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Lower fee rate compromise established for Saturday event

By Patty Brandl  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Oshkosh Common Council voted unanimously March 13 for a plan that will significantly reduce the amount of a proposed increase in city special event fees for the Oshkosh Saturday Farmers Market Inc. (OSFMI).

Another unanimous vote approved an ordinance that prohibits sexting on electronic devices by minors while decreasing penalties for first-time offenders.

When the Council was first asked to permanently waive fees for the downtown market, some members were concerned that doing so would set a precedent for other community events that would expect

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# North brings title home

## Spartans dominate Brookfield East to earn school's first basketball state championship

By Alex Wolf  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

There was a moment in the game when Oshkosh North senior Tyrese Haliburton felt like he had to take over the game.

Struggling to get anything going in the first half, Haliburton did just that, scoring 23 of his game-high 30 points in the second half as the Spartans pulled away in Saturday's WIAA Division 1 State Championship game, beating Brookfield East 61-44.

"Yesterday I was here talking to you about each day we are trying to get better and today you saw a better version of ourselves than yesterday," North head coach Brad Weber said. "We were able to string together two halves, hitting free throws the way we are capable of hitting free throws and finishing off plays on the defensive end."

The win gave Oshkosh North its first Gold Ball in school history. The Spartans finished the season 27-1.

"It's been our goal since we were third-graders playing together, it's all we thought about watching the 2009 team come down here and lose in the semifinals," Haliburton said. "I'm so happy I could help do this for the city and I have no words to describe how I feel right now."

"We've been dreaming about this since we have been playing in third grade, since then it's been a goal of ours and to come up short last year was devastating," fellow senior Quincy Anderson added. "We knew we had things to fix and new opportunities coming up this year and I'm glad we took advantage. The group of guys we have are so special and they have become my brothers and the whole North organization has become my family."

Haliburton's run started in the final seconds of the first half when he hit a deep buzzer-beating 3-pointer to close the first half, giving North a 26-20 lead.

That momentum carried over into the second, when he scored 13 straight points at one point and went 16-for-16 from the free throw line in the second half. He finished the game with 30 points along with

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PHOTO BY MICHAEL GOUVION

Spartan players celebrate their victory over Brookfield East for the Division I basketball title.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL GOUVION

North fans energize Saturday's game with Tyrese Haliburton (foreground) and his poster cutout.

five rebounds and four assists.

"He's a good player, we'll start with stating the obvious," Brookfield East head coach Joe Rux said. "He's a crafty guard who is good at initiating contact and getting himself to the line. Hats off to him first, but then we had to scramble a bit when he was getting to the line. He's tall, he's long and he passes long. We were chasing, we sent him to the line but we didn't have a

choice either."

Brookfield East was able to cut it to five points – 32-27 with 10:30 left in the game – after a steal and layup, but then North responded. Anderson hit a 3 and then Haliburton scored 13 straight points – converting on two outstanding 3-point plays in that stretch – to give North a 14-point cushion.

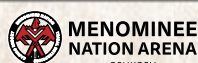
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## Council

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the same consideration. With a \$9,000 fee looming, which the market said it couldn't afford to pay, a last-minute agreement between the city and the farmers market resulted in significantly reduced fees in exchange for five booths that will be permanently reserved for the use of the city or community nonprofits.

Key to the arrangement is a transfer of 30 used city barricades to the year-round market. Eliminating the annual rental cost for the barricades will drop this year's farmers market city fees from an estimated \$9,000 to about \$1,200 to \$1,500.

Although the market's proponents have long argued that it's unique because it takes place on a weekly, year-round schedule, the new agreement could alleviate city concerns about other Oshkosh event organizations expecting fee waivers.



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OSFMI board chairman Michael Cooney called the arrangement "a creative and workable solution for us."

The city will likely recoup the estimated \$3,200 cost of the barricades in about two years with the five dedicated market booths, according to a memo by City Manager Mark Rohloff.

### Sexting ordinance change

Police Chief Dean Smith told councilors that a countywide ongoing issue is minors sexting, or transmitting sexually explicit material on phones, tablets and computers. Smith described it as "juveniles making bad decisions."

Without the new ordinance, law enforcement options have been limited to criminal charges for first-time offenders ranging from disorderly conduct to possession and/or distribution of child pornography. The latter, a felony, could label them as sex offenders for the rest of their lives.

The new law makes the offense an ordinance violation, reducing or eliminating the fine as well as ordering offenders to participate in an educational program about the risks of sexting. Costs related to the program will be paid by Winnebago County, and the juveniles would pay a participation fee.

"We can use this to help our community and our children," Smith told the Council.

### Liquor licenses granted

The Council approved three of four requests for available Class B liquor licenses. Evergreen Retirement Community, Fletch's Local Tap House and The Howard presented their requests and received the licenses. Mayor Steve Cummings recused himself because he serves on the Evergreen Retirement Community board of directors.

Caramel Crisp & Cafe owner Chanda Anderson also requested the license necessary for her business to offer wine in gift

## EAA seeks to fill temp positions for convention

The Experimental Aircraft Association is hosting walk-in hiring events for its July 23-29 AirVenture to fill as many as 600 temporary paid positions.

These positions are opportunities for many people, including students or retirees, seeking a position that does not require a full summer commitment. Positions include retail associate, security/event support, camper registration and bartender. Retail applicants must be at least 15, security/event support ages 16-18, camper reg-

baskets sold mainly over the Christmas holiday season, but told councilors that she would be willing to wait for another license to become available, hopefully in a few months.

"I'm not going to try to compete with them or take the licenses from the other three," Anderson said, noting that she wants what's best for community development. "Oshkosh comes first to me," she said.

Council unanimously awarded the licenses and directed Rohloff to look into inactive or unused licenses that could be made available to establishments like Caramel Crisp.

"The Council wants the flexibility to help everybody," Rohloff said.

### Avenue development plan

A unanimous vote allows a developer to move ahead with plans for a Marriott Residence extended-stay hotel, mixed retail stores, a proposed health clinic and fast-food restaurants.

Steve Hoopman, H2 Oshkosh LLC/Lakeshore Development of Oshkosh owner, presented plans for the 1700 block of Oshkosh Avenue and told the Council the development would happen in stages.

Cummings told Hoopman the city expects the businesses to have facades that will complement the "gateway to the city."

"We're not going to accept any third-grade designs," Cummings said.

### Oshkosh Corp. headquarters

The Council voted to approve both a general development plan and a development agreement for the construction of Oshkosh Corp. Global Headquarters at 2175 Punhoqua St., the site of the former Lakeshore Municipal Golf Course.

Construction will begin this spring after completion of a city-ordered archaeological study of the property, and is expected to be completed by December 2019.



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## New sexting ordinance aims for education

By McKenzie Konop  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Oshkosh police are hoping a new city ordinance approved last week will discourage students from sending sexually graphic pictures over electronic devices and give authorities other options to solve the problem instead of pressing criminal charges.

Officer Andrew Lecker said the idea of a new ordinance came from the rise of sexting among adolescents.

"Law enforcement has seen a significant increase in juveniles who are using electronic devices to transmit sexually explicit material to one another," Lecker said.

