often carry on fundraising activities to support their proposals or seek funding from others.

"We like to see funds being leveraged to support the proposed projects," she said.

An example she cited is the William Waters Plaza in the Near East neighborhood that was approved several years ago and involved contributions from the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, the neighborhood association and Oshkosh Public Library, among others. Development of the plaza is expected this summer, with a gazebo likely to be completed next year.

Members of the Stevens Park Neighborhood Association also sold popcorn at baseball games to raise funds for their project.

Projects normally should be completed within a year from funding authorization by the Common Council. Some may first be approved as a conceptual project plan with implementation scheduled in a subsequent year as with the William Waters Plaza across from the library.

Naudziunas said proposals are typically funded in the \$5,000 to \$10,000 range but can go up to \$25,000 and in some cases even higher.

The first step is to meet with city planning staff to discuss ideas with written applications to be submitted by the May 31 deadline. A review committee involving different city departments and three neighborhood members submit recommenda-



PHOTO BY TOM EKVALL

About 40 residents from the Millers Bay Neighborhood Association gathered at Primo's Restaurant on Feb. 27 to celebrate its fifth annual Hibernation Happy Hour event. In the foreground (from left) are Adam Kimball, social committee co-chair; Polly Kimball, Eileen Rueschl and Reni Lynch, past president of the organization.

River East movie night

The third movie matinee of the winter presented by River East Neighborhood Association at the Oshkosh Public Library will be "Mr. Holland's Opus" at 1:45 p.m. March 18. The public is invited.

had been previously razed, and streetscape designs for the Millers Bay neighborhood.

"We have not had any public art or mural projects submitted," Naudziunas said, adding that transportation and public safety projects receive a higher priority and that groups can submit more than one proposal.

tions to the Common Council as part of the city's Capital Improvements Program. The Council normally acts on proposed projects in July or August.

Other Great Neighborhoods-funded projects have included the Techmiller Park Butterfly Garden, an inclusive playground at Treager Elementary School, Stevens Park improvements, a community green space in the Middle Village neighborhood on vacant land where dilapidated housing



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Goodwill NCW names new president

Chris Hess, vice president of market development and sales for ThedaCare, has been named president and chief executive officer of Goodwill Industries of North Central Wisconsin.



Hess

Hess, 37, replaces Bob Pedersen, who retired at the end of 2017 after 26 years at Goodwill NCW. Hess will begin his new job March 26.

Hess joins a non-profit human services organization that in 2017 touched the lives of 72,937 people — a one-year organizational record — through its programming, serving 35 counties and employing more than 1,200 statewide.

"I believe we have a great foundation to build on, and that the future of our success

depends on deeper collaboration with all of the stakeholders in our community," Hess said. "I look forward to working together and building on our past success to impact the future generation."

Goodwill NCW has Oshkosh Retail Store and Training Centers at 1600 W. 20th Ave. and 2303 Westowne Ave. with a total of 96 team members. Both centers work with local service agencies on job training and development.

Hess is a graduate of St. Norbert College and earned his master's degree in business administration from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

Hess, a native of Kenosha, joined ThedaCare in 2013 as a senior brand manager in the marketing department and was promoted to vice president/market development and sales in June 2014.



PHOTO BY JAN PADRON

An activity specialist at Bethel Home works with a patient using an individualized playlist.

Music and Memories tunes in past

Program for Alzheimer's patients shows special communication

By Jan Padron
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

For patients with mid- to late-stage dementia, the world is no longer the same for them. Some have violent behaviors while others might become nonverbal. For caregivers and families, it's catching that rare glimpse of who the person was before the illness took over that brings hope to this heartless disease.

Alzheimer's disease and other related dementias are the sixth leading cause of death in Wisconsin, and according to the Alzheimer's Association, there are currently about 110,000 state residents diagnosed with the disease, which can put a strain on family and facility caregivers.

One modality Oshkosh nursing homes use to work with residents is Music and Memories. The certified-program was started by Dan Cohen, and Wisconsin is leading the country in implementation of the program.

