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Angel fliers and skydivers



A member of the Patriot Parachute Team high-fives a young fan after he completed his performance during one of the group's daytime air shows.

The Blue Angels, the U.S. Navy's flight demonstration squadron from the Navy and Marines, fly overhead at the beginning of the July 25 afternoon air show at AirVenture 2018 during an unscheduled passthrough on their way to an event in North Dakota. AirVenture concluded its 66th annual fly-in convention Sunday.

VOLUME 1, ISSUE 30 City looks at higher tax needs for 2019

Budget planning session projects 4.5% levy increase

By Tom Ekvall Herald contributor

Maintaining city services at current levels will likely result in at least a 4.5 percent increase in Oshkosh's tax levy for 2019, City Manager Mark Rohloff told Common Council members at a budget workshop session July 25.

Rohloff told council members that the amount reflects a \$1.69 million increase in providing services that factor in wage and benefit increases, health insurance and an added \$627,720 to help pay off the city's debt service. The amount does not include any new services or staff, such as providing rental inspections.

The present levy is \$37,861,700, which was up 4.31 percent from the previous year. The city's present total budget for expenditures is \$73,390,300, which includes \$45,222,600 for general fund expenditures and \$19,848,500 for debt service. This includes \$43,568,742 for general

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South Park renovation secures water features

Lagoons getting the needed improvements and protections

By Ann Goldthwaite Herald contributor

While the temporary fence surrounding South Park will stay up for a while, the reconstructed park should be open within a week or two. Contractors still have some remaining items such as a little cleanup and touchup throughout the park, according to Laura Jungwirth, project manager and principal civil engineer for Oshkosh. Jungwirth said the playground, splash pad and parking lot are functional, but the park still is closed off because it's an active construction site. She said contractor Michels Corp. ran into weather issues, delays from suppliers and staffing issues with crews that prevented workers from meeting the June 7 completion date. The project focus involved improvements to the lagoons within the park. The improvements deepened and enlarged the lagoons, providing better stormwater management, easier public access for fishing and stabilization of the shorelines.





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Jungwirth said park visitors can look forward to new features on the site, such



Oshkosh Herald photo South Park will open its reconstructed park sometime this month.

as an overlook structure with a railing that was built over a large box culvert storm sewer that drains from Georgia Street into the lagoon on the west end of the park.

"People can look out and see koi, some 3 feet long," she said. "There's an egret hanging out on the western spillway; he's been nabbing the fish as they've been going over that, and of course the ducks are always around."

She said stabilizing coir logs were put in along the edges of the lagoon banks because the banks were cutting away, and stone outcroppings were placed so people can get right up to the water's edge to fish. Aesthetically, there are two new foun-

A sign at the park shows the overall design plan that was centered on lagoon improvements.

tains, one each in the eastern and western lagoons. And asphalt paths were built to give better access to the lagoons. Jungwirth said there is a delay on the fountain wiring for a month or two, but once they're turned on "they'll look real nice."

There will be lighting along the paths, but the lights won't be up until the wiring is finished, probably in the fall. Jungwirth said temporary green "goose fence" was put in along the water's edge to protect wetland plants that were put in.

"It's only for a couple years while those immature plants get the opportunity to grow and then once they take hold, a two-year period, we'll remove that fence,"

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Sisters restore Eagles Club as destination

Sisters and Midwest natives Carey Sharpe and Jenna Golem are restoring a historic landmark in Oshkosh into a multiuse event facility that is working toward a full opening in the fall.

Founded in 1927 as the mens-only Eagles Club, Sharpe and Golem are renovating the building into a concert hall, cafe, bar and bowling alley. Renamed The Howard as a tribute to their late grandfather, the two women's project will revive the building's opulent craftsmanship with updated interior elements that harken



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Members of the Eagles Club broke ground for the facility in 1927.

Schnese and Elizabeth Redman. as a tribute to their hometown and a picturesque refuge from major metropolitan areas to the waterfront charm of Oshkosh.

"More and more we see people like Carey and myself, who grew up in Oshkosh but moved away, coming back here to put down their roots," said Golem.

"Not only do we want to offer them a place where they can find culture, drinks, food, activities and music under one roof, but we also hope to draw in guests from

all across the Midwest as a destination to showcase the beautiful town we take so much pride in."

The Howard team includes (from left) Leslie Wilson, Michelle Rector,

Hannah Skalmusky, Jenna Golem, Jane Johnson, Carey Sharpe, Dylan

Sharpe, after a career as a pediatric acute care nurse practitioner in Chicago, returned to Oshkosh in 2015. Golem has an artistic and graphics arts background in Oshkosh that includes renovating and opening a fine arts studio.

More information on the project can be found at www.thehowardoshkosh.com.

AirVenture 2018 records 586,568 visitors at Oshkosh convention

From EAA

one to enjoy."

EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2018 recorded 586,568 attendees as it concluded its weeklong convention Sunday.

back to early 20th-century architecture.

The 33,000-square-foot development is

slated to open to the public later this year.

club is now being revived by two sisters,"

said Sharpe. "It's pretty ironic that 90 years

ago the space was designed for men only

and now Jenna and I are literally breaking

ground to make something new for every-

Sharpe and Golem view The Howard

"We love the idea that this original boys

More than 10,000 airplanes were pres-

ent on the field, including nearly 3,000 showplanes. As of Sunday morning, FAA air traffic controllers handled 15,999 operations since July 20, and more than 18,000 total operations were estimated.

More than 2,700 international visitors signed up at the International Visitors Tent from a record 86 countries.

Planning for 2019 will have a focus on the convention's 50th year in Oshkosh.



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Plein Air arts show coming to city sites

The first Oshkosh Fine Arts Association Plein Air Festival, a four-day event featuring artists painting at various locations in the city, will be held Aug. 16-19, concluding with a reception and sale.

The Oshkosh Fine Arts Association has held a fine arts show at South Park for 60 years but with ongoing construction there and a changing mission, the organization is holding a Plein Air or "open air" event, which has been growing in popularity in Wisconsin communities.

The public can view artists as they paint throughout the city. Possible locations where artists may be found:

Aug. 16: Sunrise Paint at Menominee Park

Aug. 17: Paine Art Center and Gardens grounds in the morning, Fox River Brewing Co. later in the day.

Aug. 18: Beginning at noon at Oshkosh Jazz Festival Meets the Arts at William Steiger Park.

Aug. 19: Artist reception and painting sale at University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Alumni Welcome/Conference Center from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A \$20 ticket is required and available via OFAA members and at www.oshkoshfinearts.org.

Artists will be awarded cash for best of show, second and third places, a Spirit of Oshkosh award, Award of Excellence, OFAA Honor Award and purchase awards.

Registration for artists is \$35 in advance and \$45 on the same day. Contact Lynn Artz at 920-450-2450 or lynn.artz@yahoo.com for more information.



Plein Air artists will be in different city locations for their outdoor creations Aug. 16-19.





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Business update details loan options

By Tom Ekvall Herald contributor

Jason White, executive director of the Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corp., told Common Council members at their July 24 meeting that GO-EDC is very much involved in working with existing businesses in Oshkosh to help them grow as part of its strategic plan.

White said "relationship building" is essential for the organization with a goal

of meeting with 150 chief executive officers during 2018 to review their needs.

"We are at 101 visits," he said as part of the group's midyear report to the city.

"It is not about traveling all over the country to attract business-

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es; it is about taking care of the companies we have here."

Other aspects of the strategic plan include business retention and expansion, workforce development, entrepreneurial growth and targeted industrial development.

White highlighted Revolving Loan Funds made to assist businesses in the greater Oshkosh area. He said the Greater Oshkosh Capital Catalyst Fund has completed its first round successfully and was awarded new funding from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corp. The fund provides loans ranging from \$10,000 to \$100,000 to assist businesses. White said GO-EDC will be reviewing applications soon for the second round.

The one-to-one match will be provid-

ed by reallocating \$70,000 from the Revolving Loan Fund and \$55,000 from remaining Chamco assets. He said the first round of \$250,000 for the Capital Catalyst Fund was committed in February and represents a "tremendous asset for supporting businesses launching in our community and for demonstrating the strength of entrepreneurial support in Oshkosh."

The Greater Oshkosh Revolving Loan Fund is a \$2.4 million program designed to encourage business growth and job creation. It is a flexible gap financing tool for area businesses engaged in high-income and job growth through expansion or relocation projects. White said one loan has been repaid and the other two are current in making payments of the three originally issued totaling \$130,000.

In other business, the council approved a memorandum of understanding with Habitat for Humanity and the Greater Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods Inc. (GO-HNI) for a Rock the Block program funded through the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation for housing improvements within the next three years. The first project will be in the Sacred Heart Neighborhood Association area with two more neighborhoods to be selected in 2019 and two in 2020.

Habitat for Humanity's Rock the Block initiative identifies a neighborhood, canvasses properties and owners, identifies houses for improvement, and gathers volunteers and donations to fix up the properties. The goal is to accomplish these projects in a few days and have an immediate impact on the curb appeal of a neighborhood.

Habitat and GO-HNI will take the lead role in neighborhood canvassing, volunteer and donation raising, and coordinating most of the improvement work. The city will provide technical assistance and make funding available to qualified owners for a variety of housing improvements.

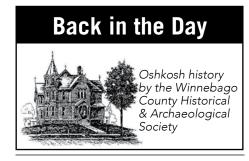
An indirect benefit is to help strengthen social connections among residents in their own neighborhood and create social connections between residents and volunteers.

The council also approved funding through the Great Neighborhood allocation for \$167,255 in capital improvements from Phase III of the 2017 program and \$55,245 for Phase I of the 2018 program.

