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Valley groups share Weight of health concerns

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Inspiring people in Oshkosh and other Fox Valley communities to make healthy choices in their lives is a goal of a collaborative partnership known as Weight of the Fox Valley (WOTFV).

This multisector partnership, formed in 2013 and coordinated by area United Ways, includes local hospitals and health care institutions, health departments, major corporations and area businesses, local government, school districts, nonprofit organizations, and concerned residents in Winnebago, Outagamie and Calumet counties.

Its target is a growing problem of obesity in the community. The message of WOTFV is that “to win, we must lose — together.”



WRIGHT

“We want to create a culture where people are motivated to make changes that will lead to a healthy weight at every age, said Sarah Wright, program manager and a registered nurse. Wright cited recent data indicating that 75 percent of adults and 28 percent

of youth ages 3-17 in the Fox Valley area are overweight or obese, putting them at risk for other health problems.

Bringing the issue to the forefront is a report on obesity from actual Body Mass

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PHOTO BY PATTY BRANDL

Preston Van Roy stands next to the Lego-built Rubik's Cube on display as part of the Oshkosh Public Museum's ongoing pop culture exhibit.

Art's playful past

Pop culture appeal has no age limit in REPLAY! exhibit at museum

By Patty Brandl
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Rubik's Cube had already been around for 48 years when towheaded Preston Van Roy decided last week that it was “definitely” his favorite piece in the REPLAY! exhibit currently on display at the Oshkosh Public Museum. The fact that the giant 3-D cube is built entirely of Lego bricks also helped put the piece at the top of the 8-year-old's list.

Oshkosh is the first stop for the traveling exhibit's journey through museums and art galleries across the country, said Karla Szekeres, marketing and membership coordinator. Pulling memorabilia from the early 1980s through the mid-'90s and giving it a modern spin, the exhibit appeals to a multigenerational demographic, Szekeres said.

“Older guests appreciate it because they grew up with it,” she said. “And the millennials love it for the superhero, comic book appeal.”

The exhibit features wall art and 3-D pieces based on themes like Teletubbies, Wonder Woman, Alice in Wonderland, Darth Vader and Captain America to name a few — some constructed entirely of Lego building bricks.

Museum visitors Alecia Earley and Dakota Clark, both of Oshkosh, loved the whole collection, but they had definite fa-

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Karla Szekeres,
Oshkosh Museum marketing coordinator

avorites. Like Preston, Earley also chose the Rubik's Cube 3-D sculpture, and Clark said his choices were the Mario Brothers-inspired art and a giant gray Lego-constructed portrait of Goofy.

“We drive by the museum a lot, and we constantly noticed the REPLAY! signs,” Clark said. “I like it all, because I'm huge into gaming and just generally nerdy stuff.”

Szekeres, whose list of favorite pieces is topped by Goofy and the Star Wars-themed art, said the quality of the finished

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District finds new education leader

School board confident with choice for new superintendent

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

Vickie Cartwright's background as a hands-on administrator and mentor in her leadership role with a large Florida school district impressed school officials in their decision to choose her as the next superintendent of the Oshkosh Area School District.



CARTWRIGHT

The Board of Education unanimously selected Cartwright, associate superintendent for Orange County Public Schools in Florida, last Wednesday for a two-year contract. She will begin her role July 1 at a salary of \$195,000 for next school year, replacing Stan Mack II, who announced his retirement in May after holding the position since 2012.

Board of Education President Allison Garner said Cartwright's extensive background stood out above all other candidates and showed her fully prepared to take on the district's top job. “I've never seen a resume like that before,” she said.

Cartwright is in charge of Exceptional Student Education (ESE) for Orange County Public Schools in Orlando, which has a district enrollment of more than 209,000 and 19 high schools. Before leading the ESE department, she led the district's Accountability, Research and Assessment Department.

Her administrative experience includes being a secondary-level assistant principal in Jackson, Miss., and a middle school principal in Whitesboro, Texas. Other instructional experience includes serving as an elementary school music teacher and a middle and high school band director.

Cartwright has taught graduate students as an adjunct instructor at the University of Central Florida. She graduated from the University of Florida with a bachelor's degree in music education, and completed her master's in music education and her doctor of philosophy degree in educational administration at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Board members said Cartwright's leadership, experience and dedication to student success would best serve OASD students, staff and the community for years to come. The board expects Cartwright will lead the school system in continuing to build community through education and

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Farmers Market fee changes considered

City officials would like to see sponsorships cover expenses

By Patty Brandl
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

With spring around the corner, the Oshkosh Farmers Market will have to wait a few more weeks to find out if it will have to pay about \$9,000 in new fees following a change by the city last year for its special events charges.

At the Feb. 27 meeting, the Common Council voted 6-1 to “lay over” the issue in order to gather more information on possibly finding financial sponsorships from residents and businesses, with Councilor Lori Palmeri casting the dissenting vote.

Mayor Steve Cummings said he sup-

ports the market and attends it every Saturday. He believes the idea of finding sponsors to help defray the expense is the best way to resolve the issue.

“All great things in the city happen through collaboration,” he said.

Since the market first moved from the city hall parking lot to the 400-500 block of Main Street in 2011, the family-friendly event has grown dramatically and has drawn thousands to the area, according to a memo from Associate Planner Jeffrey Nau. Growing into other downtown areas since the move, the Oshkosh event been listed as one of the top 101 farmers markets in America.

Of the 183 stalls, about 140 are rented by vendors. Nonprofit organizations as well as some community-related groups occupy the remaining spaces.

Deputy Mayor Steve Herman said he supports the market and the value it brings to the community.

“It puts Oshkosh on the map,” Herman said, adding that the market benefits the BID (Business Improvement District) as well as the downtown businesses.

Oshkosh Farmers Market executive director Karlene Leatherman voiced concerns over finding the money. She’s worried that having to pass the fees along to vendors might chase them away from the event for a less expensive one in another community.

Leatherman, along with her husband, Dennis, have managed the event for the past 13 years and plan to retire from it after the summer season ends. Years ago, realizing the event would have to hire a paid director, Leatherman said they had raised



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fees gradually over a three-year period to fund the salary, but told vendors there would be no new increases after that.

“We’re not making money hand-over-fist,” she said. “We don’t have an extra \$10,000.”

While the Council members, as a group, appear to agree on the value of the Farmers Market to the community, some were concerned that waiving city fees could cause other events such as Sawdust Days to expect the same waiver. The Council is empowered to waive special event fees, but has not granted exceptions in the past.

Palmeri said she doesn’t put the Farmers Market in the same category as other events like Sawdust Days.

“I think most people that we’ve heard from look at the Farmers Market as an outlier on the special events because of the fact that it is a seasonal market,” she said. “It doesn’t fit very neatly in our definition of a special event.”

Voicing her support for the waiver, Palmeri said she believes the market builds social capital and resiliency in the community, and that the only objection she heard came from someone associated with Sawdust Days.