Allison Garner, president of the Oshkosh Area School Board, said she agrees sexting is a problem in schools.

"There have been referrals for kids who have been involved in sexting cases where they had to go to the principal's office in dealing with it as a behavioral and a disciplinary action," Garner said. "Police have also been involved where students have taken pictures or videos of people with or even without their knowing. It is definitely an issue."

According to Lecker, as of now the only current available recourse for law enforcement is to criminally charge the juvenile offenders for sexting.

Oshkosh police said the penalties could include disorderly conduct with an electronic device to possession or distribution of child pornography.

They are both considered felonies with a punishment of up to three years and six months incarceration, or a fine of \$10,000.

Law enforcement said students can violate these charges "from the solicitation, possession and transmission of electronic transmissions involving nudity, sexual conduct or sexual excitement that are harmful to minors."

However, Oshkosh police also said the proposed ordinance would get rid of criminal charges and replace them with a \$200 forfeiture.

In addition, Lecker said a program will be offered to students to teach them about the harmful effects of sexting.

"A diversion program will be administered through Winnebago County and will be assisted by the district attorney's office," Lecker said. "This ordinance and diversion program will be available to juvenile first-time offenders."

Lecker said he and law enforcement's goal for the program is to decrease sexting around the Oshkosh area.

"The chiefs of police in Winnebago County as well as the sheriff are hoping to provide an alternative to criminal arrest and educate juveniles to the dangers of this activity and hopefully reduce the amount of sexting that takes place," Lecker said.

Superintendent Stan Mack said he believes the ordinance will benefit the students who are too young to understand the consequences of sending out inappropriate photos.

"Adolescents are not at that age where they are mature enough to make good judgments," Mack said. "I think there is a good reason to have this ordinance to protect adolescents from, well, themselves if they have means of learning lessons from first-time charges and to not be in this type of circumstance again."

The new ordinance was approved unanimously March 13 by the Common Council.



# Bike share program would track locations

By Tom Ekvall  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Plans for a stationless bike-share project that could be in place by May in Oshkosh were revealed at the March meeting of the city Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

The project was initiated by the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh as part of its sustainability initiatives and would feature about 150 bicycles that could be rented to get around the campus and to destinations throughout the city. The service would also be available to city residents.

The bike-share concept has been spreading throughout the country, with Milwaukee and Madison already having bicycles that can be rented, but use a station approach whereby people would have to lock the bicycles at designated stations after they are done using them.

The dockless approach allows an individual to leave the bicycle at any location in the city legally accessible to the public. The university is partnering with a San Francisco-based company known as Spin, a leading dockless bike-share company, which will provide the bicycles and work with local bicycle repair shops for their maintenance.

Those interested would sign up for the program through downloading an app to a smartphone to register and pay for the service while identifying the nearest available bicycles. Each bicycle has a GPS device and locking mechanism that enables someone to access and unlock an available bicycle.

Oshkosh is projected to be the company's first venture in Wisconsin. With no storage stations to construct there would



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A bicycle rental program proposed for the city and initiated by the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh would operate without docking stations and be tracked through GPS devices.

be no financial commitment by the city or university for start-up of the project.

The company has similar bike-share projects underway in Miami, Seattle, San Francisco, Washington, D.C., Dallas and other communities.

The Committee voted in favor of the project as a memorandum of understanding (MOU) that would have to be approved by the city because of use of public right-of-way. The company is also involved with a MOU with the university.

Alexa Naudziunas, assistant planner with the city Planning Services Division, said city and university staff along with other interested people met earlier with Spin representatives to ask questions about

how the program would work, take up any liability issues, and learn more about the company.

One question that came up during the committee meeting dealt with what happens if someone else checks out the bicycle while the previous rider is away from the bicycle, such as shopping or taking care of other business. This would necessitate their finding another bicycle using the phone app.

Rental costs would likely be \$1 per half-hour of riding use with special rates for monthly or yearly use and discounts for those connected with the university. Bicycles are unlocked by someone scanning the QR code on the bicycle.

In another action, the committee gave

preliminary approval for establishing painted bicycle lanes on a portion of North Main Street and Smith Avenue, subject to public input from a March 22 public hearing at City Hall, and concurrence from the city's Traffic Review Advisory Board. The bike lane actions would come back before the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee for final approval before submitting it to the Council as part of the city's Capital Improvements Program.

The North Main Street lanes would extend from Murdock Avenue to Snell Road and eliminate parking on the west side between Murdock and Libby Street. The West Smith Avenue project would extend from Vinland Street to North Main and involves removing parking on the north side from Wisconsin Street to North Main.

The removal of parking in certain areas would be required because the street is not wide enough to add bike lanes on both sides. Bike lanes provide riders a designated and predictable location to ride without having to use sidewalks for safety purposes. There would be no additional costs to residents involving selected streets.

The Smith Avenue proposal was selected as part of creating a complete bike lane network and offer a safe alternative for students attending North High School. The North Main project was selected because it is one of the few streets in the city's Bicycle and Pedestrian Circulation Plan that is wide enough to accommodate bi-directional bike lanes for a long distance (two miles) and provides a connection to Winnebago County Park. North Main already has designated bike lanes running from West Irving to East Murdock avenues.

## Community events

### 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

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

"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.

3303 W. 20th Ave.

### March 26

Water City Jazz Orchestra, 8 p.m., Manila Resto, 107 Algoma Blvd.

### March 27

WPS Farm Show, 9 a.m., EAA Grounds, 3000 Poberezny Road

### March 28

WPS Farm Show, 9 a.m., EAA Grounds, 3000 Poberezny Road

Child and Babysitting Safety Course, 10 a.m., Oshkosh Community YMCA,

### March 29

WPS Farm Show, 9 a.m., EAA Grounds, 3000 Poberezny Road

### March 30

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

### March 31

Fox Valley Brewers Chili Cook Off, Noon, Bare Bones Brewery, 4362 County S The Birdcage, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

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

## Breakfast with Bunny, egg hunt set March 24

A day of family Easter fun is set for March 24 starting with Breakfast with the Bunny at the Oshkosh Seniors Center's North building followed by an Egg-citing Day at the Zoo to hunt for eggs.

A pancake and sausage breakfast will be served from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Seniors Center. Pictures with the Easter Bunny will be taken and entertainment and craft projects offered. After that, Menominee Park Zoo will host an egg hunt, games, crafts and fun prizes from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$3 for each event, or \$5 for both, for children ages 2 to 17. The breakfast event costs \$5 for adults. Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance at Oshkosh Festival Foods, Oshkosh Parks Department at 805 Witzel Ave. and at the Seniors Center. The event benefits the Menominee Park Zoo.

