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PHOTO BY TOM EKVALL

## New tower on tap

The new Marion Road water tower was put into operation last week after successful chlorine treatment and bacteria tests, with all monitoring equipment engaged. Cell-phone companies will be relocating antennas, equipment and provider services to the new tower before the old structure (shown in background) can be demolished as planned during the week of May 14, according to the Public Works Department. The tower has a 750,000-gallon water capacity and operates with three other towers to help regulate water pressure and distribution with the city's filtration system.

## Park land additions in city plan

Commission details need for expanded recreation areas

By Tom Ekvall  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The need for additional land for community and neighborhood parks to meet present and projected residential growth needs was highlighted by members of the Oshkosh Plan Commission in seeking Common Council approval of the city's updated Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) at its March 20 meeting.

The plan is required for the city to remain eligible to apply for and receive federal and state grants, as well as guide the city in continuing to meet the open space and recreation needs of its residents for the next five years. The last plan was adopted by the Council in 2011.

There are 41 designated park sites in the city. According to the report prepared by the consulting firm of Rettler Corp. of Stevens Point, the National Park and Recreation Association suggests that local communities provide between 6.5 and 10.5 acres per 1,000 people. The city presently provides 6.28 acres of park, recreation and open space land per 1,000 people, according to 2010 census data.

"We need more park space," Plan Commission member Katherine Propp commented at the meeting, asking how the city can jumpstart the process to get more

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## Local playwright brings fun farce to Grand stage

### Oshkosh Community Players premier 'One Strange Night'

By Dan Roherty  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Bradley Dokken's stage comedy creation that premieres next weekend at The Grand Oshkosh has been years in the making and now coming to life through his cast and crew in the weeks of rehearsal leading to the opening curtain.

The Oshkosh Community Players present "One Strange Night," an original comedy by the Oshkosh resident and min-

ister, April 5-7 at The Grand Oshkosh.

Dokken was living in North Dakota when writing his first rendition of "One Strange Night" more than a decade ago.



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"I put it on the shelf a while and life happened," he said, and after moving to Wisconsin began to rework it in 2014 and made a few changes to develop characters. Soon after, Oshkosh Community Players president John Rubino took part in a reading of the play and wanted it on the

group's performance schedule.

Dokken went back to the script with an editor to assure the story was tight and complete enough for production and eventual publishing with the necessary details.

Auditions in January drew close to 30 people, which Dokken took as a good sign. "A lot of people expressed interest in being a part of a world premiere because you get to define the character, you get to set the tone," he said.

While acting sparked his initial love of the stage going back to his upbringing in the small town of Crosby in the northwest corner of North Dakota, his theater education in college also included a playwriting

class that equally drew his interest.

He said that giving himself a role in "One Strange Night" wasn't part of any discussion despite the inside opportunity and allowed him to key on the characters and actors who can have their own input on the portrayals.

"I just wanted to focus on bringing these characters that I've known for 10 years to life, which has been a struggle at times because when you give something that you care about deeply over to somebody else you have to trust them that they're going to take care of it," Dokken said.

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# Last Man's Club seeks families of departed vets

By Dan Roherty  
OSHKOSH HERALD

More than 200 World War II and Korean War veterans from American Legion Cook-Fuller Post 70 in Oshkosh joined with "Doc" Herman in 1980 to create the Last Man's Club II.

The current membership is down to 87. For each of those veterans who have joined what is called the Post Everlasting, a memorial service at their May and October meetings includes a tolling bell, a prayer for departed comrades, sounding of Taps and a toast using glasses with each member's name inscribed.

With 173 of those comrades passed

on, the post has accumulated a backlog of the etched glasses marking those who have passed that the Cook-Fuller Post would like to deliver to the surviving families.

Jack Fuller, a 92-year-old veteran and Oshkosh resident, has taken responsibility for the commemorative snifters that had been kept at the post's regular meeting place at the former Robbins Restaurant in Oshkosh.

The group now meets at the Best Western on Main Street and Fuller is hoping to connect family members with the honored veterans of the two wars.

Fuller served in the Pacific Theater right out of high school on an LST (landing ship tank) that took him to the Marshall Islands, Okinawa, Saipan and the Philippines. He said his parents saw to it that he graduated before they would sign off on his call to service.

The original Last Man's Club was made up of World War I veterans from the area, which included Fuller's father, Ray, a past president of the post. "My dad was one of the last three," he said.

A special bottle of spirits goes to the last surviving comrade, or shared by the remaining few as was done with the World War I veterans.

The Cook-Fuller Post was formed in March 1919. It recently found a new location at the former St. Josaphat Catholic Church and School, 1307 Congress Ave., after years without a permanent facility.

Fuller can be reached at 920-231-5047 by family members who wish to obtain the glasses.

Those whose names are commemorated by the glasses:



Some of the etched glasses commemorating World War II and Korean War veterans being held by Post 70 are shown.

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and services, and continue to promote beautification projects and review use of perennials versus annuals in city garden beds.

- Invasive species: Develop an invasive species management plan.

- Private recreation areas and facilities: The city should encourage development of specialized facilities by the private sector, such as marinas, and develop partnership opportunities with the private sector.


- Provision for people with disabilities: Incorporate inclusive amenities in all parks for those with physical and/or cognitive disabilities.

- Programming considerations: Adequate ball fields and open space will need to be developed to accommodate current and future program needs.

- School district cooperation: Increased use of existing facilities during hours not scheduled by respective agencies should be strongly encouraged.

- Service group involvement: Continue to involve organized service groups in needed park and recreational developments, including development of competitive sports areas and neighborhood parks.


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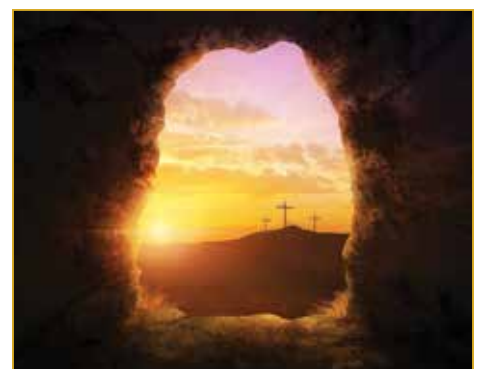


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## Park land

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land. The city has in place park land dedication ordinances whereby developers could contribute land where appropriate with the city Comprehensive Plan and payment of fees in lieu of park land dedication where land acquisition was not feasible.

The report states that the current city ordinance does not result in a sufficient amount of dedicated land or a sufficient amount of funds to purchase land where new residential developments are taking place. Also, no funding mechanism is in place to fund new park developments.

Planning staff and commission members agreed that the ordinance needs to be updated to generate adequate resources.

City Parks director Ray Mauer and John Kneer, president of the consulting firm, noted that the 6.28-acre figure only includes land that the city has control over and does not include county, school district or university-owned park land.

Planning Services Division director Darryl Burich said the city works closely with adjacent townships as to dedication of lands for park and recreation purposes as new developments take place.

Other CORP recommendations:

- Park planning system: Encourage that park and recreation facilities be planned on a neighborhood, community and citywide basis as integral parts of a unified system with a master plan and/or management plan established for each park.

- Community beautification: The city should continue to recognize that the appearance of the community is an important component in the provision of programs

# Historic preservation rule changes discussed

Commission seeks waiting period before any home demolitions

By Tom Ekvall  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Oshkosh Landmarks Commission supports possible changes to the city's historic preservation ordinance that would better evaluate demolition of houses and other structures within the city's historic districts.

The proposed changes discussed at the group's March meeting would affect properties within a historic district that contribute to preserving the historic fabric of the area.

The discussion was brought about by the demolition of a contributing home within a historic district that was razed soon after a demolition permit was obtained without commission input.