In comments to Council, Leatherman said the organization already pays for the electricity, and it might be able to come up with a portion of the city fee to pay for no-parking signage, barricades and hiring police officers. But she feels that some of the other charges are too high.

“I guess what I’m opposed to, a little bit, is I’ll pay for the barricades,” Leatherman said, “but the person that drives the truck, the truck he drives in, and the truck he hauls them on, is a little excessive.”

Councilor Debra Allison-Aasby pointed out that great businesses have started as

a result of participation in festivals like the Farmers Market. She proposed that the city cover half of the \$9,000 fee as a sponsor.

The main objection cited by Cummings and Councilor Thomas Pech in regard to making an exception is the possibility of a slippery-slope situation: If the charges are waived for the market, other events would expect the same consideration. Cummings called the idea of “managing by exception” dangerous.

Palmeri disagreed, saying that city policies like noise ordinances, liquor license extensions and TIF districts have been decided in the past by making exceptions.

The market will run every Saturday from June 2 through Oct. 27. More information at ofsmi.org or call 920-509-1830.



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Cartwright

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helping all students become problem-solving, independent, lifelong learners.

Cartwright was able to point to Oshkosh education data and reflect it back to board members in an insightful way, according to Garner, with a fresh perspective that district administrators welcomed.

“It was such great information and you kind of got a taste of what she brings to the table,” Garner said.

Cartwright’s familiarity with the Oshkosh area included an earlier visit with a student group from Orange County sponsored by a grant from the Experimental Aircraft Association, according to communications director Dick Knapinski.

This announcement follows the board’s interviews with three finalists. District employees, stakeholders and community members had the opportunity to meet the finalists during meet-and-greet receptions and provide written input to the board.

The other two finalists were Timothy Onsager, district administrator for the Stoughton Area School District; and Darrell Williams, interim superintendent for the School District of Beloit.

“All three finalists were exceptional candidates,” Garner stated. “We appreciate their time and their continued contributions to our educational system, and we thank them for their interest in our district. We would also like to thank the entire Oshkosh community and our district staff for being engaged in this process and sharing their input.”

Cartwright plans May and June visits on her own time to get prepared and have an opportunity to talk with students and

others in the district.

After a search process led by Ray and Associates, 61 applications were received. The firm interviewed and conducted checks with references, state officials and individuals who knew the candidates’ abilities and strengths. The firm then recommended the school board review 10 applications, representing candidates from Florida, Virginia and Wisconsin. The board reviewed those applications Feb. 5 and invited a diverse group of seven candidates to the initial round of interviews.

Garner said the extensive selection process helped focus the school board on a common goal that lacked any personal disagreements or divisions as it moved forward.

“This has really unified this board,” Garner said. “We were able to navigate our way through the process. At the end we are confident that we made a great decision.”

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Rare disease draws out rare courage in couple

Gary Beyer's challenge with sIBM brings out best of friends and faith

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

Gary Beyer's daily challenges with sporadic inclusion body myositis (sIBM), a progressively debilitating muscle disease, don't allow him and wife Julie to easily leave town, or the house, on short notice.

The Beyers' decade-long journey of acceptance and advocacy, in concert with doctors, researchers and their "golden friends," has inspired them to push through the physical limitations when they believe their work and message needs to be advanced.

An opportunity for Gary to speak before state legislators on Rare Disease Day, marked annually on the last day of February, was one of those occasions that would have spurred Gary and Julie down to Madison but didn't materialize when the Legislature closed its session last week. He had been working with Assembly Minority Leader Gordon Hintz of Oshkosh on that appearance and may get another chance if a similar Senate Joint Resolution can be advanced in a future session.

Beyer lives by the theme, "Inspiring hope in the face of life-altering circumstances" whether giving presentations to groups and organizations around the state or through the three books he has authored on living with a so-far incurable disease. He calls "You Must Answer This," "I Promise I'll Pay Attention" and "When the Time is Right" as story-based, issues-based and message-based, respectively, all trying in different ways to explain something that doesn't get high-profile awareness.

Usually characterized by progressive weakness and atrophy of the muscles, especially those of the arms and legs, sIBM can lead to severe disability. The exact cause is unknown, most likely a combination of genetic, immunological and environmental factors.

Beyer said more is being learned about sIBM and related IBM disorders because of focused research and the ongoing dedication of others in the medical community. He also credits the flow of social media communication among sIBM sufferers and devoted caregivers in helping accumulate helpful information and important friendships.

"What's made it clear in my divinely inspired journey is that it is bigger than me," he said.

Rare Disease Day marks its 10th anniversary this year, coinciding with Beyer being formally diagnosed with the disease a decade ago by Dr. Barend Lotz of UW



Julie and Gary Beyer are shown on the cover of Gary's book, 'When the Time is Right.'

Health Neurology. Beyer expects sIBM was starting its slow but invasive entry into his body some years before that.

From that life-changing point in time, the Beyers have been continually adjusting and sharing the ups and downs of daily life tasks that most take for granted. Basic efforts like climbing stairs, getting up from chairs and toilet seats, and swallowing have become more difficult for Beyer over time.

Julie, a retired English language arts teacher, tries to keep pace with the progressive adjustments as tasks get tougher. She also credits their dedicated medical staff and said she is "getting very accustomed to calling the 911 dispatcher."

Gary had a bad fall in the shower last week that required an emergency call, and Julie said it takes two paramedics to get Gary upright again because of the lack of muscle tone in his legs. Julie has nothing but praise for the Oshkosh Fire Department rescue squad and paramedics.

"They are so kind, caring and compassionate, and have been helping us out of some very difficult binds," she said.

While Julie has the steadfast role of primary caregiver, Gary said, "I'm blessed to have what I call golden friends" who help in other specific care needs, most recently a friend who created a hooked dowel to help him shut the SUV door behind him securely.

Standard equipment that allows Beyer to get through the average day includes a hydraulic lift chair for sitting and sleeping, an EZ-Step cane unit, chairs and toilets at the necessary elevated heights, various grabber devices, modified entryways and a multitude of adaptors to public accommo-

dations.

Paul Steger of Neenah, who has known Beyer since junior high school, counts as one of those special friends in making himself available at their home for general assistance or modifications. Steger knows he's appreciated.

"He's one of the most sincere individuals, one of the most thoughtful individuals that you'll meet," Steger said.

Beyer stays current with research progress on sIBM and related muscle diseases, leading to connections and friendships with some of those researchers. Todd Cohen, assistant professor in the Department of Neurology at the University of North Carolina, has been conducting work there on manufactured proteins that change the nature of cells and bring on conditions that lead to IBM, Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS), Alzheimer's and related diseases.

The binding protein TDP-43 can escape from neurons into cytoplasm and clump or "misfold" muscle cells, making those muscles a dumping ground for the protein. Cohen's lab has reported recent progress with enzyme treatment that shows some breakdown of the TDP-43 protein clumps as well as generating some muscle growth. (Cohen talks about his work in a podcast at www.buzzsprout.com/49109, and a GoFundMe effort is underway to help support his research).