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# Guidance offered for school violence topics

In response to the increasing number of school and public mass shootings across the nation, Jillian Schuh, a child psychologist for Catalpa Health, with services in Oshkosh, Appleton and Waupaca, offers information for parents, teachers and teens:

## Talking about school violence

School violence, and in particular the most recent school shooting, can elicit many emotions. For students who experience it directly, it can be terrifying, traumatic and life-altering. Students who hear about these tragedies may also feel fearful, confused and helpless. Children often have questions about school violence, and the caring adults in their lives might also find themselves questioning how to help children cope with stories and images of shootings that can often be traumatic. In this time of uncertainty, the following suggestions are provided for parents and educators on how to discuss school violence and events in the media:

**Start conversation:** Be willing to talk about school violence with your child. If you are anxious about the topic, chances are your child is as well. Recognize these feelings in yourself and use them as a guide to support both you and your child as you enter the conversation. Opening yourself to talk about school violence gives your child permission to do the same, and makes the topic less threatening. Give reassurance that it is OK to talk about these events, and it is OK to feel sad and scared. Use your own emotional state as a compass for when to check in with your child or when to pause in the conversation. There is no perfect moment to have these conversations. It is more important to approach the topic than waiting for the "right time." Notice nonverbal cues that your child may want to talk, such as staying close to you as you do a chore, watching you quietly or wanting you to stay longer during their nighttime routine. Nonverbal cues, especially with younger kids, can also be an important indicator that your child may be struggling. You may notice your child is more withdrawn, irritable, restless or have difficulty concentrating.

**Listen:** What does your child already know? What have they heard from friends, family and the media? Find out what is being communicated at their school. Ask broad, open-ended questions to start the conversation (e.g., "What have you heard?"), keeping the focus on their responses. Notice when their perceptions may be different from reality, and provide correct information in age-appropriate language. Recognize underlying fears and acknowledge them.

**Encourage questions, answer directly and honestly:** Use your child's

questions as a guide. They can often shed light on how much information your child already knows. When giving responses, be mindful of your child's age. A younger child may only need simple and brief information paired with reassurance of safety. An older child, who knows greater details about the events, may need more acknowledgement and validation of their emotional reactions. Be mindful to avoid offering false hope (e.g., "something like that won't happen to you"), and instead acknowledge the possibility while emphasizing that these events are very rare. Talk about what is already being done to keep them safe.

**Acknowledge uncertainty:** It is OK not to have all the answers, none of us do. Validate your child's emotional experience, and join with them as you are able. Provide hope as you are able. Responses such as, "I don't have an answer to that. I'm sad and worried too, but one thing I do know is I'm here to care for you and keep you safe" or, "Let's see if we can figure that out together," can provide comfort when there is no answer.

**Emphasize safety:** It is normal for children to hear about tragedies and become fearful about the possibility of these happening to them. Reassure that you, other adults in their life and their school work every day to keep them safe. Talk about what is already practiced at school to ensure safety.

**Emphasize what they can do:** School violence can lead students to feel powerless and helpless. Offer your child a sense of control by discussing what they can do to help ensure the safety of themselves and their peers. This might mean reviewing their school's safety guidelines and reminding them to communicate safety concerns to school personnel and other trusted adults. Families might review plans for safety should a crisis happen at home. Remind them that they can always tell a trusted adult if someone makes them feel unsafe with their words or behavior. Model opportunities for change and coping; consider with your child possible ways to offer support and condolences to the victims and their families and emphasize moments of kindness within the midst of tragedy (e.g., the bravery of other students, heroic efforts of law enforcement, quick response from medical teams).

**Monitor news and social media exposure:** Be mindful of your child's exposure to images and videos of school shootings. It may not be appropriate for younger children to have any exposure to this media content. With nonstop media coverage, be cautious about what your child may be overhearing even when they appear to be focused on other things, such as schoolwork or play. For

## Safety issues draw attention

By Dan Roherty  
OSHKOSH HERALD

A special session of the state Legislature to consider school safety bills was ordered last week as students in Oshkosh and across Wisconsin held organized walkouts and rallies to express their support for gun reform laws that they say would help protect them in their schools.

Gov. Scott Walker's proposals for classroom safety include a \$100 million grant program to pay for security improvements to school buildings. But they do not include mandatory background checks for those buying firearms or raising the minimum age to buy guns from 18 to 21, two of the ideas supported by high school students here and by the thousands who marched on the state Capitol last Wednesday.

A newly formed gun violence prevention group at Oshkosh North High School made up of 10 students from different grade levels organized that school's walkout last Wednesday to remember the 17 students who lost their lives in the recent shooting spree at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., and to protest the U.S. Congress's failure to enact gun reform.

Students at West High, Lourdes Academy and other schools in the area and nationwide took part in observing 17 minutes of silence, one for each life lost in Parkland, while stepping out of their school buildings to offer a memorial to the slain students.

Student leaders at Lourdes Academy worked with the administration in organiz-

ing an optional Memorial Prayer Service during that time, reading a brief biography of each student and faculty member who died at Parkland High School along with silent prayer and reflection.

The North student group plans to take part in a national week of action in late April, which will include a voter registration drive and a letter-writing campaign to U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson. The group wants Congress to pass legislation to allow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to research the causes of gun violence and ways to prevent it, and pass legislation to expand mandatory background checks to firearm purchases.

Members of both parties have offered support for more school security funding but may not find legislative agreement with Walker's grant program and the public investment needed while also considering a new round of tax cuts that would cost state government millions.

Walker's plan would also require mandatory reporting for any threats of school violence and amend Wisconsin's anti-bullying laws to require prompt notification of bullying incidents.

The Senate was to hold its final session day of 2018 on Tuesday. The Assembly concluded its regular session last month. If the Assembly meets only in special session for one day this week, it would not have to consider any regular session bills that were passed or changed by the Senate.

school-age children and teens that may use social media, be mindful of what your children are viewing and discussing with one another. Photographs and videos circulating on social media can be intense and graphic. Encourage your child to come to you if they view something distressing. Provide information on how these images have the potential to be anxiety provoking, upsetting and even traumatizing. Offer them permission to take a break from social media, and limit your child when necessary.

**Seek support:** If you recognize your child continuing to be fearful, sad, irritable or experience reoccurring and distressing thoughts of the event, they may be in need of greater assistance. Every child experiences trauma differently, and those with persisting symptoms may benefit from meeting with a mental health professional or school counselor.

**Keep conversations going:** Children have different ways of responding to tragedy. Some may have many questions from the beginning. Others may be quieter, and

it is important to be patient and encourage that they talk more when they are ready. Regardless of the initial response, invite your child to continue to talk about school violence. Let them know they can ask you questions any time and foreshadow that you may be checking in with them too.

Organizations across the nation are teaming together to provide supports to children and caring adults in their life in the aftermath of the recent school shooting.

## For children and families in need of additional support

- Catalpa Health at 920-750-7000
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# First English continues lily-covered cross tradition

First English Lutheran Church in Oshkosh continues its 49-year tradition of making a lily-covered wooden cross for Easter services each year. Historically, the 10-foot wooden cross was made from the trunks of the church Christmas trees.

The cross was the idea of the Rev. Robert Herder and was first presented in 1969. That year the cross was decorated with 50 lily blooms by Glen Clements and volunteers. Clements continued coordinating the project for more than 25 years. The current cross is decorated with 225 blooms by volunteers coordinated by Debbie Mathias, who took over this task in the mid-1990s.