Funded projects include \$137,500 for Stoegbauer Park playground improvements in the Sacred Heart neighborhood, \$10,000 for new bus shelters in the River East neighborhood, and \$50,000 for a Jackson Street neighborhood traffic safety, mobility and improvement study. The funds are awarded based on plans submitted by the neighborhood associations that are reviewed by a committee and are in addition to the city's capital improvements program process. Another \$25,000 is allocated for terrace trees.

The Stoegbauer Park playground includes new equipment, poured-in-place rubber surfacing, perimeter walkways and accessible walk connections. The River East group is requesting two new transit bus shelters along Washington Avenue and relocating two existing shelters.

The Jackson Street study will determine what, if any, improvements can be made to improve the safety of both vehicular and pedestrian traffic and other improvements that can mitigate the impact of heavy traffic.



Aug. 15, 1911

New monument placed: Col. John Hicks gifted to this city a historic monument honoring Gen. George Washington. One of the finest art treasures of which this city is to be proud is a monument to "the Father of his country" situated near the bank of the inner lagoon in Menominee Park. The statue of the first great American is a bronze replica of the original white marble statue made of Washington by the famous French sculptor Jean Antoine Houdon. Miss Charlotte Chase, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. CC Chase and granddaughter of Mrs. Edgar P. Sawyer, pulled the cord that brought the monument forth from the concealing folds of cloth. The statue of Washington is life-size. Brandishing the uniform of a general from the Continental Army, he stands bareheaded with his right hand resting on a cane, his left upon a pillar. The pedestal of the monument was designed and cut by H.F. Wenrich of Oshkosh at a cost of \$5,000.

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City marks National Night Out

By Tom Ekvall Herald contributor

Oshkosh neighborhoods will be observing National Night Out from 4 to 8 p.m. Aug. 7 as part of a nationwide effort to involve citizens in building a safer community through learning more about law enforcement and crime prevention while celebrating neighborhoods.

The annual event with community neighborhoods and organizations brings



opportunities to "meet and greet" police, fire and city staff. At least 14 neighbor-

hood groups and organizations will participate, hosting parties at their respective locations.

The celebration is planned through the Oshkosh Police Department and Greater Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods Inc. (GO-HNI). Each group plans their own activities that can include food, entertainment, information, neighborhood walks, and a chance to meet with police officers.

Neighbors get the opportunity to know each other in a safe and social gathering. Participating neighborhood organizations include Lumber River, River East, Menominee South, Sacred Heart, Ferry Crossing, Millers Bay, Stevens Park and Sawyer-Paine. Several block groups are having parties and the Boys & Girls Club will also be involved.

The listing of events with locations and times will be on the GO-HNI Facebook page.

Stuff the Bus event collects school items

The annual Stuff the Bus event will be collecting school supplies at stores in Oshkosh and one in Winneconne from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 4 with an objective of collecting 10,000 supplies.

Donations will go to Jefferson Elementary School and another school to be selected. Any leftover supplies are donated to The Teachers' Closet, a local nonprofit providing supplies to teachers throughout the year.



Photo from Journey Together Service I

Utah (from left), Jersey and Patton are service dogs in different stages of training and experience. Utah has a little over a year left in training, Patton should graduate in about eight months and Jersey may be trained to take on a different role than what was first intended. Some dogs have too much energy for a general service role and Jersey is considered an example of such a dog.

Service dogs celebrated with information session

Journey Together Service Dog Inc. is coordinating a local event to kick off International Assistance Dog week Aug. 5-11.

The group is holding an information meeting at noon Aug. 6 at the J.P. Coughlin Center that is open to the public and will include a presentation by Brenda Cirricione, Journey Together president, that reviews what a service dog does.

This is the first year the organization is

Planet, Harmon to provide music for jazz worship

A jazz worship service will be held at 9 a.m. Aug. 5 at Peace Lutheran Church with music by Janet Planet and John Harmon.

A working musician for more than 35 years, Planet has been a recording artist, performer, teacher and clinician. Harmon, a widely commissioned composer, has written music for the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, The Orchestra of Los Angeles, Fox Valley Symphony and Santa Fe Chamber Orchestra.

The worship is open to the public. There will be a free-will offering and all are invited to stay after the service for coffee and hospitality.

doing an educational presentation to explain the differences among service dogs, therapy dogs and emotional support animals. They will have some dogs there who are in training and organizers will give a few demonstrations of the kind of work they do.

Oshkosh Mayor Steve Cummings and other supporters of service dogs are expected to be in attendance.

Workforce board gets plan grant

The Fox Valley Workforce Development Board has received a \$5,000 planning grant from the Community Foundation of the Fox Valley Region to be used to increase the board's effectiveness in dealing with the needs of residents in Winnebago, Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Waupaca and Waushara counties.