Commission members expressed support for amending the Historic Preservation ordinance to be more specific in providing a specific waiting period for demolition of contributing properties as well as noncontributing properties over a certain age. Members also want to provide opportunities for public input at a hearing, and improve coordination between the Landmarks Commission and Community Development Department divisions. Any specific ordinance changes would need to come back before the Landmarks Commission for approval and Common Council adoption.

There are nine designated historic dis-

tricts within the city.

Commission chairwoman Shirley Brabender Mattox said it is important that the Landmarks Commission receive public input from neighbors within those districts and from neighborhood associations dealing with any property being proposed for demolition.

"All homes and structures contribute to the essence of the district," she said, adding that "each has its own story."

Having a public discussion before a proposed razing can lead to other positive alternatives such as moving the property, enabling salvage of materials and furnishings or placement of a historic plaque at the property, she said.

Brabender Mattox noted that an architecturally significant home (the Schriber House) by the Paine Art Center was scheduled for demolition to create a parking lot but was able to be moved nearby as a result of the commission review process.

Allen Davis, Oshkosh Community Development director, said the city would need to reprogram its computers as the present demolition permit process does not flag whether a property is within a designated historic district. He said about 20 to 30 properties are demolished throughout the city each year.

The commission is responsible for fostering civic pride in historic and cultural heritage as reflected in landmarks and historic districts. The commission also recommends to the Common Council those historic sites, structures and districts that are significant to be classified as landmarks.

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# Engaged community praised for progress

## State of City event highlights a successful year of projects

By Tom Ekvall  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The future looks bright for Oshkosh this year and beyond as a result of the hard work of community residents and others engaged to enhance the quality of life, City Manager Mark Rohloff told those attending the annual State of the City address March 19 at the Oshkosh Convention Center.

Rohloff highlighted the input of residents who participate on city committees and advisory boards, neighborhood associations, civic groups, economic development organizations and residents providing direct input to city staff at public meetings and through electronic media.

“Stay engaged,” he urged those attending. “We are going to continue to listen.”

**“We are always going into the community to ask people how they think things are going, and more importantly, what they want to see happen in the future.”**

City Manager Mark Rohloff features the ability to use a phone app called SeeClickFix that enables residents to take a picture of a non-emergency problem, such as a pothole, and send it to the city as well as receive feedback on the status of it being resolved.

“It’s all about the future as to what people want to see happen,” he said, adding that he was “excited to what that future will bring.”

Mayor Steve Cummings also told those attending that the State of the City is more than just an annual event to showcase activities, projects and future goals.

“It is an opportunity for everyone to come together and celebrate our collective efforts,” Cummings said. “Everyone plays an important role in the process as citizens, community leaders, city employees, government officials, elected officials, and volunteers as being part of our dynamic community.”



Mike Norton (left) and Common Council member Jake Krause, along with staff with the City Community Development Department, look over a map that color-codes areas of the city in relation to quality-of-life issues.



City Manager Mark Rohloff delivers the State of the City address at the Convention Center.

Rohloff said 2017 brought about many positive developments, including plans for a global headquarters for Oshkosh Corp. on Lakeside Municipal Golf Course land, development of the new Menominee Nation Arena for the Wisconsin Herd and other entertainment events, plans for a new Gateway Corridor into the city from the west side on Oshkosh Avenue, and redevelop-

ment of land adjacent to the new Oshkosh Corp. facility.

He said these developments demonstrate how the community can come together, also noting that there is much more that can be accomplished.

“We are always going into the community to ask people how they think things are going, and more importantly, what they

want to see happen in the future,” he said. Rohloff said these developments, and private investments taking place, should be a catalyst to further developments, such as redevelopment of the Pioneer Inn property.

“All of these accomplishments are fueling each other,” he said. “The city made investments, and now others are making investments. We’re moving in the right direction and will continue to get things done.”

Those attending had the opportunity to interact with staff and members of various city commissions and advisory boards before and after the address.

A Community Partnership Award recognized three organizations and Citizen Service awards went to members of city commission and advisory boards for specific years of service.

Organizations cited included the Oshkosh Public Museum Auxiliary Board for its efforts to upgrade its Peoples of the Waters Exhibit and other initiatives; the Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corp. for its work to bring the Menominee Nation Arena to the city and negotiated efforts to retain Oshkosh Corp. headquarters, and the Light the Bridges Fund through the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation to raise money to mount color-changing lights on the Oshkosh Avenue bridge.

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# Drug fatality review team deployed

## Winnebago joins state's search for better outcomes

By Dan Roherty  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Winnebago County's established partnership with some 25 agencies in working on wide-ranging health issues, along with its continuing challenge with a growing number of drug fatalities, has placed it in a statewide strategy to find better overdose prevention and intervention.

The new interagency partnership was given a public unveiling March 19 at the UW-Oshkosh Alumni Welcome and Conference Center, where professionals who play a daily role in dealing with the impact of drugs and subsequent deaths represented a team ready to work on new strategies.

Winnebago is one of three new counties selected to join three others from last year to help develop a drug overdose fatality review program with partnerships across sectors that share data and expertise to study those deaths. Strategies for prevention and intervention in the county and beyond are the goal.

"We as a community must act swiftly as a collective group to combat this issue," said UW-Oshkosh Police Chief Kurt Leibold in introducing the coalition. "We must resist Band-Aid approaches that will only provide temporary relief and continue to allow the roots of the problem to flourish."

Based on a homicide review commission created by Dr. Mallory O'Brien of the Medical College of Wisconsin, which has become known nationally as the Milwaukee Model, this type of collaborative process was credited with a notable reduction in Milwaukee's murder rate 10 years ago.

Mallory, who is providing technical assistance to those counties, said the review effort generally involves determining which cases to dissect, giving all agencies a look at them and sharing information, defining action steps for associated groups, identifying new issues and verifying that recommendations are put in place. She called it an "action research model" that builds on continuous review.

"All of this is based on the child death review model where you're bringing people together to talk about specific cases — they're all doing their homework — with the intent of: What were those missed opportunities and how do we develop those prevention and intervention strategies to really take care of those missed opportunities?" Mallory said.

"So it's really doing a deep dive on the overdose fatalities to identify where were those missed opportunities for intervention/prevention."

Like other communities nationwide, Oshkosh and Winnebago County have seen a steady rise in overdose deaths — 31 last year, mostly from opiate use — despite added prevention and intervention efforts, including the availability of Narcan, a drug



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UW-Oshkosh Police Chief Kurt Leibold introduces the newly formed interagency team that will review overdose fatalities in Winnebago County as part of a state effort to prevent future drug deaths.

that can save people by blocking the effects of an overdose.

Stephanie Gyldenvand of the Winnebago County Health Department said they are finding few factors with those cases unique to this county but said heroin and fentanyl are more prevalent than prescription opiates in connection to the fatalities. She said the coalition's work could help the many individuals and agencies working locally on the health crisis find better answers.

"We want to really know what's going on, and we want to target our strategies and our resources in ways that are going to be effective," Gyldenvand said.

Carolyn McCarty, the county's community health and prevention supervisor, echoed her colleague's interest in better data to measure their ongoing work. "We know that we have to do something differently together as a community to turn the curve," McCarty said.

Mallory pointed to one early review finding that showed individuals with a history of drug dependency returning to society from prison or jail need a more specific intervention timeline as they regain access to drugs and subsequent overdose risk.

But what these professionals who deal with substance abuse issues already know is that any down-and-out stereotype of an overdose victim has little basis in reality to the cases they find.

"There is no specific demographic," said Kimberly Maki of the county Coroner's Office, "and that's something that I'm most looking forward to with this review team, because we touch on so many different families."

State agencies have budgeted \$354,000 for the six county sites and related technical

assistance through an award from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Kenosha, Milwaukee and Sauk counties entered the program last year, with Winnebago, La Crosse and Dane added this year, and three more to be chosen in 2019.

A standardized data collection tool will allow comparisons among the counties and with other states employing this initiative such as Maryland. Recommendations across the team sites will have a similar basis and be comparable.