Decorating the cross takes about 20 man-hours and has evolved over the years. Three to five volunteers begin the process in the church sanctuary on Holy Saturday morning. One of the early challenges was keeping the fragile blooms fresh, so volunteers first place water-filled vials to ensure they last overnight.

An ongoing challenge for the team is how to keep the water in the vials that hold the flowers, which are affixed to the cross sideways or almost upside down. They use special vials and have become adept at using floral tape.

The rough-hewn cross itself is wrapped with white paper so that the brown wood does not show through. The lilies are attached to the cross using a wrapping of white bridal satin. Once the cross is covered with the flowers, lemon leaves are added to the backs of the lilies to highlight the shape.

The cross that was veiled on Good Friday is uncovered at the start of the 6 a.m. sunrise service. As the sun rises or the lights come up amid an organ fanfare, the unveiling reveals this dazzling floral display. The cross remains in the sanctuary for later services and is dismantled the following morning.

Early in the 1980s, Elsie Radke made annual donations that paid for the lilies in memory of her husband, Fred. Upon her



*The lily-covered cross is an Easter tradition at First English Lutheran Church.*

death, she left a donation to the First English Trust Fund that has assured that the tradition of the lily-covered cross will continue.

# National honors for UWO Radio TV-Film work

Several University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Radio-TV-Film productions were honored at the National Broadcasting Society's recent annual convention in Washington, D.C.

"Cole and Claudia's Christmas Show" received the Grand Prize for Video Comedy Program. This program, shot in black and white, harkened back to TV Christmas specials of the past and aired over Titan TV, the student-run cable channel. The show's producers were Cole Boettcher, Claudia Blair, Brooke Bayer, Tess Kraly and Alex Wright, and directed by Christine Juhas.

UW-Oshkosh also received two grand prize awards in script categories. Juhas won in the comedy program script category for "Shenanigans," and Jarek Kreitz won in the drama category for a pilot episode of a program titled "Eldrich." Both were written in the RTF Advanced Narrative Scriptwriting course.

In the Video Comedy Segment category, Stephen Plekan won a Grand Prize for "Procrastination, Inc.," which was produced for the RTF Narrative Production class.

For Video Documentary Program, the Titan TV program "History Oshkosh" received an honorable mention. It was produced by Eric Royce, Crystal Perez and Samuel Murphy.

In the Audio Newscast category, the radio newscast over WRST from March 16, 2017, also received an honorable mention. The newscaster for this live broadcast was Emma Resop and the newscast contained a report by student Gary Dodge.

# Model U.N. team wins Midwest competition

The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Model United Nations team once again won more awards than any other university, at the 58th annual Midwest Model U.N. competition in St. Louis.

The competition Feb. 20-25 involved more than 500 students from 42 universities in 13 states representing 64 nations. UW-Oshkosh students represented seven nations: Ghana, Belgium, India, Argentina, Turkey, Chad and Portugal.

In the General Assembly, UWO students won an Outstanding Delegation

Award and an honorable mention. The winning delegation represented Ghana, with the honorable mention going to students representing Belgium.

UWO students also won six Outstanding Delegate Awards and four honorable mentions in the four General Assembly committees.

In addition, UWO delegates received six of the eight Outstanding Position Paper Awards for the papers required in advance of the start of the competition. Significantly, Position Paper Awards were won by

UWO delegations representing five different countries.

UWO delegates also swept the Delegates' Choice Awards, determined by the vote of the participating delegates, winning the only award in each of the four committees.

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The William Waters Plaza in the River East neighborhood will be using Great Neighborhoods Program funding as part of its development effort this year.

# Waters Plaza project funding progresses

The William Waters Plaza Re-Imagined group has reported significant progress in fundraising efforts to complete the project intended to honor accomplished Oshkosh architect William Waters.

Public and private planned improvements along the Washington Avenue corridor are getting closer to the goal of \$250,000. The group said the plaza will be transformed into a public amenity contributing to economic development, enhancing the community's quality of life and strengthening the surrounding River East Neighborhood.

The team has raised \$74,000 and leveraged 100 percent of the public dollars budgeted for the plaza. The fundraising totals include a \$24,000 donation from the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation. Another community partner is the Oshkosh Public Library, helping secure \$50,000 in funding, which includes \$30,000 from the Oshkosh Public Library Facility Improvement Fund and \$20,000 from the John Hicks Memorial Fund intended for a monument to honor Waters.

The plaza is

across the street from the library and the planned amenities will provide space for outdoor programming and be a gateway to the Washington Avenue corridor.

Jeff Gilderson-Duwe, library director, points to the momentum created by recent developments along Washington Avenue, including the new Downtown YMCA, the Washington Place Historical Flats and the Eagles Club being redeveloped into The Howard.

The River East Neighborhood Association is credited with getting the project started and is leading efforts to fund game tables and benches. The downtown Business Improvement District was an early supporter and has committed to maintaining and supplying decorative banners for the light posts.



A rendering shows the planned renovation of the William Waters Plaza across from the Oshkosh Public Library.

# Community News Briefs

## City Clerk's office prepares for election

Absentee ballots arrived last week for the April 3 spring election and 695 requests were processed that were mailed March 13.

In-person absentee ballot voting started March 14 and will continue through March 30. City Hall is closed March 30 (Good Friday) with the exception of the clerk's office. City clerk staff will be available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 30 to process voters choosing to cast their ballot in person.

Once the memory cards for the Imagecast Evolution voting equipment are programmed by Winnebago County, the testing process will begin on each piece of voting equipment. Training of election day workers will be the week before the vote, at which time Clerk Pam Ubrig will administer their oaths, review election tasks and new procedures to streamline areas of the election process.

## Recruitment process begins for new fire chief

The Police and Fire Commission wants to hear from a variety of sources in its search for a new fire chief and has elected to include an electronic citizen survey through the city's survey software, Polco.

The public is invited and encouraged to convey the qualities they seek in a fire chief in addition to goals for the department, positive feedback, questions and concerns through the electronic survey. The commission reviewed, discussed and approved the city's Fire Chief Recruitment plan earlier this month.

Advertising has been placed on professional fire association websites, as well as several public sector websites and job boards. Application materials will be received online through April 1 at <https://selfservice.ci.oshkosh.wi.us/MSS/employmentopportunities>.

A public meet and greet is tentatively scheduled for April 17, while interviews are tentatively scheduled for April 18. The commission and three professional panels will interview the selected candidates.

## Conservation Congress county meeting scheduled

The questionnaire package for the 2018 Department of Natural Resources spring fish and wildlife public hearing and annual Conservation Congress county meeting is available for review on the DNR website.

Each county will have public hearings where people interested in natural resources management have an opportunity to provide their input by non-binding vote and testimony to the DNR and Conservation Congress on advisory questions that may impact rule changes.

Winnebago County's hearings will be held at 7 p.m. April 9 at Webster Stanley Middle School Auditorium, 915 Hazel St.

The hearings, held annually on the second Monday in April, are combined with the county meetings during which attendees can introduce and vote on citizen resolutions to address natural resources related issues.