Beyer's rheumatologist, Dr. Eric Gowling at Affinity Medical Group, had offered some cautious hope that a trial study given "breakthrough therapy status" by the FDA in 2013 would offer a viable treatment for sIBM sometime in 2016, only to be removed from the therapy pipeline due to inadequate results. Related clinical trials are continuing.

The most recent clinical development

came in November when Danish biotech company Orphazyme A/S, working in the "orphan drug pipeline," gained U.S. FDA drug designation to arimoclomol for the treatment of IBM.

As with most research, progress is often slowed by setbacks that can't help but disappoint IBM sufferers around the country who may not have enough time to benefit from a cure.

"Resiliency and perseverance is what will keep us focused in the right direction," Beyer writes in 'When the Time is Right.' "My state of mind will remain hopeful and I will continue to be genuinely encouraged."

Beyer also credits Nicki Jansma, a certified holistic health care practitioner who operates Remedies, LLC in Oshkosh, as a steady positive force in his life from the time he first went to her in February 2008 soon after the sIBM diagnosis. Jansma specializes in patients with difficult medical conditions.

"Numerous other people around the country come to see her regularly and, like myself, they strongly swear by her level of expertise, professionalism and focused input," Beyer said. "I consider her a highly valued friend."

Beyer's relationship with Rep. Hintz goes back two and a half years when Beyer spoke at an Oshkosh Rotary Club meeting that Hintz attended, which sparked the idea of Beyer addressing the Legislature on rare disease awareness. In the meantime, before the Beyers get an opportunity to prepare for that trip to Madison, Gary vows to stay positive for family, friends and those who share the IBM challenge.

"That's the message I'm trying to get over to other people: Don't give up," Beyer said. "You have to find and utilize what brings you joy."



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Community News Briefs

Wittman Airport names director from Wyoming

Jim Schell, deputy director of aviation at the Cheyenne, Wyo., Regional Airport, will be appointed as new director of Wittman Regional Airport effective April 2.

The appointment is subject to confirmation by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors. Peter Moll resigned as Wittman director and completed his tenure Feb. 24.

Schell has been deputy director at Cheyenne Regional Airport since 2012 and oversees six full-time employees and a \$5 million annual operating budget. He had also served as acting airport director and operations manager in Cheyenne.

Schell has roots in Wisconsin, having graduated from high school in Shawano. He has a bachelor of science degree in aviation management from St. Cloud State University.

Ice conditions deteriorate on Lake Winnebago

The Oshkosh Fire Department and fishing groups are warning of rapidly deteriorating ice conditions on Lake Winnebago and other area waters.

Extra caution is advised for those who are taking any type of vehicle out on the ice, and even where the ice is thicker it's honey-combed, making it deceptively dangerous. Only ATVs were recommended as of last week and may not be advised by this time.

The Otter Street Fishing Club has pulled all vehicle bridges off the ice. ATV bridges are still out for the time being but were to be removed soon as warmer temperatures arrived.

City offering no-interest residential repair loans

City homeowners from low- and moderate-income homes have the opportunity to get a loan to fix up their residences. The city is offering a zero percent, deferred payment loan for repairs such as roofing, exterior work, window repairs or replacements, electrical, furnaces, painting and general upkeep.

The loans cannot be used for remodeling or additions.

Any owner-occupied household within the city limits that falls below the gross income threshold is eligible to apply until March 15. The gross income limit ranges from \$37,950 for a single-resident household up to \$54,150 for four people. Larger households can contact the city for income limits.

For more information, contact the City's Planning Division, room 204 in City

Hall, at 920-236-5059 or at www.ci.oshkosh.wi.us.

New personnel appointed to fire department

The Police and Fire Commission has approved the appointment of five new personnel for the Fire Department to replace employees that have retired in the last six months.

Tyler Hunt is from Neenah and currently working for Gold Cross Ambulance Service in Appleton as a paramedic. He also serves with the Village of Fox Crossing Fire Department.

Justin Feaker is originally from De Pere and currently working as a firefighter/paramedic with the Rhinelander Fire Department. He also spent time serving with the De Pere Fire Department as a paid on-call firefighter as well as a volunteer firefighter with the Hobart Fire Department.

Casey Kaderly is an Oshkosh native, and is currently employed as a paramedic at Mercy Medical Center. He completed both his fire internship as well as his paramedic ride-along experience with the Oshkosh Fire Department.

Grant Lincoln is from Appleton, resides in Menasha and is currently employed at General Beverage. He previously served as a paid on-call firefighter with the Town of Harrison Fire Department.

Devon Goebel was born and raised in Fond du Lac, where he resides. He is employed at Goebel roofing, and also serves as a volunteer firefighter at the Village of Eden Fire Department. He has previously worked at Paratech Ambulance Service as an emergency medical technician.

All of the new recruits have an associate degree in fire protection and are certified paramedics and firefighters.

FVTC turns out best nursing grads in the nation

Fox Valley Technical College's nursing graduates are ranked No. 1 out of four- and two-year colleges and universities throughout the nation in the latest national licensing exam.

The National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) is a required achievement to practice in the medical field. During the most recent reporting period, 100 percent of FVTC's associate degree nursing graduates passed the exam, tops among nearly 1,900 college and university registered nurse training programs.

All of FVTC's licensed practical nursing graduates also passed the exam, tops in the United States out of 883 LPN programs. LPN is a common pathway toward a career as an RN.

Community events

Ongoing

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

Replay!, Oshkosh Public Museum, 1331 Algoma Blvd.

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

March 8

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

March 9

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

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

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

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

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

March 10

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Comedy Improv Show, 9 p.m., Back-

lot Comedy House, 424 N. Main St.

March 11

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

"Seussical the Musical," 2 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

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

March 15

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

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

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

March 16

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

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

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

March 17

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Craft and vendor show set March 17

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh's Alumni Association is holding a craft and vendor show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 17 at its facility at 501 E. Parkway Ave.

There will be handmade craft vendors as well as popular company representatives, a bake sale and raffle. Vendors include Matilda Jane clothing, Scentsy, Lilla Rose Hair Accessories, Pararazzi \$5 Accessories, Legging Army, Avon Products, Usborne

Books, LuLaRoe women's clothing, DoTerra and Norwex.

Those arriving between 10 a.m. and noon can take part in a St. Patrick's Day Leprechaun Breakfast for \$3, which includes green pancakes, sausages and milk, along with St. Paddy's Day games and a visit by Pointer from the Wisconsin Herd.

The cost to attend is \$2, which includes a raffle ticket for prizes.