In 2013, the state Department of Health Services created the Wisconsin Music and Memory initiative enabling 100 nursing homes to become a Music & Memory Certified care organization. Another 150 nursing homes were added in 2014.

"We received our certification in 2014," said Joan Keltesch, activities director for Bethel Home. "We have 100 residents who have individual headsets, and 60 iPods with customized playlists."

These playlists are key to the program. Residents, family and friends are interviewed to create a personalized list of music. Staff then uses the iPod and the individual's music selection to help with behaviors and memory recall.

"It's so powerful to see how music can

bring a nonverbal dementia patient back, even for a little bit of time," said Keltesch. "We've had patients who wouldn't talk to you — couldn't speak — respond to a song on their list and they just open up sharing details of where they first heard it, who they were with, what they were doing. It's just amazing."

According to Keltesch, they also see success in using the Music and Memories program to redirect memory care patients.

"We had one patient, he would call out nonstop. We knew he was a phenomenal harmonica player, so with the help of his family, we created a playlist," she said. "When he becomes stressed, we can use the iPod to help ease him. It's not always perfect, but it helps the patient."

Calling music an international language, Keltesch believes it's that powerful force that has made the program successful. "It's an area of the brain that dementia doesn't affect. And we can use music to unlock who the person was. And it's not just for dementia patients. Everyone enjoys music."

Special-needs kids from Oshkosh West and Oshkosh North join residents for activities and, like the residents and music, play a role in bonding the generations.

"It might not be the music that kids would normally choose to listen to, but when the activity includes anything musical, the children come to life just as much as the elders do," she said.

As the program continues to grow, many participating nursing homes are looking for community assistance with iPod and headphone donations, iTunes cards and time.

"What we need help with right now is time," said Keltesch. "It takes about an hour of time to download music and create the playlists. It's time-consuming, and we always welcome volunteer help."

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In 2018 we will be adding STD testing and treatment, along with much needed well woman physicals for women needing these services at no cost. (Pap tests, breast exams etc.) We have added a Nurse midwife to our staff who will be able to provide these services.

Our most immediate need is funding support for the STD program.

Annual Events/Fundraisers:

Gifts of Grace annual fundraiser dinner, will be held on June 7 at LaSure's Banquet Hall. This event provides an opportunity to secure monthly partners to sustain our mission to cherish and treasure the lives of our children—both born and unborn. This year's keynote speaker will be Father Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life and President of the Pro-life Religious Council, and one of the best-known pro-life leaders in the world.

Walk for Life - 1st Saturday in October

This is an opportunity for peer to peer fundraising and major friend raising. The walk takes place at the clinic and is open to all.

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Terrace tree planting policy promoted for city

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Support for development of a policy for terrace tree plantings highlighted the March 3 meeting of the city's Sustainability Advisory Board.

The policy statement would deal with the planting of trees as part of street reconstruction projects. Discussion on the topic centered on a report from a University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Environmental Studies Senior Seminar to the city, which recommended the drafting and adoption of a Terrace Tree Planting Ordinance.

The report, titled Preservation and Planting of Trees Accompanying Road Construction, was prepared by Matthew McTrusty, George Stroschein, Kevin Corbett and Casimir Curney, and advocated the adoption of an ordinance that would mandate the planting of terrace trees along city streets that are reconstructed or to be constructed in the future. The report also dealt with improving resources that the city would have to manage the city's trees on public property effectively and efficiently.

Currently there is no tree planting ordinance that would apply to tree plantings after new road construction or reconstruction.

Board members expressed support for taking up the issue through a policy rather than adoption of a city ordinance and planned to have a draft ready for its April

5 meeting. Members favored assessing the tree planting costs to the assessment district rather than to an individual property owner or on the city tax bill, and allowing more than one tree to be planted in the district for each tree removed based on practicality, such as width of the terrace or presence of underground utilities. City staff would work with residents where street improvements would take place to determine appropriate placements.

The report notes that many of the streets in Oshkosh are scheduled to undergo reconstruction in the near future and

that while the city strives to plant terrace trees following road construction activities, such actions should be mandated as part of the city being a "tree friendly" city.