The spring hearings cover three major areas: elections for county Conservation Congress delegates; DNR wildlife and fisheries ideas for potential rule changes; and Conservation Congress proposals for future rule development.

## Corridor draft for 9th and South Park available

A draft of the City Center Corridor plan for 9th Avenue and South Park Avenue is available on the city's website under the "Hot Topics" section. The plan is intended to guide the planning and policy decisions for future improvements to 9th Avenue and South Park Avenue and includes issues related to land use, multi-modal transportation and urban design.

The plan links to the Imagine Oshkosh Plan as the 9th Avenue and South Park Avenue corridors are direct links to the Center City Area.

Planning staff will schedule a special meeting and then make recommendations to the Plan Commission and Common Council during April meetings. If the public has questions they can contact Planning Manager Darryn Burich.

## Oregon Street work alters GO Transit bus route

Reconstruction along Oregon Street from 6th Avenue to 17th Avenue began this week, prompting a change in the GO Transit route for that area.

Route No. 8 will detour along Nebraska Street from 6th to 17th. Stops at 6th, 10th, South Park and 16th will be moving a block east during the construction. Passengers are asked to use coordinating stops on Nebraska.

While several of the intersections may remain open as the work shifts, the goal is to acclimate passengers to eventual long-term change in the route.

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# Bonus 10 program delivers nutrition in small bites

How do you teach children to eat their fresh vegetables if they aren't served vegetables?

That is the question and underlying purpose behind the Bonus 10 Food Bucks Program. Since the summer of 2015, the United Way and other community partners have been supporting this program to get fresh food to those living below the poverty line who may not otherwise be able to afford it.

A major outcome is that shoppers of locally grown produce will also learn about the food they are purchasing and how to prepare it.

Many community outreach initiatives have been introduced in collaboration with the Oshkosh Farmers Market to achieve this goal, including Meet Me at the Market grocery bags, Discover the Market certificates, Double Bonus Program and a Market Food Survey.

The Bonus 10 Food Bucks program allows Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs (SNAP) recipients who purchase \$10 or more in market tokens to get an additional 10 tokens free. The tokens can be used to purchase fruits, vegetables, meat and seafood. In 2016, in collaboration with the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry, the program was expanded for children ages 4 to 18.

The Discover the Market program gives each child using the Kid's Corner at the food pantry a certificate good for 10 market tokens that can be used at the pan-

try or the Farmers Market. The child must redeem the tokens in person and can share with their family. The Discover the Market certificates were distributed through the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry and Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh.

According to Sue Panek, Oshkosh Area United Way executive director, "The Boys & Girls Club embraced the program, providing transportation for club members to the Wednesday market."

Dennis and Karlene Leatherman, outgoing Farmers Market managers, have enjoyed seeing children using the Discover the Market program.

"They are so excited to be able to spend their tokens and do so with great care. One young boy used his 10 tokens to first buy (unpopped) popcorn for the family, blueberries for his mother and then with his remaining tokens bought his favorite food: mushrooms," said Karlene. The Leathermans said the Discover program has resulted in entire families coming to the market and parents commenting on how happy they are that their children really want to come.

Program manager Michael Cooney notes that SNAP spending at the market has more than doubled since the program's inception.

"It's a great program and everybody wins," he said. "The farmers get more customers, there is better nutrition for everybody, and we help participants stretch their SNAP dollars."



PHOTO FROM FVTC

## Robotic welding explained

Fox Valley Technical College welding instructor Ben Cebery shows young learners a few applications of a robotic welding unit. His demonstration was part of several other hands-on career exploration activities for students from Merrill Middle School in Oshkosh during their visit to FVTC's Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center on Poberezny Road.

## Art in Garden show set at Hilton

The 12th annual Art in the Garden Fine Art Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 24 and 25 at the Hilton Garden Inn.

The juried show features artists from the area and Oshkosh high school students. Artists will have original pieces in acrylic, carving, charcoal, fiber, glass art, ink, jewelry, mixed media, oil, pastel, pencil, photography, pottery and sculpture, tempera and watercolor. Many will have artwork for sale.

This is a people's choice show where the public is the judge. From Best of Show to Honorable Mention awards, the public votes throughout the show until 2 p.m. Sunday. Cash awards, sponsored by businesses, individuals, organizations and the Altrusa Club, will be presented Sunday afternoon.

A raffle of monetary prizes and another of artists' work and donations from businesses will benefit local charities and scholarships for students of the arts.

## Business briefs

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh has named Sara Eliassen as the organization's new director of academic success. She has been the Community Learning Center site coordinator with the Oshkosh Area School District for the past three years focused on students at Oshkosh North and Perry Tipler schools. She and her husband, Steve, run the International Youth Sailing of Oshkosh program. Eliassen holds a bachelor's degree in English from UW-Madison, and completed a semester of graduate work in special needs education.

Beiser Realty has opened an Oshkosh branch at 821 Witzel Ave, Suite B. Andrew Beiser started Beiser Realty in Winneconne and works with clients throughout the Winnebago County area. Oshkosh is its second largest market, with agents in the city.

Business registrations are being accepted for the Oshkosh Area Employment Fair coming May 8 to the Menominee Nation Arena at <https://2018oshkoshemp-fair.eventbrite.com>. Vendor setup and lunch is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with the fair running from 1 to 4 p.m. Contact Bobbi Miller at 920-720-5600, ext. 307, or [bmiller@fvwdb.com](mailto:bmiller@fvwdb.com) for registration details.

## Altrusa International scholarships available

Altrusa International Club of Oshkosh will grant scholarships totaling \$4,000 this spring to individuals pursuing a degree or advanced training. The four \$1,000 scholarships include one focusing on human service, one on visual arts and two for any degree or advanced training.

Altrusa has worked as part of the Oshkosh volunteer community since 1949, providing volunteer services and financial support to projects that enhance many areas of life. Literacy is at the foundation of the organization.

Applicants must be a resident of the Altrusa chapter's service area and have high school senior status or be an undergraduate or graduate student planning to attend a university or technical college.

All completed applications must be received by April 30 and are available at <http://oshkosh.altrusa.org>.

## Mears Art Contest exhibit featured at public library

Artwork by Oshkosh middle school students is on display at the Oshkosh Public Library as the Wisconsin GFWC-Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest marks its 91st anniversary.

The exhibit through April 1 features winning entries in the contest sponsored by the Oshkosh Women's Arts Club.

Mears was a sculptor born in Oshkosh in 1871, educated in Oshkosh public schools and attended Oshkosh Normal School. Her sculptures are in the U.S. Capitol, the Smithsonian, state Capitol, museums and public spaces.

Nine schools submitted 114 artworks in painting/drawing and sculpture, Class A and B. Oshkosh place-winners move to district competition in April, where three winners in each category are selected for state competition in May in Brookfield.

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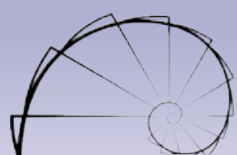
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# Merrill fifth-graders learn how to be prepared

With severe weather this spring approaching, nearly 50 fifth-graders at Merrill Elementary School learned last week how to be prepared to respond to a disaster or emergency.