"During a time of record declining unemployment, local workforce boards are under intense pressure to remain relevant and develop new innovation initiatives to deliver skilled workers to our employers" said Anthony Snyder, board CEO. "This planning grant from the Community Foundation will allow the board of directors to engage in a multiday strategic re-imaging process to determine what kind of organization we will be moving forward and how we will continue to serve our mandated purpose, but also expand into other workforce areas."

The \$5,000 nonprofit effectiveness grant allows the board to engage the services of Dr. B.S Sridhar, professor emeritus in the College of Business and Letters at University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, for a multiyear strategy to serve individuals who do not qualify for federal funding support. The board is exploring working not only with people with barriers to employment, but becoming a source of career planning for all Fox Valley residents.





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Budget

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fund expenditures, of which \$25,869,004 is for public safety expenses.

Rohloff said the city is interested in reducing its debt structure to 50 percent over the next decade from its current 66.8 percent, which would enhance the city's credit rating with Moody's Investors Services. In 2014, the percentage of debt limit used was 78.55 percent. He said the city is using 10-year general obligation bonds to finance expenditures rather than spreading them over a 20-year period, especially when improvements only have a 10-year lifespan.

"Our goal was to get the debt level down to 70 percent by 2020, which we have done. Now we need to get it below 50 percent by 2028," Rohloff said. "We are working hard to reduce the debt limit level," adding that it would put the city in a better economic position.

He said he is proud of the work done by the Finance Department to bring finances into excellent shape, noting tremendous progress made over the last several years.

Finance Director Trena Larson provided council members with a detailed presentation, reviewing expenditures over the last 10 years.

Larson said wage increases are expected at 2.5 percent for 2019 and that health and dental costs will not go up much, adding that the city has done well in controlling those costs. Personnel expenditures reflect almost 75 percent of total expenditures.

Rohloff said shared revenues from the state have been going down over the last several years and the city does not expect new state aids. This leaves the option of revenues from other areas, such as property taxes and other sources.

'The state asks for more from us and gives us less," he said.

In 2017, shared revenues amounted to 21.62 percent of the total general fund as compared with 28.64 percent in 2007.

Rohloff said the city is seeing less interest from private contractors in bidding on

public works contracts, such as street improvements, because they are shifting interest to the Foxconn Technology Group construction work in Mount Pleasant. He said the impact could result in more than vices required. \$1 million in extra costs during 2019.

Public Works Director Mark Rabe said his office has seen a drop from six contractors bidding on a project to half that amount.

The council will hold its next budget workshop Aug. 22 ahead of adopting a new budget for the next fiscal year. Budget hearings are planned in late October with approval of the budget in November.

Council members inquired what would happen if the tax levy was decreased, such as loss of personnel or services.

"It would be a hard pill to swallow," Rohloff responded.



The city is presently updating its strategic plan for 2019 and 2020 as to goals and tasks required. The strategic plan provides a framework for providing the level of ser-

The council met with Rohloff and city department heads July 19 to update the strategic plan with each participant providing a candid discussion of what each felt the priorities of the city should be and how well the city is handling past priorities such as liquor licenses, rental inspections, neighborhoods and strategic planning.

The workshop was led by Walter Jankowski, a consultant with Better Dash Faster Consulting of Madison, who worked them through a series of exercises.

Council members expressed appreciation for the frank discussions at the meeting and agreed that better communication to the public about city needs and services is essential.

Most changes to goals involved "tweak-

Honor Flight donations get boost

The veterans tent sponsored by the local AMVETS, Post 7 and the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 437, collected \$6,300 in donations during Sawdust Days toward the Old Glory Honor Flight program.

The donations were presented to Drew McDonald, president of the Old Glory Honor Flight, by Duane Canon, president of Chapter 437. This year the donations ing" with no substantive changes and eliminating those tasks already completed.

A major discussion dealt with the former Pioneer Inn's potential redevelopment into a viable project and how the city would handle expenses.

"We need to take a look at the what-ifs as to something to prepare for," Mayor Steve Cummings said.

Other topics included how to get more owner investment into properties, improving the supply of affordable housing, community risk reduction and overall economic development.

The strategic plan keys on quality of life, infrastructure, economic development, neighborhoods, effective government, and public safety and health.

The council will use the plan as a framework for budgetary matters. City departments will be working on developing preliminary budgets and performance evaluations until early August.

will be used to send veterans to Washington, D.C., or on a February trip of up to 50 northeast Wisconsin Vietnam veterans to Vietnam on a two-week tour.

During Sawdust Days the AMVETS and Vietnam Veterans of America have collected between \$20,000 and \$30,000 for the Old Glory Honor Flight in the past decade. More information is found at www.oldgloryhonorflight.org.

Consultant Walter Jankowski (left) leads a budget workshop July 26 with city officials, including a table with (from left) City Manager Mark

Rohloff, Deputy Mayor Lori Palmeri, Community Development Director Allen Davis, Fire Chief Mike Stanley and Councilor Matt Mugerauer.