City forester Bill Sturm said he would favor a policy over adoption of a new ordinance and would work with the board in drafting a policy statement, adding that a "neighborhood specific" approach would be a more appropriate strategy as there are aesthetic benefits to the area.

Board Chairperson Michelle Muetzel said that the cost for the tree plantings through a neighborhood approach would

have a minimal impact on each property owner's overall assessment.

Sturm said his office is always looking for resources that would support its tree planting and maintenance activities, noting that present funding is limited in dealing with all the trees on public property.

One available resource is the Taking Root Fund through the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation that has helped with the planting of new terrace and park trees. Another resource is a terrace tree planting program involving recognized neighborhood associations.

Boys & Girls Club to hold youth dinner

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh's Youth of the Year Dinner will be held at 6 p.m. March 22 at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Convention Center.

The cost to attend for donors and friends is \$15 per person, \$10 for teachers and club alumni. Families with a club membership pay \$5 per adult, \$3 for children and is by invitation. Children being recognized attend for free. Reservations can be made to Tracy Ogden with 920-233-1414, ext. 16, by March 19.

Baldwin to speak at Democratic dinner

The Winnebago County Democratic Party's 14th annual Indigo Dinner will be held March 24 at La Sure's Hall with U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin the featured speaker.

A social hour with live jazz music and networking is set from 4:30 to 6 p.m.; dinner begins at 6 p.m. and a basket raffle and 50/50 drawing will be held.

More information on tickets can be found at https://secure.actblue.com/donate/indigodinner_18. An early ticket price discount is available until March 16.



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Community News Briefs

Read principal in line to lead North High School

Superintendent of Schools Stan Mack is recommending Jacquelyn Kiffmeyer to be the next Oshkosh North High School principal, pending board approval, effective July 1. The appointment will be considered at the March 21 Board of Education meeting.

Kiffmeyer is principal of Read Elementary School, and previously served as dean of students at Oshkosh North from 2012 to 2014. She started her career in education in 2001 as an At-risk School Within a School Teacher at Perry Tipler Middle School and later transitioned to a middle school teacher.

She graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh with a bachelor's degree in education. She completed her master's degree in educational leadership at Marian University.

She received the OASD's Administrator of the Year Award in 2017 and has completed training in Conscious Discipline, Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), Trauma Sensitive Schools, Nonviolent Crisis Intervention (NVC), Safety Awareness and Family Education (SAFE), Collaborative Proactive Solutions, and Love and Logic.



KIFFMEYER

DNR seeks input on Winnebago walleye plan

The Department of Natural Resources has scheduled three public meetings on a proposed update to the Winnebago Walleye Management Plan. The meetings will also offer the public an update on the status of the Winnebago System walleye population.

Each meeting will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., with the first occurring March 19 at the J.P. Coughlin Center, 625 E. County Y, Oshkosh. The second public meeting is set for March 21 at the Engler Center for the Performing Arts, 530 W. Main St., Chilton, and the third is set for March 28 at the Mosquito Hill Nature Center, N3880 Rogers Road, New London.

The Winnebago system is well known both for its healthy, self-sustaining walleye population and the decades-long history of public input in support of fisheries management. This is the first major update to the plan since it originated in 1991. Winnebago System waters include lakes Poygan, Winneconne, Butte des Morts and Winnebago and all their tributaries, including the Wolf

and upper Fox rivers, from their mouths upstream to the first dam.

Waterfest marks 33 years with new summer lineup

Waterfest, considered the state's top community concert series, is celebrating 33 years that includes more than 1,000 acts and 1 million visits.

Organizers have announced this summer's lineup to date at the Leach Amphitheater:

June 21: Hairball — A Bombastic Salute to 1980s Arena Rock Tour; Shadows of Knight, Road Trip

June 28: Lukas Nelson and Promise of The Real with Bob Schneider & Band; Paul Sanchez, Alex McMurray and more New Orleans greats

July 12: Boz Scaggs

July 19: Manchester Orchestra

Aug. 2: George Thorogood and the Destroyers Rock Party Tour

Aug. 9: Michael McDonald

Aug. 16: Blackberry Smoke and JJ Grey & Mofro

Aug. 23: Loverboy with The Producers; Pocket Kings

Some two dozen service groups are credited with helping make it happen every summer. Waterfest offers free admission to veterans, children under age 12, and teachers get in free opening night.