With the help of its community partners, the Winnebago County Drug and Alcohol Coalition helped secure the \$25,000 grant to fund data collection, analysis and review provided to participating counties' fatality review teams. Serah Muinde, steering team leader of the coalition, said the county was chosen largely because of the strong connection among the local partners and other coalitions in place, which made for a strong application.

"Winnebago County had so many things that they were already doing that made it an easy pick," Mallory said.

Listening sessions are underway through April as part of the coalition's Community Conversations Tour to gather information from small groups that either work with or are affected by substance abuse ([www.winnebagodac.org/events](http://www.winnebagodac.org/events)). Jennifer Skolaski of Community and Non-profit Leadership Consulting serves as a facilitator for the review team.

An overdose death from 2017 is expected to be the first case reviewed by the team to retrace the incident using the collaborative process to collect and share data, find any gaps in the system and build on existing relationships among all partners involved.

## Heroin Highway Series resumes

A community discussion called the Heroin Highway Lecture Series focused on the medication-assisted treatment options of methadone, suboxone and vivitrol for its session this week at Fox Valley Technical College in Oshkosh.

There was a panel of people from AMS Clinic, Oshkosh, a pharmacist from Hometown Pharmacy, Oshkosh, and a psychiatrist from Fond du Lac speaking about the different treatment options.

Methadone and suboxone have had established use as treatment measures but have mixed support as drug replacement options. Vivitrol was first used for alcohol addiction and now is being used for opiate addiction.

There is a 20 percent success rate reported with abstinence-based treatment and 12-step programs. In 2012, Hazelden Betty Ford began incorporating suboxone and the rate of treatment success increased to 60 percent.

Bev Kelley-Miller, president of the Megan Kelley Foundation, is facilitator of the lecture series. She lost her daughter Megan at age 22 to a heroin overdose on April 14, 2015. Megan had been ordered to wait nine months before she could enter inpatient treatment while serving jail time on a GPS monitor. Four months into her sentence, she relapsed, overdosed and died without the option of medication-assisted treatment, Kelley-Miller said.

The lecture was scheduled for 6 p.m. March 28 at FVTC.



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# Alligator Records Blues Weekend returns to Grand

The Alligator Records Blues Weekend will take the stage at The Grand Oshkosh with two performances May 18-19 featuring four national blues artists.

This celebration will kick off with Tommy Castro and the Painkillers, bringing blues and soul grooves from the West Coast. Castro has won six Blues Music Awards, including the B.B. King Entertainer of the Year Award.

Castro and his band will be performing songs from his 2017 release, "Stompin' Ground." Special guest will be the Nick Moss Band featuring Dennis Gruenling. World-class guitarist and vocalist Moss will join forces with Gruenling, one of today's best blues harmonica players, to embody the classic Chicago blues ensemble sound.

The collaboration will be performing music from their Alligator debut, "The High Cost of Low Living." Moss opens the evening and will also perform at a special afterglow in The Grand Lounge following the mainstage concert.

The weekend continues May 19 with returning favorite Chicago bluesman Toronzo Cannon with Atlanta blues-rock guitar hero Tinsley Ellis. Cannon released his debut Alligator album "The Chicago Way" in 2016. The contemporary blues guitarist, vocalist, songwriter—and Chicago Transit Authority bus driver—has since found an overwhelming response to his original music and live charisma.

Co-billed on Saturday evening is Ellis, who released his first album on Alligator nearly 30 years ago. The Southern blues-rock guitarist, vocalist and songwriter continues to make new music and maintain his reputation as one of the blues world's most acclaimed artists. His new album "Winning Hand" debuted at No. 1 on Billboard's

Blues Chart.

Cannon will also perform at a special afterglow in The Grand Lounge.

"The Blues Weekend is a big deal for us," said Joseph Ferlo, director of The Grand. "It was a popular event for us many years ago, and we were glad to bring it back to our stage last season. There's a passionate audience out there for the blues and we're fortunate to be working with Alligator Records to bring their artists to our community."

Bruce Iglauer, founder and head of the independent blues record label Alligator Records in Chicago, will serve as host of the weekend.

The performances begin at 7:30 p.m., and tickets start at \$25. The Grand's new Suite Seat service, which features maximum legroom, seating, complimentary first beverage and intermission beverage service, is also available. Tickets can be purchased at The Grand box office at 100 High Ave., via phone at 920-424-2350; or online at thegrandoskosh.org.



PHOTO BY CHRIS MONAGHAN

The Nick Moss Band featuring Dennis Gruenling on harmonica will play on the opening night of the Alligator Records Blues Weekend at The Grand Oshkosh set for May 18-19.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Atlanta-based blues-rock guitarist Tinsley Ellis performs the second night of the Blues Weekend along with Chicago's Toronzo Cannon.



PHOTO BY PEGGY DEROSE

Tommy Castro and the Painkillers bring their West Coast blues sound to the Blues Weekend in Oshkosh.

## - VOTE NO APRIL 3 - Politicians Want to Eliminate Our State's Fiscal Watchdog - the Wisconsin State Treasurer PLEASE STOP THEM

On April 3, Wisconsin voters will be asked if they want to eliminate the office of the WI State Treasurer from our Constitution. This would make us the ONLY state in the U.S. not to have a Treasurer or an equivalent watchdog office.

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- The BCPL protects our lands and parks by maintaining Comprehensive Conservation Management Plans. These include timber management, water features, wetlands and more. It also engages in forest regeneration, sustainability, and forest inventory. These Management Plans have improved the overall timber base by 20% providing more revenue to public schools through School Land Trusts while preserving the ecosystem.

- Trust Fund Loan Programs have allocated \$32.1 million for public school libraries and technology; given an average of \$26 for every child in the state between ages 4-20; allocated \$24 million to the UW System; and given \$1.02 billion to local communities in every WI County.

Wisconsin's Founding Fathers made the State Treasurer the commissioner for the BPLC, managing over \$1 billion in Trust Fund Assets, 77,000 acres of School Trust Land and the State Trust Fund Loan Program. These assets create a system of funds allocated to projects benefitting every citizen in the state. These funds, guarded by the State Treasurer's office, are used to improve our public school, libraries, the UW System, local communities and our cherished parks.

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## Community News Briefs

### Four seek three seats on Board of Education

Four candidates are seeking election April 3 to three available seats on the Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education. The three incumbents are board president Allison Garner, board clerk James Evans and board treasurer Kelly Olmsted, with Liz Szilagyi also seeking a board position.

Candidates responded to a series of questions from the Oshkosh Area Chamber of Commerce regarding teachers' salaries, budget priorities, top issues facing the district and proposed facility improvements. Their responses can be found at [www.oshkoshchamber.com/advocacy/2018-spring-elections](http://www.oshkoshchamber.com/advocacy/2018-spring-elections).

The four candidates for three positions on the city's Common Council — incumbents Steve Herman, Lori Palmeri and Caroline Panske, and challenger Matt Mugerauer — also answered questions from the Chamber that can be found on the organization's site.

### City street construction season has arrived

Work on the 2018 street reconstruction projects in the city is beginning.

The general contractor for the ongoing Oregon Street project is PTS Contractors, which planned to start its work this week. AT&T has begun work on its facilities in this section.

Expected to last through October, work on Oregon will close the street between West 7th Avenue and West 9th Avenue, and between West 6th Avenue to West South Park Avenue. Access over the Fox River to West 6th will be maintained, as well as cross traffic at West 9th and West South Park.

PTS is obligated to conduct an inventory of the condition of nearby properties to establish a baseline before construction starts to ensure owners and the city have sufficient information to quickly resolve

any damage claims that may result from the work. A corresponding inventory will be performed at the end of construction for comparison purposes.

Weekly progress meetings will keep the businesses and residents updated every Thursday at 8:30 a.m. in Room 404 of City Hall. These meetings are for owners, tenants or residents to discuss construction phasing, access or other specific questions related to the construction.