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adults pursuing their dreams of flight,"

said Rick Larsen, EAA's vice president of communities and member programs.

cal chapter and flight training options.

last week.

Community news briefs

City park projects, improvements updated

The city's Parks Department recently provided updates on completed and in-progress projects.

The Menominee Park tennis and pickleball court project is taking shape as asphalt, net and fence post installation is complete.

Three tennis courts and four pickleball courts will be created for park patron use. Courts are scheduled to be opened by September.

The department also reported that Riverwalk benches have been installed along the Morgan District section of the public walkway.

Other projects that will be started and completed in late summer and early fall:

• Memorial benches at 24th Street Boat Launch, Menominee Park Lake Shore Drive and near the fishing pier on New York Avenue.

• Teichmiller Park Athletic Field renovation will have the field reconstructed along with new backstop, wing fencing, and player and spectator areas.

• Fugleberg Boat Launch restroom renovations are on schedule for use soon.

• Lake Fly art installation along the Riverwalk, Opera House Square and Menominee Park Zoo will be completed within the next two weeks.

Menominee Park offers fun with rides, popcorn

The Menominee Park Amusement Area offered an afternoon of fun Aug. 1 with the Friends of Oshkosh Community Media providing free train rides and popcorn, along with giveaways and prizes.

The event from 3 to 5 p.m. will have Oshkosh Media shooting video to create a segment about the Menominee Park train. For more information contact the Parks Department at 920-236-5080.

Auto Collectors praise event efforts

Central Wisconsin Auto Collectors organizers praised the people and companies who volunteered, participated and offered donations to its 37th annual car show and swap/flea market at South Park on June 24.

Special thanks was given to UAW Local 578 of Oshkosh and its 80 Years of Solidarity for sponsoring the dash plaques.

Trophy sponsors were Lake Aire Auto Service, Verve Credit Union, the Oshkosh Convention & Visitors Bureau, Pete's Auto Body, Tony's Auto Collision,

Lynn's Service, Jacobson Auto, Elwood Agency, Holmes Automotive Recycling, West Pointe Bank, KSV and Re/Max on the Water, Kasper's Classic Car Parts, the Memory of Dr. Ron Schmitz and Bill Benson, 2 Men and a Truck, Anderson Automotive, Automotive Specialties and State Farm Insurance. Cumings Electric donated use of its scissors lift.

All show proceeds go to the Oshkosh Boys & Girls Club and Winnebago County Military Veterans Museum, both of which also took part in the show.



program launched "The Flying Start program gives those local chapters the tools to welcome and encourage those who are eager to discover aviation, but may not know how to take the next step."

Flying Start participants will also have direct access to EAA's Eagle Flights program through the hosting chapter, allowing them to experience aviation with a free introductory flight and informal mentorship from an EAA volunteer pilot. Participants will receive a free six-month membership to EAA and the local chapter.

The program also allows chapters to engage current members and recruit new aviation enthusiasts to help build stronger organizations that support and promote aviation on a local level.

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Nancy Reichenberger (left) is Mercy Hospital's fundraiser coordinator and Elli Wollangk is co-chairwoman for the 60 for 60 initiative.

Volunteer fundraiser aims for \$60,000

To help mark the 60th anniversary of the Mercy Hospital Volunteers organization, attention will be focused on community volunteers with a "60 for 60" fundraising event to raise \$60,000 for child wellness programs offered through Mercy's area service providers.

The Mercy Volunteer Board has identified three areas that will benefit Winnebago County children from any funds raised: National Baby Friendly Certification, Catalpa Health – Mental Health and Wellness for Kids, and Reach Out and Read. These programs are offered by Ascension Mercy Hospital and their outpatient ser-

Park

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Jungwirth said. "It's to protect the plants from the geese eating them and from people walking on it."

A substantial part of the project was removing the 5 or 6 feet of PCB-contaminated sediment in each of the lagoons. Jungwirth said water levels were only at about 2 feet previously, but now they're closer to 8 feet. She said they didn't find anything major in the sediment, although, "We did find bike parts, tires, bottles, tennis balls — a lot of balls."

The historic stone bridge also was restored. Jungwirth said they anticipated a certain level of restoration, including new masonry and grouting, but when they dug the soil out and water levels went down they found the foundations were deteriorated and in poor shape.

"We had to add that to the contract," she said, "getting those foundations fixed up, and we want to make sure the bridge will last for another 100 years."

The contract includes topsoil restoration, replacing seed and stabilizing the soil, and Jungwirth said the contractor will maintain the site for some time after the other work is finished.

"Our plan at this point is, we're trying to work with the contractor on this, we would like to keep the fence but we'd like vice providers in the Oshkosh area.

The group is encouraging support from the community to form at least 100 teams, where seed money of \$60 will be given to each to create individual fundraisers along with a challenge to the community. Each team will determine their own method of raising funds.