VIP season passes are \$150; general admission season passes are \$100.

State of City address at Convention Center

The State of the City annual address will be presented by Oshkosh City Manager Mark Rohloff on March 19 at the Oshkosh Convention Center.

The free event is an opportunity for residents to visit with elected officials, city staff and those who serve on various boards and commissions in the city.

Doors will open at 6 p.m., with the address and recognition awards given at 6:30.

Literacy Council spelling bee participants sought

The Winnebago County Literacy Council's annual Spellbound for Literacy adult spelling bee will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. April 12 at La Sure's Banquet Hall.

Team registrations and sponsorships are being accepted by contacting Terri S. Hansen at 920-236-5185 or hansen@winlit.org, or registering at winlit.org.

Entertainment will be provided by the D. Ruzicka jazz trio. Registration begins at 5 p.m. and spelling starts at 6:15 p.m. The cost is \$270 for a table of six (\$45 each player). Additional spellers cost \$45 each.

Education grant sparks fundraising

Celebrate Education, an annual event that honors educators, administrators and volunteers in local schools, will be held at 4:30 p.m. March 19 at the Oshkosh Convention Center.

One of last year's grant recipients was Valley Christian School to purchase equipment for its Home Economics class. The new equipment has allowed students to create more complicated recipes and to work with larger class sizes.

One piece of equipment purchased was a stand mixer, which has been especially helpful with the school's tortilla fundraiser. "I have been doing a few tortilla sales a year with students for several years now. However, I always had to bring my own mixer, rolling pins and skillets. The new equipment makes it much more convenient to set up for the sales," said Valley Christian teacher Jeanne Gutierrez.

The tortilla sales have taught students to plan a fundraising activity, gather orders, purchase supplies, follow directions and produce a quality product for customers. Most of the sales benefit student activities, but they have also given the students a vision to raise money for nonprofits or other causes.

Careers

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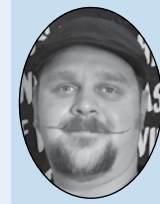
immerse yourself with a very skeptical and critical mind. Do not believe everything you read."

Tommy Smith, on decision-making: "Two percent of people think, 3 percent of people think they think, and 95 percent of people would rather die than think. Just take time to make an informed decision, not based on emotions but based on your brain waves and your experience, and just slow down and let it happen to you. I think you'll be far, far better off."

Malcolm Turner, on taking risks: "When you tune out the noise, and you embrace this leap of faith, it's not all that risky. If you believe in yourself. I was one of those, (saying) if it is to be, it's up to me. I'm going to bet on myself. I'm chasing my passion, and I'm chasing my interest, and I'm playing the long game here. And so coming out of grad school all my classmates had jobs, off to doing their own thing, and I knew it was going to take a little longer for me to figure out my landing spot. But I had this quiet, steady confidence."

Brandon Williams, on the importance of character: "Who you are in the dark should be the same person that you are in the light. The funny thing is it's hard to have a private life right now in this society. And what we're finding out is too many people have private lives. And who you are in public should be the same person you are in private. So just have good character. It will take you a long way."

Rob Zerjav, on opportunities in minor league sports: "There's just a huge opportunity to learn. If you take an internship with the Bucks, with the Packers, with the Brewers, you're going to be in a niche where you're going just do the small details because they have huge staffs of people that are already doing this. For the Timber Rattlers, if you're an intern for us, you're going to be doing a lot of things. For the Dock Spiders, if you're the marketing intern you're basically the marketing director for that team, which is a great opportunity to learn."



John Doemel
Oshkosh Chamber chairman

Let's strike balance to find middle ground

Agree to disagree. This was once a viable phrase. It seems to be a motto of the past.

I have always been a person to keep an open mind and value discussion, especially with those with opposing viewpoints. I rarely learn something new when talking to like-minded people. It seems as if we have lost the ability to debate in a healthy and productive matter. We have a hard time mediating our own discussions. The truth almost always lies within the middle of an argument.