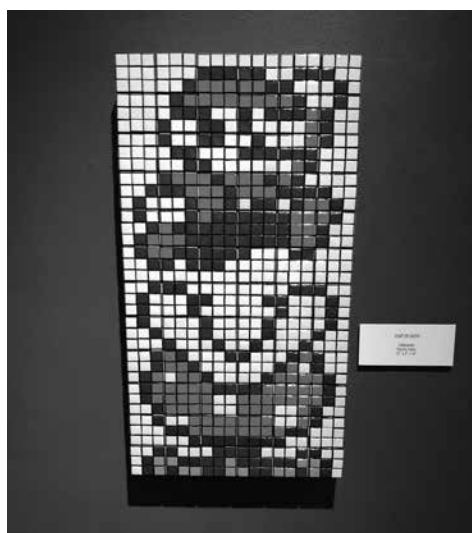


PHOTO BY PATTY BRANDL

Mario Brothers-inspired art is just one of the displays at the Oshkosh Museum as part of the REPLAY! exhibit.

REPLAY!

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exhibit made all the work involved in the installation well worth the time and labor.

And work, it is. At the beginning of the process, museum curator Debra Daubert and her staff had to decide on which exhibit would best suit the size of the second-floor Temporary Exhibition Gallery and hold the most appeal for visitors of all ages.

The second-oldest public museum in the state has been housed in the former family home of lumber baron Edgar P. Sawyer since late 1924. At this time, one consideration by staffers when choosing shows and exhibits is the absence of a freight elevator. Another is the height and the amount of weight the second floor of



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the former mansion can safely handle. The price of each exhibit is also deliberated before the museum makes its final decision.

REPLAY! was a definite contender for Daubert and her staff because of the success of another Lego show a few years ago that featured works of artist Nathan Sawaya. Szekeres said the 2015 pop culture exhibit had the highest attendance of any temporary event in the museum's history.

The exhibits are changed three times each year and include the winter show that goes until late spring, a summer exhibition that runs from June through October

and the Christmas exhibit on display from mid-November through the end of December.

People of the Waters, an exhibit that shows the natural features of Wisconsin beginning in the Ice Age and details the journey through time by the people who inhabited the state, features giant glass walls, cases of artifacts and interactive experiences. The permanent exhibit includes a hand-made canoe as well as a walk-through replica of an Oneota longhouse on the museum's main floor.

REPLAY! runs until May 13. The next traveling exhibition, For Home and Country: World War I, begins June 17 and runs through Oct. 7.

For more information or to contact the museum, visit oshkoshmuseum.org or call 920-236-5799.

Local activists promote sanctuary city

By Amy Knoll-Owen
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

With the national debate around DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program) heating up, a local group is taking to the streets to raise awareness and support for immigrants in Oshkosh and the surrounding areas.

Volunteers gathered at a rally last week organized by United Action Oshkosh (UAO), a newly formed organization that aims to build local movements through collective action. The group began at Opera House Square, and then marched to the Winnebago County Courthouse. While reasons for attending the rally varied, many saw it as a way to make a difference locally on a national issue.

Lisa Hansen, a volunteer organizer for UAO, said the Feb. 24 event offered an opportunity “to be boots on the ground.” Frustrated with the policies of the current administration, Hansen wanted to voice opposition. Participating in these rallies, said Hansen, has created a sense of community and encouraged political engagement.

Paul Crane discovered similar family history. His paternal grandfather emigrated from Canada, but there was no record of that immigration on ancestry sites. “He probably just strolled across the border, got married, bought a farm.” And recently, said Crane, his wife “realized she’s an anchor baby. They’re Irish. They came to Montreal, slithered into Detroit.”

For Margaret Jarek, the immigration issue hits even closer to home. Her husband emigrated from Poland in the aftermath of World War II. After “the Nazi concentration and labor camps, and then five years in the DP camps,” said Jarek, the U.S. was



PHOTO BY AMY KNOLL-OWEN

Residents march in downtown Oshkosh on Feb. 24 in support of immigrant awareness.

a place of safety.

Students from UW Oshkosh also attended the rally to show their support for DACA recipients at the university. Benito Cruz, president of the Student Organization of Latinos at UWO, said he would like to see cooperation between the city of Oshkosh and UWO to support DACA recipients and other immigrants in the community.

While DACA recipients are at the forefront of conversation, Cruz noted, this issue isn’t about DACA alone. “There could be a DACA recipient in one family, a U.S. citizen also, and an undocumented immigrant all in the same family,” said Cruz. “So we have to touch all the topics I think, too.”

While DACA has offered immigrants some protections, it’s not enough, said UAO steering committee member Ryan

Hamann, speaking on the courthouse steps. Ultimately, UAO wants to see the city pass a resolution declaring Oshkosh a sanctuary city.

“For all the good DACA has done, it is not an example of what many call a clean Dream Act, but a stopgap solution,” said Hamann. While designation as a sanctuary city doesn’t carry legal weight, Hamann explained, it could still benefit immigrants in the area.

“A sanctuary city is a city that limits its cooperation with the national government’s efforts to enforce immigration law,” said Hamann. The city could do this in a number of ways, including prohibiting employers from asking about immigration status or refusing requests from federal immigration authorities to inordinately detain

immigrants who have broken local laws. For Sara MacDonald, support for immigrant families is critical. Organizers asked MacDonald to share her firsthand experience of immigration—she to the U.K. and her ex-husband to the U.S. “In total it was six years of immigration, and we were going to countries that we were both citizens of,” said MacDonald.

Once MacDonald applied to stay in the U.K. with her then-husband, she had to relinquish her passport. The process continued for three years, during which time she was unable to leave. After three years, said MacDonald, she was too homesick to stay, and she nearly canceled her application. However, at the last minute MacDonald learned of a program that would potentially enable an expedited approval process. Two weeks later, MacDonald received approval to stay in the U.K.

As difficult as the process was, said MacDonald, embassy officials told her that “people of color have to wait longer.” And the impact on families, especially children, is significant. When President Trump issued an executive order temporarily barring people from seven Muslim-majority countries, MacDonald’s son thought his father would be sent back to the U.K. “I take that and I look at the families that are actually being targeted and the fear that they must feel,” said MacDonald.

For UAO, sanctuary city status is just one of many changes they hope to bring to Oshkosh. Though UAO has not yet decided what their next focus will be, steering committee member Alex Schnier Hansen said members have discussed a range of issues, including a local effort for a \$15 minimum wage, helping the local homeless population and a drug treatment program.



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Dressed for the parts

Military Veterans Museum and Educational Center staff wore period uniforms for presentations during a recent visit by Clay Lamberton Middle School fifth-graders from Berlin. Pictured are (from left) Stu Tribbey, museum facilitator, in a 1980s and '90s Army uniform, Sue Blaney in Civil War-era clothing, Dave Kersztyn in a World War I Army uniform and Don Blaney in a Civil War Calvary officer's uniform. The students got a chance to touch the historical vehicles displayed that include a WWII Soviet Russian tank used in the movie "Ant Man" and a replica of a Vietnam War gun truck named Brutus. The museum, south of the EAA grounds on Poberenzny Road, hosts groups from just a few individuals to more than 100 and is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday with group visits scheduled in advance. Admission is free but donations are requested to help cover costs.