There will be a celebration beginning at 6 p.m. Aug. 10 at La Sure's Hall to announce the results and thank sponsors and participants. Tickets for \$25 include food, music by Copper Box and raffles, and are available at the Ascension Mercy Hospital Gift Shop.

Incarceration crisis is topic for LWV

Koby Schellenger, board member of the American Civil Liberties Union – Fox Valley, will speak about the state's ongoing incarceration issues at the League of Women Voters Food for Thought lunch Aug. 8 at Primo Restaurant.

There are more than 23,000 incarcerated adults in the Wisconsin prison system, which was built to house about 17,000, along with about 12,500 in county jails. Overcrowding is prevalent and presents major safety and programmatic concerns.

On a broad level, Schellenger will discuss systemic problems that contribute

to the rising jail and prison populations, which include mandatory minimum sentences and truth-in-sentencing provisions; philosophic shifts in the justice systems necessary to reduce incarceration; and some of the newer alternative programs being used.

The program begins shortly after noon, so attendees are asked to arrive by 11:50 a.m. to place an order. No advance registration is necessary. Audience questions and discussion are encouraged.

Contact Ann Marshall at 920-231-8002 for more information.

Millennial leadership training offered

Business developer Aaron Armstrong, a West Point graduate, corporate leader and start-up specialist, will present a seminar at 7 p.m. Aug. 18 at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center to demonstrate leadership tips on how to manage and magnify the misunderstood millennial generation.

Millennials, often described as entitled, lazy, distracted and rebellious, are going to surpass the purchasing power of baby boomers, gen-xers and previous generations in two years. Armstrong of Armstrong Ventures, LLC said businesses and leaders that fail to understand millennial work habits or consuming behaviors will not adapt to the marketplace and find themselves struggling, and said understanding millennials is crucial to maximizing the potential of young employees, clients and students.

Tickets are available at Eventbrite.com. Contact event organizers Kristin and Dan at kristin@aaronjarmstrong.com or dan@ aaronjarmstrong.com for information about parking or other details.

Legion team eliminated in state tourney

By Alex Wolf HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Oshkosh Legion baseball team was eliminated from the Class AAA State Tournament last weekend after dropping the first two games in the tournament, which was held in Marinette.

Oshkosh, who finishes the year 28-7, dropped a 4-1 decision to Eau Claire Friday in the opener and then lost to Plover 4-2 in the elimination game Saturday.

In the loss against Plover, Brett Ehr tossed a 3-hitter in 6.5 innings for the win. Oshkosh was able to grab the early lead in the top of the first inning, but Plover responded with two to take a 2-1 lead.

Oshkosh added another run in the top of the third to tie it up, but Plover responded once again with runs in the third and added one more in the fifth.

There were only nine hits in the game and both defenses played sloppy. Plover had four errors while Oshkosh had two.

In the first loss against Eau Claire, Oshkosh was held to three hits once again. Brett Ellestad took the loss, giving up four runs in six innings, but also added a home run to give the team its only run. Oshkosh tried to make it to the national tournament for the second year in a row after finishing runner-up at the state tournament last season.



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The South Park project is focused on the lagoons to deepen and enlarge them, providing better stormwater management, public access for fishing and stabilization of shorelines.

it open at the asphalt path opening to the park road and the sidewalk around Ohio and Georgia streets, so people will be able to walk through and enjoy it as soon as it's done," she said. "We want to protect the grass as much as we can because if too many people walk on it, it will damage it and it won't be able to grow properly."

Last Thursday two teachers from Tender Loving Care Child Care Center were at the splash pad and playground with the children and said they were happy with what they've seen so far of the park's changes.

"I like it a lot," Christie Blue said, adding that she takes her own children to the park as well. "There will be more activities for the older kids, too."

Teacher Hannah Gauthier added, "It seems a lot cleaner and like there's a lot more room now."

Asked for her thoughts on the project, Jungwirth said, "It's been a good learning process. I've done quite a few projects but just one of this uniqueness. It has been very fun and very neat, and challenging. "The goal of the Parks Department is to revitalize that park. Now that things are fixed up and looking nice, it's going to be a good draw for people and having more events out there."



Travel Tryouts 2019

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- 5:30 pm tryouts
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Three former Titans in WIAC Hall of Fame

From UW-Oshkosh

Former University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh student-athletes Mary (Leivian) Taylor and brothers Terry and Tim Jorgensen were inducted into the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Hall of Fame on July 28 in Eau Claire.

The WIAC inducted 27 people into its third Hall of Fame class. The inaugural class was held in 2012 and included former UW-Oshkosh student-athletes Casey Edwards and Jarrod Washburn and coach Deb Vercauteren. In 2015, UW-Oshkosh inductees were Jim Gantner, Melissa Mueller and Russ Tiedemann.