In today's world "all or nothing" seems to be the growing trend. The pendulum of power swings ever higher with each changing of the guard. When we can't agree on facts, we attack character. When we can't attack character, we attack associates or make loose comparisons to prove each other's faults.

We tend to cite unrepeatable sources. We transform rumor into truths. We hand-pick statistics in order to show bias toward our own ideals. We are willing to break rules of engagement as long as the offender is of the same train of thought. If you don't share views, you are looked upon as the enemy.

Everyone has an idea of what is best for you. Everyone is lumped into groupings of pronouns, adjectives and political affiliations. Families are divided over ideals and longtime friendships discarded over disagreements.

We must do a better job of taking criticism. We need to be able to check our own egos and question our own conclusions. I have made my fair share of mistakes and always do my best to learn from them. Accountability starts within ourselves. If we can't open up to other opinions we become blinded by our own tunnel vision.

However, being open to an opinion does not mean you have to agree to it. This is the moment we tend to break down as of late. This is also the moment we must continue to engage each other.

I find often that the more uncomfortable the conversation is, the more important it is to have. This is the only way to ensure both sides of an argument can concede ground to find a compromise near the middle of the road. This is where most of us stand anyway.

As your chairman of the board of directors for your Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce, I promise to be open for discussion. Big business, small business, or just a customer, your views matter to me. Give me a call, send me an email, or just stop in and see me. I'll do my best to listen to your concerns and try to offer my own take on a situation.

If we disagree I promise not to hold it against you and would ask you to do the same. Let's be civil again. Let's remember what it's like to be humble in our victories and graceful in our losses. Let's keep the conversations going. Let's find that middle ground. If not, can we agree to disagree?

Academic Achievement

Congratulations to the following Oshkosh North students for achieving Honor Roll Fall Semester

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Best Wishes in your future to the students who graduated at the end of the semester.

Congratulations
Honor Roll Students



Oshkosh North boys cruise to Madison

Spartans avenge last year's loss to Stevens Point Panthers

By Alex Wolf
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

After coming up short the last couple of seasons, the Oshkosh North boys basketball team finally accomplished its goal it had set since the start of the season: to get to the WIAA State Tournament.

The Spartans dominated defensively and avenged their loss in the sectional final a year ago by beating defending state champs Stevens Point, 57-42, in a WIAA Division 1 sectional final game played in Marshfield.

This is North's (25-1) seventh state berth in school history and the first since 2013. North received the top seed in the WIAA State Tournament and will face fourth-seeded Milwaukee Hamilton Friday night at 6:35 p.m.

The winner of that game will play for a gold ball Saturday night against either No. 2 Sun Prairie or No. 3 Brookfield East.

The Spartans grabbed the lead early Saturday and eventually led 27-17 at half and then went on a 9-0 run to start the second half and the 14-2 run gave them a 41-19 lead with just 15 minutes to play.

Tyrese Haliburton led North with 16 points while Matt Hickey added 13. Quincy Anderson chipped in 12 while Gout Deng had seven.

Drew Blair – SPASH's leading scorer



Tyrese Haliburton (left) talks with Stevens Point's Drew Blair during a break in the second half of their sectional championship game Saturday in Marshfield.

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– was held to just nine points. The loss for Stevens Point snapped its 21-game post-season winning streak, which dates back to 2014.

In Thursday's sectional semifinal win against Eau Claire North, the Spartans had to battle back after being down 18-10 early. They answered with a 28-8 run to end the

first half to lead by 12 points at the break and then cruised to a 75-59 victory.

Haliburton had a game-high 26 points while Anderson chipped in 20. Hickey had 14 while Wil Schmidt added six.

Noah Hanson and Dalton Banks had 45 of their team's points for Eau Claire North.

Haliburton named Gatorade Player of Year in state

Shortly after he was named co-Fox Valley Association Player of the Year of the Fox Valley Association, Oshkosh North's Tyrese Haliburton added a higher honor last Thursday – being named Wisconsin's Gatorade Boys Basketball Player of the Year.