The students participated in Student Tools for Emergency Planning (STEP), a statewide program run by Wisconsin Emergency Management on various emergencies and disasters, including blizzards, tornadoes, flooding, storms and fires. The program also shows students how to put together an emergency kit and plan with their families.

"Disasters can happen to any one of us at any time, and often happen with little to no warning," said Jessica Pinkall, a fifth-grade teacher at Merrill Elementary. "We are excited to participate in the STEP program to provide our students with

the knowledge and skills they need to be prepared and act quickly should disaster strike."

Students heard from officials with Winnebago County Emergency Management, Wisconsin Emergency Management and AT&T, as well as state Rep. Gordon Hintz, about actions they can take to be prepared in an emergency or disaster situation.

"Getting students excited about emergency preparedness is the goal of the STEP program," said Maj. Gen. Don Dunbar, Wisconsin's adjutant general. "We want students to bring the emergency preparedness information they learn in the classroom back home, so they encourage their families to put together their own disaster plan and disaster kits to better prepare for emergencies."

The STEP program is being funded

this year through a \$10,000 Innovation and Investment Award from AT&T Wisconsin and a \$10,000 donation from the Wisconsin Wireless Association.

Teachers are provided with all STEP materials at no cost to the schools, including instructor guides, DVDs and copies of student handouts.

Students take home an emergency kit, which includes a flashlight. The basic lesson is only an hour of instruction, but teachers can expand the lessons to cover eight hours of materials.

"The STEP program helps give our

young people the confidence, tools and information they need so they can react appropriately if a disaster happens," said Hintz. "It also prepares them to be ambassadors for emergency readiness and share that information with their families and communities."

Wisconsin became the first state in the Midwest to teach the STEP program. More than 52,000 students have participated since the program began during the 2010-11 school year. Another 12,000 are expected to participate this school year in 150 schools around the state.

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## Kazakhstan visitors in Fox Valley

A group of Open World delegates from the Republic of Kazakhstan visited Fox Valley Technical College last week to learn about small business development with the college's Venture Center. Kydrali Nazym (from left), The Grind manager Jessica Meidl, Ruslan Sameteyev, Eldana Frolova, Andrey Yemelin and Dmitriy Korepanov are shown at FVTC's Oshkosh campus, where they met with members of the Oshkosh Economic Development Corporation and toured The Grind for a look at co-working space concepts.

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## Succession planning help offered by forum

The Wisconsin Family Business Forum at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh is seeking businesses in the I-41 Corridor in need of succession planning assistance.

The forum will assist 10 businesses by helping to create a written succession plan. This assistance is partially funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Defense's Office of Economic Adjustment.

Businesses can apply at <http://wbf.uwosh.edu/SuccessionPlanningGrant.php>. The application deadline is April 2.

When changes happen in a business, leaders need to be ready to act in ways that guarantee stability for the company. Selected applicants will be required to play an active role in the creation of their succession plan. In-person meetings with leadership, stakeholders and a succession planning consultant are required.

For additional information, contact Nancy Jo Dietzen at [WFBF@uwosh.edu](mailto:WFBF@uwosh.edu).

The Wisconsin Family Business Forum at UW-Oshkosh, founded in 1996 to help foster healthy family businesses, is a partnership of family businesses (owners, family members and non-family employees), professional service organizations, and the UW-Oshkosh College of Business. The forum offers educational programs, networking opportunities and information sharing through workshops, seminars and peer group discussions.



# UW-Oshkosh men's title chase falls short

## Strong showing to end marks historic basketball season

By Mike Johrendt and Neal Hogden  
ADVANCE-TITAN

The journey ended one step too soon.

The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Titans men's basketball team fought until the final buzzer, but were ultimately outdued by Nebraska Wesleyan University 78-72 in the NCAA Division-III National Championship game Saturday.

The Titans made a title-game record 17 three-pointers, led by junior guard Ben Boots' six shots from behind the arc.

Boots talked about the mentality he and the team had going into the championship game.

"As a group, we came together and said we were going to do our best to play this like a regular game," Boots said. "Obviously, it's far from that but I think we were able to collect ourselves and treat it like that once the game got going."

Nebraska displayed its traditional 3-2 defense, which opened up shooting lanes early for UW-Oshkosh. Head coach Pat Juckem said that the press was tough to prepare for on a back-to-back schedule.

"Nebraska Wesleyan is a tough prep on a back-to-back based on what they do offensively and defensively," Juckem said. "In an ideal world, you'd have a little more time to prepare for it. I credit our guys. They accepted the challenge."

Early and often, the Titans hoisted up threes and were successful in doing so. UWO shot 63 percent over the first nine minutes and when they missed, sophomore forward Jack Flynn was there for the offensive rebound and put-back, helping the Titans reach a 22-14 lead.

NWU wasn't going to be outdone, as the Prairie Wolves averaged 96 points per game this season, scoring in triple digits 10 times and also shot a healthy 63 percent during that span.



Members of the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh basketball team stand with their mascot last Wednesday before traveling to Salem, Mass., for the NCAA Division III Final Four.

To close the half, NWU's Nate Schimonitz landed three shots from behind-the-arc, including a buzzer-beater, which left the Titans with a 45-43 deficit at the break.

At the half, the Titans were led by senior guard Charlie Noone with 11 points and junior guard Ben Boots and sophomore guard David Vlotho with nine each.

Coming out of the half, the Titans forced the Prairie Wolves to commit three turnovers in their first four possessions and scored five points of their own to take a 48-45 lead.

NWU's Cooper Cook dueled with Wittchow in the first nine minutes of the second half as both players hit three shots from behind the arc.

Turnovers and fouls from the Titans led to a 17-3 run by the Prairie Wolves, giving them a 10-point lead with eight min-

utes left.

The Titans kept battling on defense and held Nebraska scoreless over a five minute period while Boots hit two threes to tie the game at 72 with 2:52 left to play.

Nebraska got a clutch three-pointer from Jack Hiller at the 2:17 mark and the Titans were unable to climb back from the deficit.

Boots finished with 24 points to lead the Titans while Noone, playing in his final game, scored 14.

After the game, Noone was able to look back on where he leaves the team and his legacy at UWO.

"It's kind of hard to look at now but I think in the future I'll be able to look back," Noone said. "That's kind of the goal when I came in. To leave it better than I found it and it's been an unbelievable experience."

Juckem reflected on the season and

legacy his two seniors left behind at UWO.

"Charlie and Jake Laihinen, who had two torn ACLs and came back, got a second major and had some great moments this year and is part of the reason that we're here," Juckem said. "They leave behind a legacy and a standard that I know Ben and his teammates will hold very high and know that they have work cut out for them in order to beat that."

Juckem said the heartbreak that the team feels now should not overtake the team's magical run it went on.

"It's been a really special journey and we have so many incredible memories that we're going to look back on," Juckem said. "I'm reminded of a quote, 'If you haven't invested very much, then winning isn't very exciting and losing isn't very painful.' There's a lot of pain in our locker room right now."