Taylor was a member of UW-Oshkosh's women's gymnastics team from 1986-89, claiming 16 national titles and 14 conference championships.She captured individual titles in the all-around and uneven bars at the 1986, 1987 and 1988 NAIA Championships. In 1986, Taylor added NCAA Division II first-place finishes in the all-around and uneven bars. Taylor was a four-time WIAC champion in the all-around from 1986-89 – the only gymnast in league history to accomplish the feat. She helped the Titans claim three WIAC titles and the 1986 NAIA and 1989 National Collegiate Gymnastics Association (NCGA) championships.

In 1987, Taylor won both the all-around and balance beam titles at the United States Gymnastics Federation Division II-III Championship.

Taylor, who earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education, lives in Oshkosh and has been employed by the Experimental Aircraft Association since 2000.

Terry Jorgensen was a member of UW-Oshkosh's baseball team from 1985-87, helping the Titans to a 109-15 record. He was selected to the American Baseball Coaches Association's All-America First Team in 1986 and 1987 after earning second team honors in 1985. Jorgensen was named the Most Valuable Player at the 1985 NCAA Division III World Series when UW-Oshkosh won the national title with a 37-3 record.

Jorgensen was a three-time All-WIAC Southern Division First Team selection and ranks third in Division III history with a career .900 slugging percentage. His .445 career batting average ranks second on the conference's all-time list. Jorgensen career marks also include 164 runs batted in, 150 runs scored and 41 home runs.

Jorgensen was the 29th overall selection in the 1987 Major League Baseball Amateur Draft by Minnesota and played in 91 major league games for the Twins.

Jorgensen earned a bachelor's degree in physical education and is a physical education teacher in the Luxemburg-Casco School District since 1998.

Tim Jorgensen was a member of the baseball team from 1992-95, helping the Titans to a record of 144-32. He was named the 1994 and 1995 NCAA Division III Player of the Year by the American Baseball Coaches Association and selected the Most Valuable Player at the 1994 NCAA Division III World Series when UW-Oshkosh won the national title with a 41-4 record.

Jorgensen was a three-time All-WIAC First Team honoree and shares the NCAA Division III record with 70 career home runs. Jorgensen hit for the "home run cycle" during UW-Oshkosh's 18-7 win over UW-Eau Claire on May 14, 1995. He owns the conference record with 237 career runs batted in while ranking third with 200 runs scored. Jorgensen was drafted in the eighth round of the 1995 Major League Baseball Amateur Draft by the Cleveland Indians and played a total of four minor league seasons. He was a 28thround draft pick of the San Diego Padres in 1994, but chose to return to UW-Oshkosh for his senior collegiate season.

Jorgensen, who earned a bachelor's degree in finance, resides in New Franken and has been with Associated Bank since 2001.

Area soccer players compete in Spain

Wisconsin International Soccer sent a team of boys primarily from the Oshkosh area to play in the Donosti Cup in San Sebastian, Spain, where the U 16 team faced tough competition at one of the top youth tournaments in the world.

During group play June 29 to July 8, they lost all three games to a local Basque team, a French national team and a Madrid academy. They played a strong game against the French team, currently first in France's national league.

In the consolation bracket, the boys had more success. They faced a team from the Canary Islands, winning 9-8 in a penalty shootout. They defeated a Basque team 1-0, and then lost 4-2 in a penalty shootout to the only other American team alive in their age group.

Girls fast-pitch tryouts set

Oshkosh Fastclub softball is holding travel tryouts for 2019 baseball teams Aug. 6 (14U and 16U) and Aug. 7 (10U and 12U) at the Oshkosh West High diamond.

Fastclub is an instructional league for girls up to grade 12 where full windmill style pitching is played. The Oshkosh Extreme traveling teams are available for girls wishing to compete at a higher level.

Warmup starts at 5 p.m. with tryouts beginning at 5:30. More information is at oshfastclub@gmail.com or 920-379-9660.

Main Street weekend rocks

Rock 'n' roll band Feed the Dog performed Saturday night at Peabody's Ale House and Sideyard main stage as part of the Oshkosh Main Street Music Festival that featured bands performing downtown throughout the weekend. The sixth edition of the annual festival had four main venues at Peabody's, Fletch's Local Tap House, Barley & Hops Pub and Twisted Roots. Sponsor Fifth Ward Brewing Co. created a special Encore! Ale to mark the event.

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Wednesday, Aug. 1

Winnebago County Fair, 10 a.m. Winnebago County Fairgrounds

Live at Lunch, noon, Opera House Square, downtown

Market in the Park, 3 p.m., South Park FRBC Summer Music Series, 5 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co.

Riverboat Cruise, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Riverwalk, 1 N. Main St.

Thursday, Aug. 2

Winnebago County Fair, 10 a.m. Winnebago County Fairgrounds

Tea and Tours, 2 p.m., Paine Art Center and Gardens, 1410 Algoma Blvd.