The award recognizes "athletic excellence but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field."

"It means the world to me; not many people know where I was four years ago and the process it was to get here," Haliburton said. "I want to thank my family, teammates, coaches and friends for pushing me to get where I am. But I play basketball, a team sport, so I'm just focused on getting a gold ball."

Haliburton, who will be playing basketball at NCAA Division I Iowa State next season, led Oshkosh North to a 23-1 record in the regular season, a conference championship and trip to the state finals.

The 6-foot-5 senior averaged 23.2 points, 6.3 assists, 5.2 rebounds and 3.7 steals through 24 games. In the classroom, Haliburton maintained a 3.68 grade point average and is a member of his school's student council and Link Crew.

Lourdes upsets Sheboygan Lutheran, falls short in final

Oshkosh Herald contributors

The Lourdes boys basketball team couldn't keep up with Deerfield's size on Saturday as the Knights fell 65-42 in a WIAA Division 5 sectional final game played in Watertown.

The Demons finished the game with 20 offensive rebounds as Lourdes was held to its second lowest scoring output of the season.

Lourdes was able to jump out to a 6-4 lead early on, but Deerfield went on a 7-0 run and never lost the lead again.

Henry Noone led Lourdes with 13 points while Benny Huizenga added 11. Doug Ryan chipped in seven points in the loss.

The loss followed an 84-77 overtime victory by Lourdes at Hartford last Thursday night against top-seeded Sheboygan Lutheran in the sectional semifinal game.

Knights head coach Brad Clark was impressed to see how his team stood up against a tough defense that Sheboygan Lutheran brought to the court.

"We knew they were a really good team and that we were going to take a lot of shots from them," Clark said. "We withstood their bullets I thought tonight a little bit in terms of they made shots and we never collapsed, we weathered the storm, and we stayed with it."

Huizenga played a huge role Thursday night to lead the Knights to victory. Huizenga scored a game high of 28 points with eight 3-pointers for the Knights and Noone followed Huizenga by scoring 19 points.

"We played very tough defensively," Huizenga said. "When things weren't going our way and they were making shots, we started to get some stops. Then we started to make some tough plays on offense to score, that really helped us to win this game."

Sheboygan Lutheran jumped out to a 21-19 lead with 10 minutes left in the



Preston Ruedinger takes a jump shot against Sheboygan Lutheran in their sectional semifinal game last Thursday in Hartford.

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first half and fouls hurt the Knights early on. Sheboygan started to get a lead but then Lourdes' freshman Charlie Wolgram scored two layups back to back and Huizenga followed with a 3-pointer to tie the score at 30.

Lourdes trailed at the half 39-35 and the score continued to go back and forth in the second half.

With 1:30 left in the game, Huizenga made a jumper to tie the score at 68. As the clock ran down, Ryan make a layup but the Crusaders answered with two more points

with 30 seconds left.

The excitement came down to the final seconds of regulation when Noone sunk a 3-pointer with 2.6 seconds left to give Lourdes a 73-70 lead. However, Crusaders' Schimberg launched a game-tying buzzer beater 3-point shot to send it into overtime.

Lourdes was able to convert on their free throws in overtime, helping them seal the win.

"We were the underdogs here," Noone said. "We came in, we knew nobody took us seriously, we came in hard. We gave a

punch right away and stuck with it. Everyone played their role in this win; it was great to see."

"The boys kept their poise, they were great with it," Clark added. "They could have faltered, especially how young we are, but they're tough. They have some guts to them and I'm proud of them. They kept bouncing back and kept making big shots."

Noone added 19 points for the Knights. Ruedinger and Wolgram each scored nine, and Ryan and Jack McKellips each had eight points.

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Titans men headed to their first Final 4

By Alex Wolf
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

It's safe to say the UW-Oshkosh men's basketball team is on a roll.

After upsetting Wittenberg University and Emory University in the last two games of the NCAA Division III Tournament, the 24th ranked Titans (24-7) upset

ninth-ranked Augustana Saturday, 95-88, in overtime in the Elite 8 game to advance to Oshkosh's first ever trip to the Final Four.