Signups for construction updates can be generated by emailing [contract1805-subscribe@lists.ci.oshkosh.wi.us](mailto:contract1805-subscribe@lists.ci.oshkosh.wi.us).

### Rental property training seminar offered April 10

A free seminar for rental property owners and managers is being offered by the Fair Housing Center of Northeast Wisconsin on April 10 at the Oshkosh Public Library.

Seminar topics include local, state and federal fair housing laws; how to advertise units in compliance with housing laws; nondiscriminatory negotiation with prospective tenants; interacting with current tenants; and reasonable accommodations for tenants with disabilities.

The seminar is supported by funding from a Community Development Block Grant program. Preregistration is encouraged by calling 877-647-3247. The session is from 5 to 7 p.m. in the library's Room B.

### Park improvement work on the schedule

City park improvement projects will be underway in the coming months.

Included will be playground replacement and resilient surfacing at South Park, restroom renovation at Fugleberg Boat Launch, and reconstruction and exhibit enhancements at Teichmiller Park Athletic Field at Menominee Park Zoo.

Regular facilities and grounds upkeep also will be underway to prepare for the season ahead.

## Online option offered for tax assistance

Through a national partnership, the Oshkosh Area United Way is offering MyFreeTaxes as an online option for individuals or families earning less than \$66,000 to file their federal and state taxes.

For the past nine years, United Way has partnered with H&R Block to provide free tax filing services for federal and state taxes. MyFreeTaxes users get access to H&R Block premium products with enhanced features, including the ability to upload a W-2 and automatically fill in information, real-time chat and phone support from IRS-certified specialists at 1-855-MY-

TX-HELP, and the Refund Reveal feature that shows filers how and why their refund amount is changing in real time.

Last year, 72 local taxpayers took advantage of MyFreeTaxes and received an average of \$1,726. So far this tax season, 37 local residents have used the free service receiving an average refund of \$1,944.

The local United Way's partnership with the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh College of Business to provide the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program has filled all available tax appointments.

## ATTENTION CITY OF OSHKOSH VOTERS

The following voting districts have changed polling sites:

**Voting District 5** – Washington School has been changed to **TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**, 370 Bowen Street

**Voting District 6** – Jefferson School has been changed to **FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH**, 1013 Minnesota Street

**Voting District 8** – Franklin School has been changed to **ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE PARISH** (Leannah Hall), 1025 W. 5th Avenue

**Voting District 10** – Carl Traeger School has been changed to **LIVING WATER LUTHERAN CHURCH**, 1585 S. Oakwood Road

If you have questions, you may check the following websites at [www.ci.oshkosh.wi.us](http://www.ci.oshkosh.wi.us) or [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov). You may also call the City Clerk's Office at 236-5011

PAMELA R. UBRIG  
City Clerk  
City of Oshkosh

# Community events

### Ongoing events

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

REPLAY!, Oshkosh Public Museum, 1331 Algoma Blvd.

### March 29

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

Ascension Mercy Hospital Blood Drive, 1 p.m., Ascension Mercy Hospital, 500 S. Oakwood Road

Bourbon, BBQ and Blues, 6 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena, 1100 S. Main St.

### 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.

### April 1

Easter at the Garden, 10 a.m., Hilton Garden Inn, 1355 W. 20th Ave.

### April 4

Becket's Lakefront Beer Dinner, 6 p.m., Becket's, 2 Jackson St.

### April 5

"One Strange Night," 7:30 p.m., The

Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

### April 6

Workplace Wellness Conference, 9 a.m., Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel and Convention Center, 2 N. Main St.

"One Strange Night," 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

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

### April 7

S.J. Wittman Birthday Fly-In Breakfast, 7:30 a.m., Wittman Regional Airport Terminal, 525 W. 20th Ave.

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

Oshkosh Antique Appraisal, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Seniors Center, 200 N. Campbell Road

Special Olympics Indoor Sports Tournament, 9:30 a.m., Kolf Sports Center, 785 High Ave.

Oshkosh Gallery Walk, 6 p.m., downtown

"One Strange Night," 2 and 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

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

### April 8

Special Olympics Indoor Sports Tournament, 8 a.m., Kolf Sports Center, 785 High Ave.

Sk8 to Eliminate Cancer, 2 p.m., Oshkosh Community YMCA, 3303 W. 20th Ave.

## JuBriCoSa Summer Arts Academy signup underway

Registration has started for the 2018 JuBriCoSa Summer Arts Academy for young people ages 7-18. Entering its 30th year, JuBriCoSa is a nonprofit organization that teaches young people self-confidence and responsibility through the performing arts.

Program director James Hart teaches with a structured curriculum where young people learn theater basics and some advanced theatrical techniques.

The first part of each session is spent in a classroom situation where students participate in theater workshops. The second

part is spent in rehearsal for the musical production staged at the conclusion of the six-week session.

Registration is available at [www.jubricososa.org](http://www.jubricososa.org) with five options in Oshkosh, Winneconne and Neenah.

In Oshkosh, students ages 7-13 begin class June 11 at Oakbrook Church and will perform "Mary Poppins" at Oshkosh North High School July

19-21 for four performances. Students ages 13-18 begin class June 12 at Oakbrook Church and will perform "Oklahoma!" at Oshkosh North High School July 26-28 for four performances.

**On April 3<sup>rd</sup> Vote  
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## TEDxOshkosh seeks speaker nominations

Speaker nominations are open for those who want to take the stage at the third annual TEDxOshkosh Nov. 10 at The Grand Oshkosh.

TEDTalks have become noted for sparking new ideas and problem-solving discussions. Anyone with innovative ideas they want to share with the region is invited to apply.

Speakers and topic proposals can be submitted to [www.tedxoshkosh.com/about/propose-talk](http://www.tedxoshkosh.com/about/propose-talk), where there is also information on past speakers and what is expected as a speaker. The deadline for nominations is 5 p.m. April 20.

## Trinity Lutheran open house scheduled

Trinity Lutheran School, 819 School Ave., will be holding an open house from 3:15 to 7 p.m. April 4.

Trinity Lutheran is an accredited school that meets or exceeds Wisconsin guidelines for curriculum and Lutheran School Missouri Synod Christian educational goals. It is part of the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program, designed to help parents who would like their children to attend a local private/Christian school but find tuition costs too prohibitive.

## Fundraisers

**Leadership Oshkosh** is hosting a trivia night fundraiser to benefit the **Oshkosh Police Foundation** at the Fox River Brewing Co. Tap Room on April 6. Registration and social hour begin at 5:30 p.m. with trivia from 7 to 9 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to the first-place and best-themed teams. To register, email [rachelh@belvillechiro.com](mailto:rachelh@belvillechiro.com).

**Mercy Hospital Volunteers** are hosting a Dimples jewelry sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 12 and from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 13 at Mercy Hospital in the main entrance hallway. Dimples is a direct importer of earrings, pendants, rings, bracelets, necklaces and jewelry, specializing in silver. All proceeds benefit hospital and community health care programs.

An e-cycle fundraiser event will be held at **Peace Lutheran Church**, 240 W. Ninth Avenue, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 21 in the 8th Avenue parking lot. Recycle items accepted include computer towers, keyboards, modems, Christmas lights, cellphones/chargers, DVD/VCR players and small appliances for free. TVs, CRTs, microwaves and mini-refrigerators may be dropped off for a fee.

**NAMI Oshkosh** is hosting a Mental Health and Suicide Awareness 5K Run/Walk on May 5 at Oshkosh North High School. Registration and check-in begins at 7:30 a.m. with the run to start at 9:30. Registration is open at [www.namioshkosh.org](http://www.namioshkosh.org). Proceeds from the fundraiser will go toward supporting National Alliance on Mental Illness Oshkosh programs.