Health

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Index (BMI) records of patients at three area health care systems — Ascension, Aurora and ThedaCare — that are part of the partnership. The data is anonymous without reference to a patient's identity, and includes records of 91,000 people in the three-county area.

A person's BMI is calculated from weight and height and related to estimates of body fat, but not necessarily the same thing. An example is someone that is muscular may have a high BMI but actually has a low body fat percentage. People considered overweight often have a BMI of 25 to 29.9 and those considered obese may have a BMI of 30 or higher.

Wright said previous community health assessments (indicating 64 percent overweight or obese) were based on a sampling of people asked about their weight

and height, adding that people tend to underestimate their actual weight and overestimate their height.

She said the partnership of the three hospital/health care systems is unique in contributing important data as to the extent of the problem in the area.

Dr. John Newman, chief medical officer and president of Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh, and a member of the WOTFV leadership team, notes that this partnership reflects the recognition of the seriousness of the problem. Excess weight can lead to heart disease, high blood pressure, stroke, cancer and diabetes.

Dr. Imran Andrabi, president and chief executive officer of ThedaCare, said his institution is committed to this partnership to help patients and families achieve and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

To achieve its vision, Weight of the Fox Valley has adopted an innovative approach to creating social change called "collective impact."

Collective impact works by creating a shared approach to solving a community

Appleton pastor featured at April leadership event

An Excellence in Leadership seminar luncheon will feature guest speaker Dennis Episcopo, senior pastor of Appleton Alliance Church, April 17 at the Oshkosh Convention Center.

Episcopo has served in pastoral ministry for more than 35 years. Appleton Alliance has grown from 700 to more than 4,000 attendees over the last 20 years. The church completed a \$35 million campus and has been designated one of the fastest growing churches in America by Outreach Magazine.

Episcopo is a frequent conference speaker as well as an NFL chaplain. His earlier background includes being a regional manager for a large insurance and financial corporation based in New York City.

He completed his doctorate in executive leadership at Denver Seminary and teaches graduate-level leadership courses at Concordia University. Episcopo is also the founder and president of Church Vision Consulting, ExecCare Life Coaching and Inspire Visionary Leadership Training.

Excellence in Leadership was formed by a nonprofit group of local like-minded business executives and community leaders to present opportunities for middle and senior managers to appreciate the role of



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Appleton Alliance Church Senior Pastor Dennis Episcopo will be the guest speaker at the April 17 Excellence in Leadership luncheon.

Christian values and ethics in today's business world.

Seminar registration begins at 11 a.m. with lunch at 11:15 and the seminar from noon to 1 p.m. Early registration by March 18 is \$35 per person, \$250 for a table of eight and \$310 for a table of 10. Prices after March 18 are \$40, \$290 and \$360.

problem. Organizations from all sectors of the community participate to focus on existing and new, collaborative efforts on achieving and sharing the vision, activities, outcomes and data. The Oshkosh Area United Way and the United Way Fox Cities serve as the backbone for the project.

"We want to work with organizations already connected in the community," Wright said.

In Oshkosh, the project is working with businesses such as Oshkosh Corp. and Silver Star Brands, the school district, the City of Oshkosh, Winnebago County and the YMCA to implement healthy choice initiatives. A new project, she said, includes extending the outreach to day care centers.

The organization has put together a worksite wellness toolkit for businesses that describes other local wellness programs that have worked, worksite wellness tips and a listing of other resources at the local and national levels.

Wright, whose field of expertise is health and prevention, stated, "It's about education and awareness" to make the choices needed, as well as increasing access to health initiatives that have worked.

Adopting a healthy lifestyle is not just about eating, Wright points out. It's also about active living, such as taking a walk through the park.

Getting kids off to a better start to healthy eating and physical activity at a

young age is a major goal.

"This can mean kids helping to build a garden at school and learning about growing vegetables," Wright said. "This can also mean getting restaurants to add a healthy side item for a child's meal, such as an apple in place of french fries."

The work of the organization is carried out through a leadership team and action teams, which deal with a specific focus. The action teams include:

Active communities: policies and initiatives that increase residents' physical activity by providing more opportunities to be active such as neighborhood parks.

Worksite wellness: healthy food options and opportunities for physical activities.

Food system: nutrition variety to promote healthy eating and healthy food procurement.

Early care and education: teaching a healthier lifestyle from a very young age.

The action teams are open to anyone and meet periodically throughout the year. Each team will find and implement ways to create a healthier, more active and more nutritious environment within their respective focus areas. New action teams are planned for health care and school initiatives.

"We are always looking for ways to connect with more people in this project," Wright said, who can be reached at 920-954-7208 or at sarah.wright@unitedway-foxcities.org.



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UW-Oshkosh radio/TV film efforts awarded

Radio-TV film students from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh came away with a record 18 of the 81 awards presented at the annual student conference of the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association held Feb. 24 in Middleton.

UW-Oshkosh radio station WRST swept the category for news story writing for radio, with first-place honors going to a story on American Airlines adding service to Appleton. Second place was for a story on student concerns about the campus' Titan Alert system for sending emergency messages, and third went to a piece on risky driving behaviors by millennials.

WRST also took first- and second-place honors for long-form/non-news production. First place went to a segment on the challenges faced by the deaf community and second went to a report on forestry management as practiced by a Native American lumber operation.

WRST also took first place for best sports story for a report on concussion insurance available for high school athletes and the station also got first-place honors in the sports play-by-play category for an NCAA semifinal football broadcast when UWO faced the University of Mount Union.

Community Band concert

The Oshkosh Area Community Band presents a Spring Classics concert at 7 p.m. March 10 at Alberta Kimball Auditorium. The free performance is directed by Jon Basten, David Berndt and Terry Hathaway.

United Way marks 2017 campaign success

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh Area United Way celebrated its 2017 campaign Feb. 26 at the Oshkosh Convention Center with more than 215 attendees. The campaign's co-chairs, father-and-daughter team Dennis and Annie Elmer, reported on the 70 CEO visits, dozens of community outreach events attended and the formation of a Leadership Council of community and business leaders to help champion future campaigns.

Dennis was presented with the Life Service Award for his work with the United Way over the past 25 years, including chairing the 1996 and 2017 campaigns.

This year's campaign raised \$1,273,560, or 90 percent of goal. Although not achieving the goal, which was set at an aggressive \$1.4 million, a 15 percent increase over 2016, it was an increase year over year.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL COONEY

United Way donor Moss Ruedinger won a 2017 Ford Focus after being selected a prize finalist during the campaign celebration.

The United Way's goal is to achieve \$2.5 million in donations by 2021.