FRBC Summer Music Series, 5 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co.

Waterfest: George Thorogood, 5:45 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Dark Knights: Trivia, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

Friday, Aug. 3

Winnebago County Fair, 10 a.m. Winnebago County Fairgrounds

FRBC Summer Music Series, 5 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co.

Riverboat Cruise, 5:30 and 8 p.m., Oshkosh Riverwalk, 1 N. Main St.

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

Saturday, Aug. 4

Chalk Walk, 8 a.m., downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.,

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nebago County Fairgrounds Hymn Sing with Larry and Sarah Conrad, 6 p.m., Peniel Welsh Chapel, W9644

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FRBC Summer Music Series, 5 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co.

Oshkosh Gallery Walk, 6 p.m., downtown

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

Sunday, Aug. 5

Winnebago County Fair, 10 a.m., Winnebago County Fairgrounds

Party in the Park, 11 a.m., Menominee Park

Doggie Paddle at the Beach, 11 a.m., Winnebago County Community Park

Riverboat Cruise, 1 p.m., Oshkosh Riverwalk, 1 N. Main St.

FRBC Summer Music Series, 5 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co.

Monday, Aug. 6

Water City Toastmasters, 5:15 p.m., Fox Valley Technical College, Room 115

Tuesday, Aug. 7

Riverboat Cruise, 3 and 6 p.m., Oshkosh Riverwalk, 1 N. Main St. Live at the Leach: The 308's, 5:30 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Wednesday, Aug. 8

Live at Lunch, noon, Opera House Square, downtown Market in the Park, 3 p.m., South Park,

Shelter 1 Summer Flower Arranging Luncheon,

noon, La Sure's Banquet Hall, 3125 S. Washburn St.

FRBC Summer Music Series, 5 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co.

Summer Movie Madness, 6 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

Riverboat Cruise, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Riverwalk, 1 N. Main St.

Thursday, Aug. 9

Ducky Days, 2 p.m., Pollock Community Water Park, 1550 Taft Ave.

FRBC Summer Music Series, 5 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co.

Waterfest: Michael McDonald, 5:45 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Dark Knights: Trivia, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

Friday, Aug. 10

FRBC Summer Music Series, 5 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co.

Riverboat Cruise, 5:30 and 8 p.m., Oshkosh Riverwalk, 1 N. Main St.

Free Family Movie Night, 6:30 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Dark Knights: Karaoke, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

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

Saturday, Aug. 11

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

Otter Street Kids Fisheree, 9 a.m., Menominee Park

Warriors on the Water, 10 a.m., Skipper Buds Marina, 1351 Egg Harbor Lane

Historic Morgan House Tours, 10 a.m., Morgan House, 234 Church Ave.

LAW Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser, noon, Lourdes Academy

Splashkosh, 1 p.m., Red Arrow Park



Master Gardener volunteers training offered

Those interested in taking the UW-Extension Master Gardener Level 1 training course for Winnebago County will be required to attend an orientation session from 10 to 11 a.m. either Aug. 15 or 16. Registration is required for both sessions and space is limited.

At the session at the J.P. Coughlin Center, participants will need to agree to a criminal background check, take mandatory reporter training and sign a volunteer behavior agreement. To earn Master Gardener certification, individuals must volunteer a minimum of 24 hours at one of the selected projects.

Level 1 training will be held Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to noon starting Sept. 11 through Nov. 27 at the Coughlin Center for \$95 per person. The course fee includes 12 classes, training manuals, access to supplemental materials, and a one-year membership in state and local associations.

To register, request financial assistance in taking the training or other questions, call 920-232-1970.



Oshkosh West graduates Bailey Lewellyn (left) and Lexus O'Laire were each awarded \$1,500 college scholarships by the Oshkosh Area Women's Association.

Women's group awards scholarships

The Oshkosh Area Women's Association (OAWA) has awarded two \$1,500 college scholarships to Bailey Lewellyn and Lexus O'Laire, both graduates of Oshkosh West High School.

Lewellyn will attend the University of Wisconsin Fox Valley and major in radiology, while O'Laire will attend UW-Eau Claire to major in nursing and Spanish.

The OAWA sponsors two major fundraisers each year, the Benefit Style Show and 80 Bites Around the World, to raise

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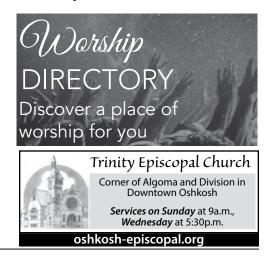
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Alumni are invited to attend the celebration and participate in an Alumni Band that will perform at the spring concerts. Those interested can go to www.OshkoshWestBands.com and click on Centennial 2019 for more information and a form to fill out to keep posted on the centennial celebration.



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Responsibilities include: Machine Operation, inspection of product, trimming / labeling parts, assembly work and some secondary operations.



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