# Rabbits from Las Vegas find new home at Area Humane Society

Two rabbits that were part of an extensive rescue effort at a treatment center in Las Vegas arrived March 16 at the Oshkosh Area Humane Society.

According to National Geographic, several years ago staff at Desert Willow Treatment Center, a state-run treatment center for youth, decided to release a pair of pet rabbits on the grounds, thinking they would be therapeutic for the young patients.

The rabbits bred, and their babies bred, and people started adding unwanted pets to the mix. Now, between 800 and 1,000 domestic rabbits roam the grounds.

Volunteers had been caring for and feeding the rabbits but recently 30 rabbits were found deceased on the grounds, suspected victims of antifreeze poisoning. There is now an effort to move as many rabbits as possible out of the area so they don't suffer the same fate.

"Unfortunately some people just don't realize the amount of care rabbits really need," said Oshkosh shelter admissions manager Cari Tetzlaff. "They can live to be over 10 years old and have special dietary and exercise needs."

Rabbits are the third most abandoned animal after cats and dogs.

"Domestic rabbits cannot survive outdoors — that's a common misconception that people have, since they are already dependent on humans for food and shelter," said Tetzlaff.

Luigi and Picasso are settling in at the Humane Society and will be neutered before being placed for adoption.

"Rabbits can be wonderful companions and we encourage anyone thinking of adding a rabbit to their family to stop in and talk with us. We're here to help people find the right animal companions for their families," said Tetzlaff.

More information about the Nevada situation is available on [National Geographic.com](http://National Geographic.com).



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Luigi (top photo) and Picasso have found a new home at the Oshkosh Area Humane Society after their move from Nevada before being placed for adoption.

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# Outdoor treasures await at area nature centers

By Rob Zimmer  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Explore the beauty and mystery of the area outdoors close to home by enjoying a spring visit to one of the area's amazing nearby nature areas. You don't have to leave town to discover incredible wildflowers, breathtaking birds, wildlife wonders and, of course, peaceful waterways.

Throughout the seasons, our hometown nature centers provide an opportunity for people of all ages to get out and explore wildlife, wildflowers and nature. Here are a few of my favorite spots locally.

## Asylum Point

A beautiful and historic natural area, complete with a picturesque lighthouse and connecting island bridge, this is one of my favorite places to enjoy, especially during spring migration. American white pelicans sail gracefully over the quiet bay while swarms of colorful wood warblers flit among the trees and shrubs in the woodlands.

Walking trails throughout the forests, wetlands and prairie lead through a variety of beautiful habitats. The spring chorus of frogs that resounds from the flooded wetlands is breathtaking.

Soon after ice-out on Winnebago, common loons can be seen along shore as they migrate through the area. Tundra swans and other waterfowl gather in large numbers along the Lake Winnebago shoreline.

Bald eagles, osprey, owls, whitetail deer, red fox, coyote and other wildlife species are often seen in the area.

## Coughlin Community Natural Area

Situated on property surrounding the Winnebago County Land and Water Conservation department and the DNR service center, at the James P. Coughlin Center, the Coughlin Community Natural Area features walking trails and pathways leading through restored prairies, wetlands and forest edge habitats, along with rain gardens, bluebird habitat, and native wildflower and shrub displays.

Many of the plants are marked with

## Landscape seminar offered

Zillges Materials is presenting a free landscape maintenance seminar from 5:30 to 7 p.m. April 5 at its Oshkosh store at 1990 W. Snell Road.

Pruning guides and plant catalogs will be offered, along with demonstrations on ideal soil moisture conditions and pruning methods.

Space is limited to 30 people. Call 920-231-1994 to reserve a spot.



PHOTO BY ROB ZIMMER

The lighthouse at Asylum Point stands out from the Lake Winnebago shoreline.

helpful signs that identify many of the area's native wildflowers and grasses used in the restoration.

A mile-long trail winds through the property that also features a memorial tree grove.

Expansion of the natural area and additional construction of beneficial rain gardens using native plants and wildflowers is in the works, making this a spectacular destination to explore throughout the four seasons.

Many of the prairie plants are at their peak during middle to late summer. During the winter season, snowshoeing is allowed along the trails.

## Sheldon Nature Area

The Sheldon Nature Area is one of our community's fine natural gems, with a variety of wild habitats to explore in the heart of an urban setting.

Located at Oakwood Elementary School, Sheldon Nature Area features wonderful examples of many varieties of natural habitats and allows students to explore nature close to home as part of their daily routine.

One of the highlights of the area is the floating classroom that allows students and visitors close-up access to the pond and all of the many secrets it holds. Frogs, toads, turtles, aquatic insects, aquatic plants and

other surprises await.

An impressive area, informational signs throughout the trail system help visitors identify what they are seeing and hearing on their visit. Educational stations, native wildflower displays and other features help visitors of all ages enjoy their tour of the trails.

The 26-acre preserve was donated by Richard and Anna Sheldon to be used as a nature center.

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

## Business notes

The merger of **Aurora Health Care** and **Advocate Health Care** has cleared the regulatory review process, allowing creation of Advocate Aurora Health, which will be the nation's 10th largest not-for-profit health care system. The Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance approved the proposed deal March 22 af-

ter successful review by the Federal Trade Commission and February approval by the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board. The organizations are expected to close the deal April 1. Aurora offers services at sites in more than 30 counties, including Winnebago, throughout eastern Wisconsin and northern Illinois.

## Marine Corps League updating clubhouse

The Marine Corps League is undergoing renovations at its clubhouse and has canceled Friday night bingo sessions until April 6 with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. and bingo at 7. The league is renovating its main floor with new walls, lighting and a new sound system. The hall had not been updated in more than 25 years.

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# Love makes some room at First United day care

By Kris Wood  
FOR THE HERALD

When Vicki Wenig heard that time was up in their day care spot, she felt at a loss. The location where Wee Winni Childcare Center had been based in Oshkosh for 27 years was coming to a close.



The child care center provides for children 6 weeks to 12 years old. Everywhere she looked, Wenig found obstacles to finding a new place that could make the necessary changes to meet regulations and space needs for the children.

Then she heard about First United Methodist Church and its interest in renting space to Wee Winni. "The church has welcomed us with open arms," Wenig said. "This move has been nothing short of amazing. More space and brighter rooms make for happy staff and contented children."

Knowing how important excellent child care is to families, church lay leader Ann Tulip stated, "We are proud and

thankful to provide such child care to the community." The church's hospitality is known in the area, and beyond housing the day care there are discussions to host story times, offer "grandparent hugs" and partner together on projects and events.

Administrative council chairwoman Judi Weinert agrees.

"We are so eager to be a service to the community in many ways," she said. "It's actually a blessing to us to have them here. It's a breath of fresh air to have young children filling the halls with laughter during the week."

The Rev. Russ Frees noted, "We can see that the Wee Winni families are truly enjoying the wonderful children's wing of the church as they establish a new home on these grounds. We think it's a mutually good match. We look forward to ministering to needs that come up and befriending the families for years to come. The inter-generational opportunities are wide open here. It's good for everybody when we make room for each other. After all, love makes room."

For more information about the day care at 700 W. Lindwood, contact Wenig at WeeWinni2012@yahoo.com.



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Danielle Brynteson (Laurie), Timothy James Young (James) and Katie Castel (Ashley) are three of the lead actors in "One Strange Night," a comedy written by Oshkosh's Bradley Dokken and premiering April 5 at The Grand Oshkosh.

## Playwright

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The cast for "One Strange Night" hails from Oshkosh and the Fox Valley with backgrounds as diverse as a sound equipment specialist and an investment banker.

"That's the beauty of community theater — you bring in people from all walks of life — and they all come together for one common goal, which is to put on the best show we can," Dokken said.

With his day job as a pastor at Peace Lutheran Church in Oshkosh, Dokken finds the draw of the theater as an important diversion from other daily responsibilities.