The program was bittersweet as it will be the last for Sue Panek, executive director of United Way, before she retires later this year. An annual Sue Panek Community Impact Award was announced by board

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Herd splits back-to-back games as playoffs near

By Ti Windisch
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Wisconsin Herd won Friday at home against the Maine Red Claws in a tight contest, but could not follow up with another win on Saturday when the Raptors 905 escaped Oshkosh with a win on the road.

With seven games remaining after Wisconsin's trip to play the Delaware 87ers on Monday evening, the Herd will need to be nearly perfect to qualify for the postseason. Pending Monday's result, Wisconsin is in ninth place in the Eastern Conference, three games back of the sixth-place Grand Rapids Drive.

Herd head coach Jordan Brady acknowledged the importance of each and every game after Friday's win, especially that game considering it was the first of two consecutive contests.

"For us, it kicks off a ten-game season," Brady said. "We feel like it's a must-win for us to come out and get this first one on the back-to-back."

Brady said that game went Wisconsin's way in large part to ball movement and limiting mistakes, as the Herd had 21 assists as opposed to just 10 turnovers against Maine.

"I was really pleased actually with the ball movement and the pace of our offense tonight," he said. "I thought we did a really good job in certain stretches. The ball movement gets everybody involved, and I think it influences a lot of aspects of the game when you can get everybody touches."

Unfortunately for Wisconsin, that

trend did not continue to Saturday's game. The Herd recorded 24 turnovers against 22 assists in that game, a 104-83 loss to the 905. Brandon Jennings led the team with 10 assists, but missed all 10 of his own shots in a scoreless performance.

Jennings put up 19 points and eight assists the previous night, and fatigue may have played a role in his Saturday struggles, as Wisconsin's point guard played 38 minutes in both games.

James Blackmon Jr. led the Herd in scoring in their win this week, as he scored 23 points on just 15 attempted shots versus the Red Claws. Blackmon Jr. said even when he's hot, he tries to only take good shots when he's in the game.

"That's something that I like to do on this team," Blackmon Jr. said. "We have so many scorers, somebody has to give up themselves, so I just let the game come to me and be aggressive at the same time."

Blackmon Jr. followed up that performance with 13 points Saturday night. For the season, he's scoring 13.5 points per game and shooting 43.0 percent from the field and 39.7 percent from three-point range.

Milwaukee Bucks two-way player Xavier Munford led Wisconsin in scoring on Saturday night after not being in Oshkosh for Friday's game. Munford scored 27 points on just 17 shots in the loss. D.J. Wilson was also down from Milwaukee, and he added 22 points and nine rebounds to the Herd as well.

With two games against the Eastern Conference-leading Westchester Knicks remaining as part of the Herd's last eight



WISCONSIN HERD PHOTO

Marshall Plumlee works against the Raptors 905 in Saturday's game in Oshkosh.

games, Wisconsin will face challenges in the last month of the regular season.

If the Herd is able to sneak into the sixth seed, further matchups against Westchester are likely in the first round of the

postseason, making their remaining regular season games important contests. The Knicks will be in town this weekend, as the second game of a home back-to-back that starts with the Lakeland Magic on Friday.

UW-Oshkosh men advance to Sweet 16

Emory University next opponent in Division III tournament

By Alex Wolf
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

For the first time in 15 years, the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh men's basketball team is headed to the Sweet 16.

After picking up a 74-67 win over Marietta in the opening round of the NCAA Division III Tournament on Friday, the Titans upset No. 3 Wittenberg, 68-60, on Saturday in exciting fashion.

The Titans will now face sixth-ranked Emory University in the third round at 5:30 p.m. Friday night. This is the third time the Titans have reached the Sweet 16

in program history.

The Titans (22-7), who handed Wittenberg its only home loss this season, built a huge 34-19 halftime lead, but then Wittenberg started to make its run.

Wittenberg used a 23-9 run to take a 53-51 lead with 4:30 left in the game but then senior Charlie Noone came up clutch for the Titans.

Down 54-51, Noone hit a 3-pointer to tie the game up with 2 minutes left, and then sophomore Jack Flynn made two free throws to put the Titans up 2. After Wittenberg responded with a bucket of its own, Noone and Ben Boots responded with 3s to give the Titans a 62-58 lead with just 1:06 left.

Wittenberg missed a shot and then the

Titans (ranked 24th) were able to wrap up the game with free throws.

Noone finished with 12 points for the Titans, going 4-for-8 from deep while Boots had a game high 20 points. Brett Wittchow added 10 points for UWO while Adam Fravert chipped in 12.

The Titans finished 9-of-22 from deep compared with Wittenberg, who shot 4-of-16.

The Titans were outrebounded (37 to 29) but won the turnover battle (14 to 8).

In Friday's game, the Titans used a massive run to beat the Pioneers.

Trailing 50-46 with just under 12 minutes left in the game, the Titans went on a 20-0 run – hitting 8 of 11 shots from the field in that span – to take a 16-point lead over 5 minutes and then was able to hold off a late rally in the opener.

The Titans used a balanced attack – as four guys reached double-digit scoring – as Noone and Fravert led the way with 14 points while Flynn and Boots added 13. Fravert added 15 rebounds while Boots had seven rebounds and eight assists.

Kids and Cops game at Arena

Boys and girls in sixth to 12th grades will join Oshkosh police officers from noon to 4 p.m. March 10 for the third annual Kids and Cops Basketball Game at the Menominee Nation Arena.

The game is organized each year by Fit Oshkosh, a nonprofit racial justice organization, and the Oshkosh Police Department. This year's event also features a chat-back with the officers, free refreshments, T-shirts, medals and prizes for the youth participants.

The Kids and Cops Basketball Game was developed in 2015 to bring the community together. Additional sponsors include the Norden-Vanden Heuvel Charitable Giving Fund of the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, Crown Trophy, First Congregational Church Oshkosh, the Wisconsin Herd and Menominee Nation Arena.

"The game provides an opportunity for local law enforcement to have authentic interaction with community children from diverse backgrounds," said Tracey Robertson, Fit Oshkosh executive director.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Knights upset in sectional semifinals by Hustisford

They always say it's tough to beat a team three times in one season. That proved to be correct last Thursday when the Hustisford girls basketball team knocked off Lourdes in a WIAA Division 5 sectional semifinal game, 50-46.

Lourdes, who beat Hustisford twice in the regular season by a combined 38 points, got off to a slow start. The Knights only scored 14 points in the first half as they trailed 21-14.

They made a run, but came up short as they finish the season 19-6.

Quinn Godfroy and Alexis Rolph combined to score 27 points in the win, with Godfroy leading the way with 14. Abi Giese chipped in seven points in the loss.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Oshkosh North cruises through regionals

The Oshkosh North boys basketball team blew the Wisconsin Rapids boys basketball team away Saturday night, capturing a WIAA Division 1 regional title with a 90-68 win at home.

The top-seeded and top-ranked Spartans will face fourth-seeded Eau Claire North, who beat Appleton West in overtime, at 7 p.m. Thursday night at Wausau West High School.