The Titans will now face unranked Ramapo (25-6) at 4 p.m. Friday in Salem, Virginia. The other game will be Nebraska Wesleyan University and Springfield College. The championship game will be played Saturday.

Ben Boots had a career night, scoring 29 of his team-high 36 points in the final 19:21 while hitting eight 3-pointers.

After Boots went back and forth with the Vikings in OT early on, a Boots 3-pointer with 2:40 left gave the Titans an 85-83 lead. Augustana tied with a pair of free throws, but then UWO went on a 10-5 run to close the game – getting a big 3 from Brett Wittchow to give them a 90-85 lead.

Wittchow added 19 points for the

Titans while Jack Flynn chipped in 12. Jake Laihinen added eight points while Charlie Noone had six.

UWO made 17 3-point shots Saturday, going 17-of-35 compared with Augustana, which went 5-for-20.

Nolan Ebel led all players with a career-high 38 points for the Vikings. He shot 12-for-19 from the field and 11-for-12 at the free throw line.

This game was similar to the one played between the same two teams back in December, when UW-Oshkosh won 95-89 in double OT.

In Friday's 93-72 win over sixth-ranked Emory, Noone made eight 3-pointers and scored a career high 32 points.

The Titans shot well from deep once again, hitting 15 from outside the arc at a 52 percent clip. They grabbed the lead after Wittchow hit a 3 to give them a 21-19 lead and never trailed again. UWO led 40-29 at halftime.

Boots added 12 points while Kyle Beyak chipped in eight points.

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Anniversaries



Roger and Alegra LaPoint

Roger and Alegra LaPoint will celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary on April 7th. The La Points were married on April 7, 1962 at First English Church in Oshkosh. The couple met while working at Standard Kollsman in Oshkosh. They are blessed with two children; Doug (Pascal) LaPoint of Fridley MN, and Danielle Weber of Oshkosh and one granddaughter Julie.

Roger and Alegra will celebrate with family and friends.

Obituaries

Elizabeth (Betty) Hoeft

Elizabeth (Betty) Hoeft, age 94, of Oshkosh, passed away at home, Thursday, March 8, 2018. She was born September 28, 1923, in Oshkosh, the daughter of Edward G. and Bertha (Elfe) Schenk. She graduated from Oshkosh High School and attended Oshkosh Business College prior to her employment at First National Bank as a bookkeeper and secretary. On June 19, 1948, Betty married Gordon E. Hoeft at First English Lutheran Church, Oshkosh. In later years she was employed as a secretary at UW-Oshkosh, retiring in 1988.

Betty was a member of First English Lutheran Church where in prior years she served as a Sunday school teacher, pianist, and choir member. She was also a member of the Twentieth Century Club of Oshkosh.

Survivors include her daughter, Susan (David Beardsley) Tatum, Winter Springs, FL; a niece, Karen Mantei, Littleton, CO; a nephew, Bruce (Paula) Rehwinkel, Townsend, MT; several grand nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and a sister-in-law, Gertrude Rehwinkel.

A memorial service will be held on a future date at First English Lutheran Church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the SHE³ Fund at the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, Suite 100, 230 Ohio Street, Oshkosh, WI 54902 or the charity of your choice. The Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home (920-231-1510) is assisting the family with arrangements.

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A Leadership Oshkosh information session is planned for 4 p.m. March 15 at the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce where community leaders and Leadership Oshkosh participants will talk about what the program offers and how alumni have used their training.

Reservations are required for the free session by contacting Joan Hildebrand at 920-303-2266 or joan@oshkoshchamber.com. More information on Leadership Oshkosh is at <http://bit.ly/leadosh>.



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Herd home woes continue as Jennings gets Bucks call

By Ti Windisch
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Wisconsin Herd went 1-2 this week, winning against the Delaware 87ers on the road but dropping back-to-back home games against the Lakeland Magic and Westchester Knicks, although one of the biggest stories of the week is who did not play in Oshkosh on Saturday.

Brandon Jennings was listed as not with the team for personal reasons against the Knicks, and those reasons were revealed on Sunday when the Milwaukee Bucks officially signed him to a 10-day contract.