"I have to be involved in community theater," he said. "There's just no other way around it, because that's where I find energy. That's how I recharged my batteries."

The church is supportive of his creative work and its connection to the larger community and its history.

"This is being done on the Grand stage, the same opera house Mark Twain and Harry Houdini and John Phillip Sousa performed," Dokken said. "To me that's an allure that is unbelievable."

A fan of Agatha Christie, among other suspense writers, Dokken is working on a murder mystery farce and considering another drama theme, both that had to be put on hold as "One Strange Night" took the forefront.

"The idea for the show came after seeing or been in a number of farces in a short amount of time," he said.

## FVTC Speaker Series

FVTC Speaker Series events at Riverside campus are free and open to the public.

**April 2:** Overcoming "Test Anxiety" with Wolfgang, 11:30 a.m. in room 135

**April 11:** Creating Authentic Success with Corey Ciocchetti, 11:30 a.m. in room 135

# FVTC has four applicants for three trustee positions

Four applications were submitted for three upcoming openings on the Fox Valley Technical College District board of trustees. The openings are for one school district administrator, an employer and an employee member. Each new position's term runs from July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2021.

Stephen Kohler of Appleton has applied for the employer member position. He has been an employer member of the board since 2013 and is employed by Community First Credit Union as chief human resources officer.

Dawn Rosicky of Waupaca has applied

for the employee member position on the board. She has been an employee member of the board since 2015 and is employed by Waypoint Financial Solutions as an accountant and tax preparer.

Robert Sims of Neenah has applied for the employer member position on the board. He is employed by Oshkosh Corp. as executive vice president and chief human resources officer.

Chris VanderHeyden of Menasha has applied for the school district administrator position and employer position on the board. He is superintendent of the Menasha Joint School District.

The Board Appointment Committee, composed of school board presidents from the 28 K-12 districts in FVTC's service area, will decide on all three positions. The committee has scheduled a public hearing at 6 p.m. April 4 at in Room C190B inside entrance 15 at FVTC.

The FVTC district is governed by a nine-member board with two employers, two employees, three at-large members, a district administrator, and an elected official.

## Absentee voting guidelines explained

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 available through March 30, with the City Clerk's office open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. that day, which is Good Friday. 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 applicant's voting address, the address to where the ballot should be sent and a signature. The deadline for applying by mail is 5 p.m. March 29. Residents can obtain and vote an absentee ballot at the City Clerk's office at 215 Church Ave., P.O. Box 1130, Oshkosh WI 54903-1130.

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The lead character James Nelling is described as a typical man who loves his wife, tolerates his mother-in-law and isn't opposed to a little excitement in his life. The fast-paced farce in two acts shows what happens when James gets more excitement than he bargained for.

Add in a bumbling next-door neighbor who is always in the wrong place at the wrong time, a beautiful woman who tries to catch James' eye, mistaken identity and a visit or two from the police to complete Dokken's vision for the production.

Kylie Montee serves as assistant director. Actors include Timothy James Young (James), Danielle Brynteson (Laurie), Katie Castel (Ashley), Nate Scheuers (Henry), Debbie Ransbottom (Agnes), Doug Bord-Pire (Frank), Jessica DelCamp (Officer No. 1), and Paul Vanden Boogard (Officer No. 2).

Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. April 5 and 6, and 2 and 7:30 p.m. April 7. Tickets at \$15 to \$18 are available at TheGrandOshkosh.org.org.

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## Learning in Retirement

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Learning in Retirement program offers its presentations, tours and social events for April. New members can join by calling 920-424-0876.

**Orangutans Part 2:** Presenter Stephanie Spehar describes studying the ecology, behavior and conservation of a critically endangered great ape. Learn how scientists gather information that allows them to know something about these animals. April 2, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Evergreen.

**Classy Automobiles:** Tom Herzog, Larry Lang and Barry Perlman maintain that many cars today look pretty much the same and will show their audience examples of some classy alternatives. April 3, 1:30 to 3 p.m., Bella Vista.

**Like a Second Home — Hmong People within the Fox River Watershed:** Paul Van Auken discusses his research of the Hmong in northeastern Wisconsin. He reveals that the strength of the Hmong culture has persisted through tremendous loss and displacement to survive and evolve. April 9, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Coughlin Center.

**Morning Matinee: "The War of the Roses":** Enjoy some of the great comedy movies from the past. April 10, 10 a.m. to noon, Evergreen.

**Touring Oshkosh Past without Leaving your Seat:** Curator Debra Dauber reveals through old photographs and items from museum collections many tales of the town. April 11, 1:30 to 3 p.m., Oshkosh Public Museum. (program at capacity.)

**Chef's Choice: Getting Your**

**Financial House in Order:** Enjoy a meal with the Evergreen Chef then learn about practical advice pertaining to wills, estate planning, health care directives and other financial issues from Tom Moniz. April 12, 12:15 to 2:30 p.m. (Lunch at 12:15, presentation to follow.) Cost is \$14 and reservations are required at 920-424-0876.

**ISIS:** Michael Jasinski explains that the Islamic State, also known as the Khalifate, ISIS, ISIL or Daesch, took over where Al Qaeda left off. Learn where ISIS comes from, where it is going, and what it means for the U.S. and EU. April 13, 1:30 to 3 p.m., Evergreen.

**The Invention of the Attack Submarine:** Bill Mattes discusses development of the attack submarine, its rocky road of invention, and convincing a skeptical world and old guard Navy of its value. April 17, 1:30 to 3 p.m., Evergreen.

**Happenings at the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation:** Bill Wyman, president and CEO of the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, describes the group's work and what projects it is currently supporting. April 18, 1:30 to 3 p.m., Evergreen.

**Supper with the Chef:** Watch Evergreen's talented chef demonstrate the creation of a delicious meal. April 18, 5 to 7 p.m., Evergreen. Cost is \$15 and reservations are required at 920-424-876.

**An Afternoon of Vocal Music: German Lieder:** Jane Harmon explores how beautiful poetry was set to music by German composers who were sensitive to

the feelings of the poet. April 20, 1:30 to 3 p.m., Evergreen.

**Remembering Black Thursday 1968:** Ninety-four African American students attending the Wisconsin State University at Oshkosh engaged in a dramatic demonstration in the university president's executive office in 1968. Over the next several months, controversies raged concerning the expulsion of the students, conditions that triggered the demonstration, and the limits of academic freedom. Steven Kercher describes this significant crisis in race relations. April 23, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Evergreen.

**10 Stupid Things Smart People Do with Their Money:** Financial adviser Jan Marcellis Picard helps people find money they are currently losing unknowingly and unnecessarily. She believes there is more opportunity to serve people by helping them first avoid the losses in life than by trying to pick the winners. April 24, 1:30 to 3 p.m., Evergreen.

**Mosquito Hill: Loons ... Wild and Wonder ... and Lunch at Osorio's Latin Fusion:** Sandy Gillum, a retired DNR ecologist and author, shares her research on the habitats of migratory birds, with special emphasis on the ecology of the common loon. April 25. Departure: 9 a.m. Return: 3 p.m. (approximately). Cost \$52. Reservations are required by calling 920-424-0876.

**The Erie Canal:** The building of the Erie Canal 1817-1825 was a great project that Thomas Jefferson judged to be "a little short of madness" and others compared to going to the moon. Dick Campbell explains that it soon turned into one of the most successful and influential public investments in American history. April 27, 10 - 11:30 a.m., FVTC.

**Matinee at the March: 'The Tempest':** Join members of the UW Oshkosh Alumni Association for lunch at the Olive Garden before attending a performance of William Shakespeare's "The Tempest." A member of the theater department will give a pre-theater talk at the restaurant. April 29. Lunch at noon. Performance at UW Oshkosh Fredric March Theater at 2 p.m. Cost \$30. Reservations are required by calling 920-424-0876.