# Herd out of playoffs; Munford has 41-point game

By Ti Windisch  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Despite winning its game against the Maine Red Claws on March 15, the Wisconsin Herd was eliminated from NBA G League playoff contention when the Grand Rapids Drive beat the Erie Bayhawks in Detroit.

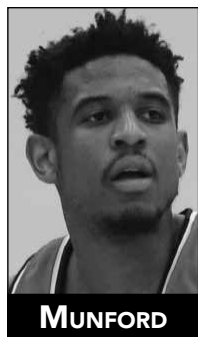
The Drive's win made it impossible for Wisconsin to get a spot in the postseason, even if the Herd managed to win out the rest of their schedule. Wisconsin could have caught Grand Rapids in total wins if the Drive lost out and the Herd won out at that point, but since Wisconsin went 1-3 against the Drive this season they would have needed a better overall record to make the cut.

Wisconsin went 1-1 in their last week of action, with a Monday road game against the Fort Wayne Mad Ants pending. The Herd beat Maine 118-111, and lost to the Canton Charge, 109-103.

Milwaukee Bucks two-way player Xavier Munford led Wisconsin in scoring for the week, mostly due to his 41-point outburst against the Red Claws. Munford had never scored 40 or more points before in his four-year G League career.

Munford needed just 25 shots to get to 41 points. He made 16 of them and four of his six attempted three-pointers, while also posting five rebounds, six assists, and four steals.

After having a quieter game with Wisconsin on Saturday before this run, Munford noted it can take time to adjust from not playing with the Bucks to playing heavy minutes with Wisconsin.



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"It's tough sometimes just to go back and forth, from playing to not playing, you can get out of rhythm for a little bit," Munford said. "I'm here now, I'm here to get back in that rhythm and just get my game going."

Although he noted the difficulty of moving back and forth from the NBA to the G League, Munford said that's just part of the job now, and he has no complaints about his line of work.

"It's a new year of the two-way contracts," Munford said. "It's just something you've got to, basically, deal with. At the end of the day it's just basketball, it's something you love to do, so you can't really complain about it."

Just because Munford doesn't get a ton of run in Milwaukee does not mean he isn't working on his game when he's with the Bucks. Munford said he's been trying to add facets to his game he's learned from some of the ball-handlers in Milwaukee.

"I see a couple things that guys like

(Eric) Bledsoe, Giannis (Antetokounmpo) do well, Khris (Middleton too)," Munford said. "I try to implement that with the Herd."

Currently third in the entire G League in points per game with 23.3 at press time, Munford's play has been one of the brightest spots for Wisconsin Herd basketball all season long. He will almost certainly retain his hold on the franchise lead in total points

## Gymnastics

The Oshkosh Gymnastics Center Level 6-10 optional teams competed March 2-4 in the Salto National Invitational Meet at Wisconsin State Fair Park. Results:

OGC's Level 6 team, including 12- and 13-year-olds, placed in many events. Cecelia Brown scored a 9.15 on vault, which tied her for 5th place in the age 12 category. Sarah Penzenstadler placed 1st on beam (9.2), 1st (T) on floor 9.275 and 2nd All-Around in the 13+ category, with a score of 35.925. Abby Stevens placed 4th on floor (9.2) and 5th All-Around with a score of 35.525 in the 13+ age group as well. Tiana Loynes and Elaine Nowicki rounded out the 13+ group with Tiana placing 3rd on vault (9.15) and 2nd on beam (9.1), while Elaine tied for first on vault with a 9.4. The Level 6 team came in 5th with a total score of 108.775.

OGC's Level 7 team also did well in all events. Lydia Barr represented the 10 and under group, placing 3rd (T) on vault (9.3) and 4th (T) All-Around with a score of 36.775. Anna Otto placed 3rd (T) on bars (9.55), 4th (T) on beam (9.15) and 3rd All-Around for the age 12 group with a score of 37.250. Samantha Lor placed 2nd on vault (9.5), 4th (T) on beam (9.15) and 4th All-Around with a score of 37.200, also for 12-year olds. Parker Loberg placed 3rd (T) on bars (9.55) and 3rd (T) on floor (9.475), while Audrey Brenner placed 3rd on vault (9.45) and 5th on floor

scored for the rest of the season with only a few games left to be played.

The Herd ends its season at home, with games Wednesday and Friday at Menominee Nation Arena. The Eastern Conference-leading Westchester Knicks are in Oshkosh first, followed by the Canton Charge visiting for the last game of Wisconsin's inaugural season.

(9.425) for the 12's. Alex Budde and Olivia Navin tied for fourth on vault, both scoring a 9.4. Sydney Ganzer rounded out the 12-year-olds, scoring a 9.15 (4T) on beam. Alaina Palomaki received 3rd place on vault (9.325), 3rd on beam (8.825) and 4th All-Around for the 14+ age group, with a score of 35.825. Alyssa Casey placed 1st on vault (9.5), 4th on bars (8.7) and 5th on floor (9.275) for the 14+ group as well. The OGC Level 7 team took 3rd place at the meet with a score of 112.650.

OGC's Level 8 team had a good showing with all competing in the 14+ age group. Trinity Schaefer placed 1st on bars (8.9), 3rd on beam (8.95) and 2nd All-Around with a score of 34.950. Taylor Emery placed 4th on vault (8.75), 3rd on bars (8.65) and 4th All-Around with a score of 34.675. Hanna Reichenberger placed 4th on vault (9.1) and 4th on floor (8.875). Rounding out the group, Mackenna Johnson placed 1st on beam (9.025) and Gabrielle McGregor placed 3rd on floor (8.925).

OGC's Level 9 team, consisting of ages 15+, had a good day. Cambree Griedl placed 3rd on vault (9.0), 5th on bars (8.425), 2nd on beam (8.55), 2nd on floor (8.725) and 1st All-Around with a score of 34.700. Jordyn Faust placed 2nd on vault (9.05) and 3rd All-Around with a score of 33.425. Grace Groeschel placed 3rd on beam with a score of 8.475. The Level 8 team took 3rd place with a score of 101.950. OGC's Level 10 gymnast, Jenna Nelson, took 3rd place on bars with a score of 9.05.



# North defense impresses in title game

**Weber credits long-established emphasis on stopping teams**

By Alex Wolf  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

As much as they'd like to stay away from cliches, it was hard for Oshkosh North coach Brad Weber to do so after reflecting on the team's state championship.

"I think that it's cliché to say defense wins championships, but for us it's who we have been the whole year," Weber said. "One of my favorite quotes in times of extreme pressure is that people revert back to their most deeply held habit and that's our deeply held habit. We play defense."

The Spartans sure did in the state championship game against Brookfield East.

Oshkosh North held Brookfield East to its lowest point total (44) this season, while holding them to 38.5 percent shooting and 28.6 from 3-point land – thanks to its stifling 1-3-1 defense.

"It's an emphasis we have every day in practice, it's what I learned from Frank



PHOTO BY MICHAEL GOUVION

Tyrese Haliburton goes for the ball in Saturday's title game, where North finished with 11 steals and forced 15 turnovers.

Schade that the one thing that will be consistent day in and day out is the defense if you put the time into it," Weber said.