Jennings averaged 21.4 points and 7.6 assists per game in his seven contests with the Herd, and the fan energy whenever he was in the building was palpable. Wisconsin went 3-4 in games Jennings played with the team.

He posted 17 points and seven rebounds on Friday against the Lakeland Magic, a game which saw Ricky Ledo lead the Herd with 22 of his own points. Ledo then struggled from the field on Saturday, and said after that game that having a short memory is important in the G League.

"I found my teammates well, I think I had a lot of good passes to my teammates," Ledo said. "I think we just got to start putting everything together, and start getting some wins."

Ledo is averaging 13.9 points, 6.6 rebounds and 2.5 assists per game this season. Brady said Ledo has been providing more than the signature offense he's mostly been known for.

"We knew coming in that Ricky's a scorer, I mean he really can get a bucket from about anywhere on the floor, but the rebounding is good," Brady said. "... I think he's made some really good strides defensively."

Brady also spoke positively about James Blackmon Jr., who posted 19 points on Friday followed by 20 more on Saturday night and is now averaging 16.9 points on a legitimate 50/40/90 line: 50.3 percent shooting from the field, 44.2 percent from three-point territory and 90.9 percent from the free throw line.

"We're really pleased with the way that James is playing," Brady said. "We knew that he was a tough kid, and we knew that he had the potential to come in here and help us out, but I don't know that we expected him to be doing what he's doing at this point."

After Saturday's game, Blackmon Jr.



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Brandon Jennings averaged 21.4 points for the Herd before being called up by the Bucks on a 10-day contract.

said he's grown more comfortable on the team, which has led to his recent strong play on the floor.

"I feel like guys on this team are unselfish, and everybody can eat at the same time if everyone just plays together," Blackmon Jr. said. "So that's what I'm trying to do, just trying to buy into the team and trying to do my best."

Saturday's loss to Westchester dropped Wisconsin to 20-25, 4.5 games back from the sixth place Grand Rapids Drive. Brady said his players realize how important each game is at this point in the season, and said a lack of focus in the second half hurt the Herd twice in their weekend back-to-back.

"I think (the Knicks) came out of the locker room ready to play, and I'm not sure we had the focus that we needed to coming out of the locker room," Brady said. "For me, that's a little bit disturbing. That's two games in a row where we have been in bas-

ketball games and then came out and not played well to start the half, so (we're) going to have to find a solution there."

Wisconsin's roster changed considerably from Friday to Saturday, as Xavier Munford, D.J. Wilson and Eron Harris joined the Herd as Jennings got called up and Cliff Alexander was ruled out for the season due to injury, but Brady said fluctuation is not exclusive to his team.

"I feel like we just need to find a little bit of that continuity, which is difficult because we've had so much roster fluctuation, but you know what, the team we just played has had a lot of roster fluctuation as well," Brady said. "That's on me. I've got to figure out a way to help these guys get on the same page. The ball's got to move easier. Right now our ball movement is so laborious. I think we're being selective with where the ball is moving."

According to Brady, Wisconsin's remaining slate of games can go one of two ways as the team looks to close its inaugural season, likely without a playoff berth.

"It's a pivotal point right now," Brady said. "We got five games left, and we can try to finish this thing out the right way or it can go the opposite direction."

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

March 7, 1935

Baby Doe dies in poverty: Former Oshkosh socialite Elizabeth McCourt Tabor (aka Baby Doe), was discovered in death, her body frozen to the floor in a ram shackled mine shack in Leadville, Colorado. She was once considered the pinnacle of society in Colorado having married U.S. Senator Horace Tabor, after their scandalous affair resulted in Tabor divorcing his wife and marrying Baby Doe. Once the wealthiest couple in Colorado, their affluence allowed her and her husband to lead a lavish lifestyle. Horace Tabor lost his fortune in 1893 when the Repeal of the Sherman Silver Purchase Act caused widespread bankruptcies. Baby Doe died at age 81, impoverished and penniless.

Source: "Lizzie McCourt: Baby Doe's Legend Begins" by James I. Metz

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