A complete listing of programs is at [uwosh.edu/lir](http://uwosh.edu/lir), call 920-424-0876, email [lir@uwosh.edu](mailto:lir@uwosh.edu) or follow LIR on Facebook.

## Intercultural competence skills refined

Businesses and organizations in Oshkosh and the surrounding communities are recognizing the importance of intercultural competence to their mission and bottom line, and are taking steps to further their efforts.

Fit Oshkosh Inc., an organization focused on improving racial equality and building a welcoming and inclusive community, offers a tool to assess and improve intercultural competence. The Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) has been used since 1998 in corporate, academic and other settings in more than 30 countries around the world.

The IDI, conducted by a qualified administrator, is a 50-item questionnaire that measures an individual's capability to shift cultural perspective and adapt behavior to cultural differences and commonalities. This intercultural competence is critical for more effective interaction in a culturally diverse setting.

The inventory is used to focus coaching and action planning, build multicultural team development, generate needs analyses for training and conduct research. Fit Oshkosh offers services from initial assessment to program evaluation.

Tracey Robertson, co-founder and executive director of Fit Oshkosh and an IDI-qualified administrator, has worked with groups having a wide range of competency.

Associated Bank used the IDI with a select group of leaders involved in their diversity and inclusion efforts, with the intention of rolling out to additional key leaders over time. Although they are in the early stages of deployment, Darcy Pierson, director of Inclusion, Engagement and Change Management Leadership, stated that "the IDI has helped the group identify specific and practical actions that we can take to advance our intercultural competency that go beyond traditional training classes."

In engaging in the IDI process at Humana, culture consultant Adam Jackson wanted to get a deeper personal assessment of key leaders' cultural awareness. The intention was to use that group's scores to indicate what their larger organization may look like and to work on opportunities to make a difference. A year into the initiative, Jackson says, "We have had leaders actually step up and lead some of these 'real talk' sessions where we explore inclusion and diversity topics. We made great progress on our action steps in 2017 and have a solid plan to continue this work in 2018."

For more information on the IDI, visit [www.fitoshkoshinc.org/services.html](http://www.fitoshkoshinc.org/services.html).

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# All-conference roundup

## BOYS BASKETBALL

### Haliburton leads way in FVA recognition

Oshkosh North's Tyrese Haliburton added another accolade to his already big list of achievements after being named co-Player of the Year in the Fox Valley Association along with Kaukauna's Jordan McCabe.

Haliburton was chosen on the first team along with teammate Quincy Anderson. Alec Rosner of Kimberly and Dylan Kurey rounded out the FVA's first team.

Haliburton averaged 22.9 points and 6.2 assists per game this season while Anderson was at 17.6 points and 5.8 rebounds a game as they led the Spartans to a WIAA Division 1 State Championship. He was also named to the Associated Press' first-team all-state announced last weekend.

Making second team was Oshkosh West's Derek Kroll and Karter Thomas while Wes Schiek and Gout Deng of Oshkosh North and Oshkosh West's Luke Haasl received honorable mention.

In the Trailways-East, Lourdes' Preston Ruedinger made first-team all-conference while Henry Noone and Doug Ryan made second team. Noone led the Knights this season with 15.8 points per game while Ruedinger was just behind him at 15.1.

Valley Christian's Daniel Dunn and Isaiah Wade earned honorable mention. Dunn averaged 14.5 points and 4.3 assists per game while Wade averaged 11.5 points and 9.1 rebounds per game this season.

Hustisford's Justin Kuehl was named Player of the Year. Dodgeland's Zach Yuenger, Horicon's Hunter Nehls and Wayland Academy's Kerem Kocer rounded out the first team.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

### Rolph named Player of the Year in Trailways

Lourdes' Alexis Rolph was recently named Player of the Year in the Trailways-East after leading the conference in scoring at 18.6 points per game and 6.5 assists per game while leading the Knights to an undefeated record at 12-0.

Rolph was also named honorable mention in Associated Press' all-state teams.

Lourdes' Quinn Godfroy joins Rolph on the first team after averaging 13.5 points per game this season. Abi Giese earned second-team all-conference for the Knights.

In the FVA, Oshkosh North's Ashley Wissink made second team while Oshkosh West's Callista Rochon-Baker earned honorable mention. Wissink was also named to the all-defensive team this season.

Wissink averaged 14 points, 4.6 rebounds and 2.5 assists per game this season.

Appleton North, who repeated as WIAA state champs, had two on the first team in Kari Brekke and Sydney Levy (Player of Year) while Appleton East's Lexie Schneider, Fond du Lac's Ally Gietzel, Hortonville's Shay Frederick and Kimberly's Alina Hampton rounded out the first team.

## BOYS SWIMMING

### West's Groth honored as first-team all-FVA

Oshkosh West's Andrew Groth was the

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### HERD UP!



# Herd growth, fan support marks debut

String of losses to close out season tempered by optimism

By Ti Windisch  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Wisconsin Herd lost their final game of the season against the Canton Charge, 139-117, to cap off a four-game losing streak. Still, Herd fans in the Menominee Nation Arena sent their hometown team out with a resounding "Thank you Herd" chant.

Herd head coach Jordan Brady, who said he's usually too focused on the game to hear much crowd noise, heard the home fans making their voices heard over the last few minutes of the game.

"I did hear that tonight, the 'Thank you Herd,' and that means a lot," Brady said. "I hope that the community is happy to have the team here. I know that our business and marketing group has worked extremely hard to lay the foundation for us, and you know what, (it's) a positive end to the season."

Wisconsin general manager Dave Dean said that despite not making the playoffs, he sees the season as an overall success.

"I wish we had some playoff games coming up here; we weren't able to do that," Dean said. "But I think overall the season has been a big-time success with the way we've developed our players, Bucks roster players, and found a couple guys who got NBA call-ups, which is big. Jabari Parker's rehab process was huge for us."

Dean noted that expansion teams typically win 17 games in the G League, so Wisconsin's 21-29 record is better than average.



Xavier Munford (right) led the Wisconsin Herd in scoring for its inaugural season while also contributing to the Milwaukee Bucks' ongoing chase for the playoffs.

He credited Brady for doing a strong job coaching the team and said the two have a lot in common considering they're both new to their positions.

"Jordan has done a really, really good job with these guys," Dean said. "He is exactly the right man for the job. He's lived up to everything I thought he could be. He's got stuff to learn, as do I. He and I challenge each other all of the time. We're both doing this for the first time this season."

Brady echoed Dean's sentiment, and said the goal now is improvement on their end in advance of Wisconsin's second season.

"Dave and I are excited to get to work. I mean, we're both highly competitive people and I think we know where we can improve," he said. "... Year two is going to be better. It's going to be better. We both learned a lot. We're going to do what we need to do to make sure this thing gets going the way we expect it to."

Brady also credited his team's resilience, despite the rough end to their season after a strong start early in the campaign.

"That's a pretty rough stretch of basketball, and these guys played hard," Brady said. "They played hard, they fought, they stayed bought in, our practices were good."

At this level, that's not always the case. When teams realize the playoff chase is over, sometimes they'll fold. Our guys didn't do that."

Xavier Munford, who ended the season as the Wisconsin Herd's all-time leading scorer and set a Herd record with a 46-point outburst March 21, said despite the late-season losses the team stuck together.

"All year we've been a resilient team," Munford said. "We never really fold over, or let a team blow us out."

Brian Williams agreed, and gave credit to the players, coaching staff and front office team for all working together to keep Wisconsin playing hard.

"We got a resilient bunch," Williams said. "We've been up and down all season, but guys still fight, so that's a testament to the coaches, the GM, the confidence they instill in us. So we get out there and just try to fight every night."

Although winning games is always a goal of any basketball team, Dean said the job the Herd did of helping to develop Milwaukee Bucks players is the biggest focus for Wisconsin, and that the Bucks are thrilled with having the Herd up in Oshkosh.