Thanks to its defense, North jumped out to a quick 16-5 lead and never looked back. Tyrese Haliburton had another big game for the Spartans, scoring a game-high 31 points while Quincy Anderson added 18.

North took advantage of numerous Rapids turnovers throughout the game as they jumped out to a 54-25 lead at the break.

Zach Langmeier led Rapids with 22 points.

On Friday night the Spartans jumped out to a 48-27 lead at half and never looked back in a 87-48 win over Appleton North.

Haliburton had a monster first half, scoring 25 of his game-high 29 points in the first half.

Wesley Schiek added 14 points for the Spartans while Quincy Anderson chipped in 13. Abe Schiek and Dylan Krumrei each added 8.



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH PLETZER

Derek Kroll of West drives against Eau Claire on Friday night in a regional semifinal win where he topped the 1,000-point mark.



PHOTO BY ANDY RATCHMAN

Henry Noone of Lourdes drives against Hustisford on Saturday in a regional final victory.

Oshkosh West' season ends in regional finals

The Oshkosh West boys basketball team's season came to an end Saturday in a 76-46 WIAA Division 1 regional final loss to defending state champ Stevens Point.

West fell behind early as the Panthers led 41-24 at half, thanks to Drew Blair, who scored a game-high 28 points in the win.

Derek Kroll led the Wildcats with 16 points while Karter Thomas added 14.

On Friday, the Wildcats held on to beat Eau Claire Memorial, 67-63.

After leading by 16 points in the second half, Eau Claire got it to two points before Ben Kohl hit a clutch 3-point shot followed by Thomas' free throws.

Thomas led that game with 20 points while Kroll – who scored his 1,000th point in the win – had 15. Luke Haasl had 16 and Kohl chipped in 12.

Lourdes crowned regional champions

The Lourdes boys basketball team is playing its best basketball at the right time of the year.

After picking up a dominating



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The Oshkosh North Spartans celebrate their Division I regional title over Wisconsin Rapids.

77-58 win over Faith Christian in the first round of the WIAA Division 5 Tournament, the Knights defeated Hustisford, 83-66, in the regional final Saturday at home.

The second-seeded Knights – winners

of 12 straight – will now face top-seeded Sheboygan Lutheran in a sectional semifinal game played in Hartford on Thursday night. If they win that game, they will play Saturday for a chance to go to state.

North wrestlers invited to Gehl All Star Classic

Oshkosh North High School senior wrestlers Dalton Holmes and Thomas Urben have earned an invitation to the 2018 Gene Gehl All Star Classic.

Holmes, who finished his North wrestling career as a qualifier to the WIAA Division 1 State Wrestling Tournament on Feb. 22-24, finished his 2017-18 season with a 39-5 record at 152 pounds. Urben, who wrapped up his season at sectionals at 120 pounds, finished his senior year with a 31-

10 record.

The tournament, in its 28th year, highlights the top senior wrestlers from the Fox Valley area in all three divisions.

Gehl, the tournament's namesake, coached the Kimberly Papermakers for 20 years and was involved at the high school for 35 years before he retired.

The Gene Gehl All Star Classic Tournament will be held at 6:30 p.m. March 8 at Kimberly High School.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

North wrestling seniors Dalton Holmes (left) and Thomas Urben (right), with head wrestling coach J.R. Zemke, earned an invite to the 2018 Gene Gehl All Star Classic.

Royal Air Force 100th anniversary celebrated at EAA

By Dick Knapinski
FOR THE HERALD

The centennial year of the Royal Air Force will be commemorated with historic aircraft, flyovers and special programming during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh July 23-29 at Wittman Regional Airport.

The RAF's 100th anniversary will be celebrated throughout the week, with a primary focus on the centennial July 24.

"Legendary is perhaps the best way

to describe the gathering of people and airplanes that will be part of the Royal Air Force centennial at Oshkosh this year," said Rick Larsen, EAA vice president of communities and member programs, who coordinates AirVenture features and attractions. "From the World War I era, to the Battle of Britain and early jets, to today's modern military aircraft, the RAF has been an integral part of aviation history. We will fully celebrate that during the week at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh."

The aircraft on display on the showcase Boeing Plaza and flying during the air show will include an array of World War I and World War II aircraft, some of the early fighter jets as announced previously in the Classic Jets gathering, and modern RAF aircraft. Those aircraft will include those in British markings as well as those from Commonwealth nations such as Canada. Specific aircraft attending will be announced as they are confirmed.

In addition, an evening program at EAA's Theater in the Woods will devote extensive programming to the RAF centennial July 23.

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The Royal Air Force was formally founded on April 1, 1918, with the merger of the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service. The service grew and became known for its extraordinary heroism during the Battle of Britain in the early days of World War II, as well as the development of many early fighter jets such as the Meteor and Vampire. The RAF was the first service to use the Harrier jump jet after its development in the 1960s, with RAF aircraft and personnel still on active duty in many parts of the world today.

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Gymnastics results

The Oshkosh Gymnastics Center Level 6-10 optional teams competed Feb. 23-25 in the 30th annual 2018 Florida's Beach Gasparilla Classic at Tropicana Field, home of the Tampa Bay Rays baseball team.

Cecelia Brown, representing OGC's Level 6 team, placed 2nd on vault (9.35) and 4th (T) on floor (9.15). The Level 7 team placed throughout each event. Anna Otto took 2nd on beam (9.325), 3rd on floor (9.375) and 4th All-Around with a score of 37.225. Lydia Barr placed 5th (T) on vault (9.15), 1st on bars (9.55), 3rd on beam (9.35) and 2nd All-Around with a score of 36.925. Audrey Brenner placed 1st on vault (9.675), 4th (T) on bars (9.4) and 2nd on floor (9.4). Samantha Lor placed 3rd on vault (9.6), while Angelina Vu placed 2nd on bars (9.525). Alex Budde placed 2nd on vault (9.65), 4th on beam (9.3) and 3rd (T) on floor (9.25). Madeline Anderson placed 3rd on vault (9.3), 4th on beam (9.3), 3rd on floor (9.4) and

4th All-Around with a score of 36.450. Natasha Konop placed 5th (T) on vault (9.15) and 3rd on bars (9.25). Other Level 7's who placed include Parker Loberg with a 3rd (T) on floor (9.25), Sydnee Nelson with a 5th on floor (9.05) and Olivia Navin who placed 1st on vault (9.7). The Level 7 team took 2nd place at the meet.

OGC's Level 8 team had success as well. Mackenna Johnson placed 2nd (T) on beam (9.1) and 5th on floor (8.9). Taylor Emery placed 5th on vault (8.625), 3rd on beam (9.025), 4th on floor (8.8) and 5th All-Around with a score of 34.375. Hanna Reichenberger placed 2nd on vault (9.275) and Trinity Schaefer placed 3rd on bars (9.125). For the Level 9's, Cambree Griedl placed 2nd (T) on beam (8.5) and 5th on floor (8.375), while Cassidy Krall took 5th on bars (8.35). OGC's Level 10, Jenna Nelson, placed 3rd on bars (8.375), 3rd on beam (8.95) and 3rd All-Around with a score of 35.025.