"We've hung our hat on our defense all year long and I know that our offensive numbers can look good at times but most of the time it gets spearheaded by our defense."

The Spartans made it hard for Brookfield East to get anything going on a consistent level and didn't allow East's star player, Patrick Cartier, to get going.

He finished with 15 points, but only attempted eight shots.

"Oshkosh North is a very good team and our entire program and a lot of people in the state tip our hat to them tonight," Brookfield East coach Joe Rux said. "One thing I want our guys to respect is our com-

petition and that was quality tonight.

"I thought early on we were going to get those corner skips and Patrick (Cartier) did a good job setting up our shooters for some good looks, and we got them, but they didn't go. We were able to make a run and got a lead early but then it stopped going."

East was able to hit some 3's early, making four in the first half as they had a lead early in the game and kept it within 3 points most of the first half until North's Tyrese Haliburton hit a buzzer beater to end the half.

However, those shots didn't fall in the second half as Brookfield East went 2-for-9 from deep in the second half and 8-for-21 overall.

"We did a few other things trying to get guys to punch the free throw line next to Patrick, and then look in and when we got that, they are a good team and they kept adjusting," Rux said. "Then we tried going back to the outside but shots weren't going. Once they got you in that position it's tough day against that zone."

North finished with 11 steals in the win and forced 15 turnovers.

"I think it started with Coach Frank Schade, he installed a mentality in us and Coach Weber has carried it out," North senior Quincy Anderson said. "We talk about controlling what we control and we feel like when we're on the defensive end we can always control our attitude and our toughness."

"We have guys who are accepting to their roles, once we have that mindset and that we can't get it done with out each other, you get them to buy in."

## Championship

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It was history after that as Haliburton continued to drain free throw after free throw.

"I feel like I'm the leader of this team and guys feed off of me and the first half I was wearing the emotions too much, I wasn't making my shot," Haliburton said. "The second half I got going, that shot before half got me going and I feed off these guys and they feed off me and I took over down the stretch."

The Spartans shot almost 50 percent (48.5) in the game, while holding Brookfield East to its lowest point total this season at a 38.5 percent clip.

Anderson added 15 points for the Spartans while Wes Schiek chipped in six points. Brookfield East was led by Patrick

Cartier, who had 15 points.

In Friday's 57-56 win over Sussex Hamilton in the state semifinal game, the Spartans held on to win in dramatic fashion, despite leading early.

The Spartans led by 17 points at the half (33-16) but allowed Hamilton to claw itself back into the game.

After Hamilton tied it up, Haliburton was fouled with 20 seconds and made one of two free throws. Chargers' Patrick Baldwin Jr. had his driving shot blocked out of bounds by Anderson — giving Hamilton one last chance to win with 2.2 seconds left.

However, a 3-point attempt missed and North held on to win.

Anderson had a big game for North, scoring 26 points with seven rebounds. Haliburton added 12 while Matt Hickey chipped in 10 points.

Baldwin Jr. led Sussex Hamilton with 22 points.

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Tundra swans put on quite the show this past week as spring migration sweeps across the Winnebago lakes.

# Swan skies dominate during migration

By Rob Zimmer  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The skies over Oshkosh were filled with the cries of tundra swans this past week as flock after flock of these incredible birds swept east across Lake Winnebago and made their way to many locations along open water locally.

Tundra swans migrate through Wisconsin in mid-March to early April, and winds over the past week were perfect for carrying the birds on their east-to-west journey across the Great Lakes. From there, a more northwest turn is made, bringing the birds to their breeding grounds in the high Arctic tundra in northern Canada and Alaska.

Waves of tundra swans trained across the skies over the weekend and earlier as the birds moved in, the sky resounding with excited, yelping cries as the flocks of graceful white birds circled then descended upon the crisp blue waters in open areas on Lake Winnebago and Butte des Morts. Tundra swans were also seen feeding in cornfields along State 26 near Interstate 41.

The huge, graceful white birds were spotted at many locations along Lake Butte des Morts, including the Butte des Morts bridge, Rainbow Park and spots along the northern shore.

At Terrell's Island, large groups of tundra swans joined Canada geese and other waterfowl in open water sections within the enclosed boardwalk, greeting visitors to the walking trail with their spring chorus.

## Community Pantry marking 10 years

The Oshkosh Area Community Pantry will be celebrating 10 years of transformation March 22 at The Waters.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with cash bar and hors d'oeuvres available throughout the event. The program will begin at 6:15, which will include the organization's vision for 2018 and beyond.

Reservations are requested to the free event at <http://oacptoday.org/celebrate-10years> or 920-651-9960. Space is limited for the program.

## Toastmasters' community club starting in Oshkosh

A new Toastmasters' club starting in Oshkosh will meet the first and third Mondays of the month at 5:15 p.m. at Fox Valley Technical College.

Toastmasters is a safe environment to improve skills for those anxious about speaking up in a meeting or class among others with the same goal.

Interests and goals are shared in a positive, supportive environment. A membership gives courage to speak with confidence, improve communication with family and friends, give and get constructive feedback, and thrive in a supportive learning environment.

More information is available at [www.toastmasters.org/membership](http://www.toastmasters.org/membership) or <https://district35.org>.

Several bald eagles joined the birds, fishing along the ice edge.

Tundra swans, unlike many migratory birds, travel east to west through our area, rather than north to south. These birds spend the winter along the Atlantic coast and Chesapeake Bay. Each year in mid-March, the first flocks appear locally. The birds arrive in waves as the flocks leapfrog their way across the Great Lakes into eastern Wisconsin.

Once they reach the Wisconsin and Mississippi rivers, the flocks take a northern turn into the heart of the Arctic tundra where they will spend the remainder of spring and summer nesting and rearing their young.

During the largest waves of migration season, thousands of tundra swans may be seen in eastern Wisconsin as the birds train across the sky in undulating wedge-shaped flocks.

Many of these birds stop to rest on open water patches along the west shore of Lake

Winnebago from Neenah south to Fond du Lac, concentrating in the Oshkosh area.

At about the same time, the first American white pelicans return to the area. The arrival of massive flocks of two different species of giant white birds is a spectacle of nature that we are fortunate to be able to witness in all its majesty in our own backyard.

Pelicans can be distinguished from tundra swans by the distinct black tips of their wings and their silent flight. Tundra swans are white overall, with no black on the wingtips. They are also normally quite vocal in flight, their distinct "wooo whoo" cries audible long before the flocks are visible in the skies.

The tundra swan migration should continue over the next week or two, before the tail end of the migration wings across the area.

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## Rec Department champs

The Flying Dutchmen team won both the Saturday High School Basketball League and the March 3 Single Elimination Tournament. Members of the team include Will Scheuermann, Drew McEnroe, Bryce Koch, Drew Slife, Noah Lentz, Andrew Thiele, Max Schmidt, Nate Morrissey and Seth Lowe. The team is coached by Bill Scheuermann. The Oshkosh Recreation Department praised players, coaches, parents and spectators for a season that displayed respect and sportsmanlike play.

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## March 6, 1965

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Source: Oshkosh Daily Northwestern, March 8, 1965

## Head Start preschool free program offered

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