"It's worth every penny that we've spent on it," Dean said. "We used to send guys to other G League teams, and to not be able to touch your own guys and develop your own guys is huge. That's really what this is about first and foremost, developing Bucks, and to be able to do this in our own backyard with the fan support we have here is incredible."

# Tkaczuk repeats as national champion gymnast

By Alex Wolf  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

UW-Oshkosh sophomore Baylee Tkaczuk repeated as national champion on the uneven bars and earned all-America status on the balance beam after participating in the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association held last weekend in Massachusetts.



TKACZUK

Tkaczuk scored a 9.85 on the bars to top the field and then finished sixth in the beam with a score of 9.725. She was 21st on beam last year.

Tkaczuk is one of 12 Titans who have combined to win 17 NCGA titles.

## BASEBALL

### Titans win ninth straight

The UW-Oshkosh baseball team continued their hot stretch in Florida, going 2-0 last Thursday to Friday – picking up a 13-3 win over Benedictine University and then a smashing 20-0 win over Thomas College.



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In game one, Sam Schwenn went 3-for-5 with two doubles and two RBIs while Jensen Hinton was 2-for-3 with three RBIs. Jonathan Selchow hit a two-run home run for the Titans in the second inning as UW-O (10-2) led 10-1 after three innings.

## UW-Oshkosh sports roundup

Taylor Grimm added two RBIs in the win. Colan Treml picked up the win, pitching all eight innings while giving up three earned runs on nine hits with four strikeouts against one walk.

In Friday's game, the Titans pounded out 15 hits while five pitchers combined for a one-hitter.

Nick Mclees started the game and lasted six innings – giving up one hit and struck out five.

Offensively, Grimm was 3-for-5 with four RBIs, Schwenn was 3-for-5, Dylan Ott was 2-for-5 with two RBIs and Zack Radde added two RBIs as the Titans cruised to the win.

The Titans returned to Wisconsin after spending a week in Florida and hosted Wisconsin Lutheran on Wednesday.

## SOFTBALL

### Women go 2-2 in Florida

The UW-Oshkosh softball team finished 2-2 as it played four games last Thursday and Friday to wrap up their Florida trip.

They picked up a 13-8 win over Farmingdale and a 10-2 win over University of Chicago, while falling 10-2 to Benedictine University and were shutout 9-0 against Hope College.

In the 13-8 win, UW-O's Brianna Witter went 2-for-3 with three RBIs while Acacia Tupa was 2-for-4 with two RBIs. Kaitlyn Krol added two RBIs in the win. Claire Petrus picked up the win despite giving up 10 hits, two earned runs (eight runs total)

with one strikeout.

In the 10-2 win, Erika Berry, Abby Menting and Amanda McIlhany each recorded three hits with McIlhany leading the way with two RBIs. Bailey Smaney earned the win, giving up two runs in five innings with three strikeouts against three walks.

In the 10-2 loss against Benedictine, the Titans fell behind 9-0 to start and couldn't overcome that deficit. McIlhany and Menting each had multi-hit games in the loss while McIlhany had the lone RBI.

The Titans only recorded three hits in the shutout loss. Kaitlyn Krol, Natalie Dillon and Witter collected the Titans' hits.



PHOTO BY TOM ERVALL

## Celebrating a season

Alumni from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and their guests joined Chancellor Andy Leavitt and Athletic Department staff for a Titan Alumni event watching a Wisconsin Herd basketball game at the Menominee Nation Arena, where men's head basketball coach Pat Juckem talked with the alumni about the team's recent journey to the NCAA Division III national championship game. Shown are UW-Oshkosh Athletic Director Darryl Sims (from left), Juckem holding the Sectional Championship trophy, Deputy Mayor Steve Herman and Chancellor Leavitt.

## Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

### March 10, 1910

#### Streetcar accident on Main Street:

On this date, streetcar No. 26 struck a piece of wood that was lying on the tracks and derailed. The accident occurred just north of the Main Street bridge near the Revere House. No one was injured, however one passenger was reported to have been pretty shook up. The incident took place around 11:15 a.m. and the streetcar was back on the track and in service again by 1 p.m.

Source: Oshkosh Public Museum, <http://oshkosh.pastperfectonline.com/photo>

### Top cribbage hand of 29 reported at center

Nancy Macksam was dealt a perfect 29 hand in cribbage at the Oshkosh Senior Center on March 21, a rare occurrence with all four 5's and the jack of same suit as the cut card. The hand was witnessed by Dan Becker, Carol Reichenberger and Joyce Murphy, and Macksam's name will be on a plaque at the center to mark the occasion.

## All-conference

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lone swimmer to make first team all-Fox Valley Association, doing so in the 500-free.

The senior was also named second team in the 200 free. Oshkosh North/Lourdes' junior Eddie Hansen was also on the second team in the 100 breast stroke.

Those who earned honorable mention include North/Lourdes' Adam McAvoy (50 free) and Oshkosh West's Joe Herrick (100 free and 50 free).

Neenah's Eli Rocke was named the Swimmer of the Year while fellow teammate Evan Bredesen was named the Diver of the Year.

### WRESTLING

#### West High lands five on all-conference teams

Four Oshkosh wrestlers were named to the Fox Valley Association second-team - Oshkosh West's Alec Hunter (106 pounds) and Edgar Heredia (170) and Oshkosh North's Thomas Urben (126) and Dalton Holmes (152).

Earning honorable mention were Oshkosh West's Reese Thompson (138), Gabe Fannin (195) and Andrew Kalfas (285).

Hortonville's Eric Barnett was named the Wrestler of the Year.

## Obituaries

### Ronald L. Krueger

Ronald L. Krueger, age 91, of Oshkosh, died Sunday morning, March 25, 2018, at Eden Meadows. Born on February 11, 1927, in Oshkosh, the son of Henry and Edna (Rutz) Krueger, Ronald married Shirley Krings on October 1, 1949. They were married for "65 years, 3 months and 8 days" as he proudly stated many times. She preceded him in death on January 8, 2015.

He was employed by Dahl Motors as a mechanic and Service Manager for many years and later was employed by Oshkosh Truck Corporation. Ronald enjoyed fishing, hunting, polka music, Sunday drives, storytelling, and was always ready to lend a hand. With his uncanny memory for names, details and events, he relished sharing good stories about his southside neighborhood and the entire Oshkosh area. He was a member of St. Jude the Apostle Parish.

Survivors include his children, James (Marilyn) Krueger of Oshkosh, Kathryn (Michael) Swederske of Omro, and Lori Kroening of Oshkosh; his daughter-in-law, Marla Krueger of Oshkosh; two granddaughters, Jennifer (Jeff) Krueger of Deforest, Wisconsin, and Kristin (Dan)

Krueger-Vinson of Morton Grove, Illinois; three great-grandchildren, Noah, Sophia, and Eleanor. In addition to his wife, preceding him in death were his son, Steven Krueger and his son-in-law, Norbert "Trip" Kroening III.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 4, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. in St. Jude the Apostle Parish, St. Vincent Catholic Church, 1225 Oregon Street, with Father Mathew Simonar officiating. Interment will follow the Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery. A time of visiting and sharing of memories will be held on Wednesday from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the church. Join us for a meal and fellowship at St. Vincent Church, after interment. Online condolences to the family may be given at [www.seefeldfuneral.com](http://www.seefeldfuneral.com).

The family suggests any memorials to be designated for *Fishing Has No Boundaries* or the *Otter Street Fishing Club* to further his love of fishing and the outdoors. The family wishes to thank the gracious and professional staff at Eden Meadows Rehabilitation and Skilled Care who provided him with continual support and a loving home since last August. Ascension Hospice provided sensitive guidance and assistance in his recent days.



## Bowling series sets city record

The team Roxy Supper Club bowled a new Oshkosh city record for a five-person team recently at Shoreview Lanes during the Thursday night Lakeview 60 League.

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