Participants sought for job fair

The Fox Valley Workforce Development Board is accepting employer registrations for its annual job fair from 1 to 4 p.m. May 8 at the Menominee Nation Arena.

The job fair will focus on 2018 high school graduates seeking work after graduation, those unemployed or soon to be laid off, or those looking to make a career change or seek a role with higher wages.

Companies are encouraged to accept resumes, have a mechanism to share information on open roles and to offer on-site interviews. Local job service partners, including the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, local tech schools and the Office of Veterans Services will have information about additional educational op-

portunities and job search assistance.

Along with the Fox Valley Workforce Development Board, sponsors include the state Department of Workforce Development, Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce, Fox Valley Technical College, Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corp. and Woodward Radio Group.

Space is limited and the cost to reserve a booth is \$250. Employers can register at <https://2018oshkoshempfair.eventbrite.com>. Questions should be directed to Bobbi Miller at Fox Valley Workforce Development Board at bmiller@fvwddb.com or 920-720-5600 extension 307.

Details for job seekers will be made available at a later date.

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Nature area needs classroom bridge replaced

By Becky Kay
FOR THE HERALD

Some Oshkosh residents may know the Sheldon Nature Area well but others may be scratching their heads. This gem in our city has been kept a bit of a secret.

The area stretches across 26 acres and consists of just under a mile of walking trails, a picnic pavilion, seating area, two bridges spanning Honey Creek, a gazebo and a floating classroom. This beautiful piece of property sits just north of and adjacent to Oakwood Elementary School on the west side of North Oakwood Road on Sheldon Drive.

Some of the inhabitants spied in the area's five ecosystems include deer, squirrels, rabbits, foxes, turkeys, many species of birds, muskrats, weasels, waterfowl, heron, turtles, frogs, crayfish and garter snakes.

Oakwood Elementary School and the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh utilize Sheldon Nature Area as an outdoor classroom. The floating classroom is a special feature with two bridges out to a large platform that allow students to walk out over the pond to closely observe wildlife. The treated wood bridge rests atop flotation devices and connects to the shore via hinged platforms.

The bridge rises and falls with water levels, allowing students to get as close to the water as possible. The floating classroom has been in place for 20 years and is now quite worn. Some of the planks have been replaced and others need attention. The railing has been fixed once and is now beyond additional repair.

At times, part of the bridge is under water after a heavy rainfall or snow melt. The flotation devices have cracked with age and are taking on water. If something is not done, the bridge will eventually be under water and this special classroom will be lost.

Grants are no longer available so the Sheldon Nature Area Committee is asking for community's backing. Fundraising for improvements started four years ago and the group has raised \$30,000 with a goal of \$55,000.

Since fundraising efforts started, the pavilion has been reroofed and the west bridge replaced over Honey Creek. Next is replacing the floating classroom with an aluminum structure similar in size to the existing bridge but with a pipe railing and longer ramps on the shore.

Help is welcome in the form of funding, time donated on the property or services/materials needed at the nature area.

Donations can be made through the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation. For more information, call 920-424-0315, search for SNAC on Facebook or visit SheldonNatureArea.com.

Students focus on childhood cancer

By Monica Salmeri
FOR THE HERALD

Cancer is the leading cause of death among children in Wisconsin under age 15. With only 4 percent of the National Cancer Institute's budget dedicated to childhood cancer research, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh students are bringing awareness to the need for more research.

Public relations students at UW-Oshkosh are partnering with the nonprofit organization With Purpose to raise funds for childhood cancer research. The students have created an Ignite Action with Purpose campaign to educate and inspire the local community.

Researchers estimate more than 10,000 new cases of cancer were diagnosed in the United States in 2017 among children up to age 14. Annually, 1,200 children are expected to die from the disease. According to Families of Children with Cancer, five children per month are diagnosed with cancer in northeast Wisconsin.

The students recently hosted two fundraising events in support of research efforts. One at Fire Escape Art Studio and Gallery Feb. 23 allowed community members to paint an item to donate to a child battling cancer. Fifteen percent of all proceeds supported With Purpose.

UW-Oshkosh senior Lizzy Ritschard was diagnosed three years ago with the *brca2* gene, which makes a cancer diagnosis considerably more likely for her than for other people. She donated a pottery item at the event.



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UW-Oshkosh senior Jess Foster paints a canvas at a Paint With Purpose event at Fire Escape Art Studio and Gallery on Friday night to donate to a childhood cancer patient.

"The gene runs in my family, so cancer is very prominent in my life, in general," Ritschard said.

"I wanted to give back for people who do have cancer because I know that is a possibility in my future. I wanted to pay it forward with kindness."

The students also hosted a social the next day at Mahoney's restaurant with a silent auction and video call from With Purpose founder Erin Benson. More than \$600 was raised in the two events.

With Purpose uses these funds to

support Kids V Cancer, which focuses on legislative action and the Children's Cancer Therapy Development Institute, a nonprofit biotech that translates research into clinical trials.

With Purpose was recently listed as an advocacy institution for the Research to Accelerate Cures and Equity (RACE) for Children Act. This 2017 legislation requires pharmaceutical companies to test their cancer drugs when relevant to children's cancer.

League to host speaker on effective issue advocacy

Deborah Ann Martin, a continuous improvement consultant, will speak March 14 at the League of Women Voters (LWV) Food for Thought lunch about the best ways to advocate for issues to elected officials and others who need to know what their constituents think about actions being considered.

One of the primary roles of the LWV is action and advocacy to identify critical

issues, study all sides, arrive at a consensus and take action. Martin will share her knowledge of how best to communicate effectively when expressing an opinion: being well informed about an issue, learning which people or organizations are the best ones to be on the receiving end of an advocacy or action, and the best techniques to get a message across.

The public is welcome to attend at

Primo Restaurant, 2605 Jackson St. No advance registration is necessary. Attendees are asked to arrive by 11:50 a.m. to place a menu order before the program begins shortly after noon. Audience questions and discussion are encouraged.

Contact Ann Marshall at 920-231-8002 for more information and to learn more about the LWV of Winnebago County.

Education dean named at UWO

Linda Haling, director and professor in the School of Teaching and Learning at Illinois State University, has been selected dean of the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh College of Education and Human Services.

Haling was chosen after a nationwide search and will join the UW-Oshkosh campus community July 1.

Haling has published four books, including "Broadening the Lens of Literacy

in Content Areas" and "Bookmatch: How to Scaffold Independent Student Book Selection for Independent Reading."

Haling has a doctorate in curriculum and instruction, a master's degree in reading, and a bachelor's degree in English from Illinois State University.

Elizabeth Alderton has been serving as interim dean for the UW-Oshkosh College of Education and Human Services during the transition.

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