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North Westhaven Drive's current bike lane could be altered depending on which recommendations are accepted by the Common Council.

City panels suggest different solutions to bike lane needs

By Tom Ekvall
Herald contributor

The ongoing rivalry for space between on-street parking and dedicated bike lanes has turned to the city's west side.

A proposal to allow parking on the east side of North Westhaven Drive between Noel Court and Springmill Drive ran into mixed reactions from city advisory councils last week.

Residents earlier had submitted a petition to the Common Council signed by more than 20 people to allow on-street parking in place of a designated bike lane adjacent to the curb. The city had designated the 40-foot street for bike lanes in June 2017 after a public hearing on the designation.

The council had referred the petition request to various city advisory committees for review.

The Traffic Review Advisory Board, following public input on the topic, recommended a compromise be approved that would allow on-street parking between Noel Court and Springmill Drive on the street, but with a reduced lane on each side of the street of 4 feet from the standard 5-foot width.

However, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee unanimously recommended that the street remain as is with no on-street parking. The Sustainability Advisory Board and the Plan Commission must still act on the proposal before the matter goes back to the Common Council for final action.

Residents testifying before the Traffic Review committee said it is difficult for visitors to park and visit with them, adding that they have not noticed many people using the bike lane. They also said they do not recall receiving a public notice from the city of any hearing during 2017 when the council approved the bike lane designation as part of a major north/south corridor in the city.

Many of the homes along the street are

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District ups grades on latest report card

The Oshkosh Area School District earned a strong overall score on the State Accountability Report Card issued by the Department of Public Instruction for the 2017-2018 school year.

The district received an "Exceeds Expectations" score of 74.0, up from 71.8 during the previous school year. The report card includes data for multiple years across four priority areas: student achievement, district growth, closing gaps, and on-track and postsecondary success. The district continues to make strong gains in District Growth where it scored 74.6 out of 100 points compared with the state average of 66 points, as well as Closing Gaps where it scored 70.6 compared with the state average of 67.9.

"We emphasize a growth mindset throughout the district and are committed to ensuring that every student grows," stated Julie Conrad, district director of curriculum and assessment. "Our performance on multiple achievement measures shows promising results, and we are proud of the progress our students and our schools have made.

"We also know that these report cards are simply one measure of our success. As a district we are constantly evaluating and monitoring our efforts to ensure that we are providing all students with the opportunities and skills needed to be college, career and community ready."

Highlights from the recently released report cards:

• An increase in the percent of students scoring in the proficient and advanced categories in mathematics.

• Continued improvement in English language arts.

• More schools in the combined categories of meets expectations, exceeds expec-

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University learned from lessons of '68

Oshkosh Herald

When 94 black students demanded equal rights on the Wisconsin State University campus in Oshkosh 50 years ago today and protested until there was a mass arrest and expulsion, the school's immediate response was retribution to what they characterized as a vandalism incident.

The students had delivered a series of demands aimed at improving the academic and campus experiences of students of color to university President Roger Giles. After occupying the president's administrative offices, the group of young people were arrested, charged and ultimately expelled from the statewide university system.

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Black Thursday Remembered was held last week at UW-Oshkosh to welcome and honor those students, about a third of which returned to campus to take part, and a recognition program that highlighted the university's ongoing emphasis on diversity and inclusion. Chancellor Andrew Leavitt delivered a formal apology on behalf of the university for how its administration of 1968 handled the controversy.

The returning group, along with family members and friends, were given a special campus tour and took part in a program and reception that included conversation with current UW-Oshkosh students.

A plaque marking the historic events of Nov. 21, 1968, hangs on the second floor of Dempsey Hall near the west staircase. The plaque bears the names of the Oshkosh 94 who demanded better of the university and prompted "the entire Wisconsin State University System to examine their commitment to the black students

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Photo by Michael Cooney

Bradley Thurman (right) receives the Chancellor's Medal from Chancellor Andrew Leavitt last Wednesday on campus.

Riverfront development eyed at Jackson and Marion

By Miles Maguire
Special to the Oshkosh Herald

A development group that includes two Iowa companies and a Madison investor is proposing to build a two-building, $32 million complex overlooking the Fox River at Jackson Street and Marion Road.

The city's Redevelopment Authority agreed Nov. 12 to accept an option to purchase the parcel from an Iowa company called Grand Management LLC. According to City Manager Mark Rohloff, the developer has three partners: ECHO Development Group, Lancaster Investments and Slingshot Architecture.

"The project would include two five-story mixed use buildings," Rohloff said. "Retail and office uses would be located on the ground floor with residential uses located on the upper floors."

He warned that parking could be an issue, and the project still needs to go through multiple development reviews.

Slingshot is based in Des Moines, and Echo is in Cedar Falls. Lancaster is headed by Jon Lancaster, a former car dealer in Madison.

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Community news briefs

Hintz retains Assembly minority leadership post

Assembly Minority Leader Gordon Hintz of Oshkosh was re-elected last week to the leadership post after Democrats picked up just one seat in that chamber in the Nov. 6 election.

"I am honored to be re-elected as Assembly Democratic leader. Assembly Democrats look forward to working toward policy solutions that reflect our shared Wisconsin values in the upcoming legislative session," Hintz stated on Facebook.

Milwaukee Rep. David Crowley unsuccessfully challenged Madison Rep. Dianne Hesselbein for the post of assistant Assembly minority leader.

Assembly Republicans re-elected Speaker Robin Vos and Majority Leader Jim Steinke.

In the Senate, Fond du Lac Republican Dan Feyen was selected assistant majority leader to replace Sen. Leah Vukmir, who left her seat in an unsuccessful race against incumbent U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin.

Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald continues in that role and Sen. Roger Roth, R-Appleton, returns as Senate president.

Democrats voted to keep Senate Minority Leader Jennifer Shilling of La Crosse in that role and Sen. Janet Bewley, D-Ashland, as assistant minority leader.

Three sought in robbery at UW-Oshkosh's ATM

An ATM courier was robbed at gunpoint by two men at Reeve Memorial Union on the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh campus at 8:40 a.m. Nov. 14 and the suspects involved, including a third person driving a getaway vehicle, were still being sought.

The ATM worker was reportedly not carrying cash when confronted by the two, who took the courier's handgun before fleeing from campus in an older-style, tan four-door car.

Police said the incident is believed to be a fourth in a series of robberies, the other three occurring in the Madison area.

UW-Oshkosh police said students were not at risk after the robbery and the campus remained open with updates provided.

Salvage dealer licenses revoked in fraud case

The salvage dealer licenses of Fox Valley Iron Metal & Auto Salvage in Oshkosh and Gibson Iron Metal and Auto in Neenah were revoked by the state last week for fraudulent activities.

The administrator of the state Department of Administration's Division of Hearings and Appeals determined that the two motor vehicle salvage dealerships violated state law.

The companies' owner was sentenced to 11 years in prison in August for racketeering and theft in a Fond du Lac County court case. Sterling Kienbaum of Oshkosh was convicted of loading vehicles with dirt to increase the weight of the scrap loads and paid an employee to take them to Sadoff Iron & Metal, which paid an estimated $14.3 million more than what they were worth over a six-year period.

The administrator ordered the two salvage dealerships, which have about 50 employees, to cease purchasing scrapped motor vehicles but will be allowed a wind-down period until the end of the year.

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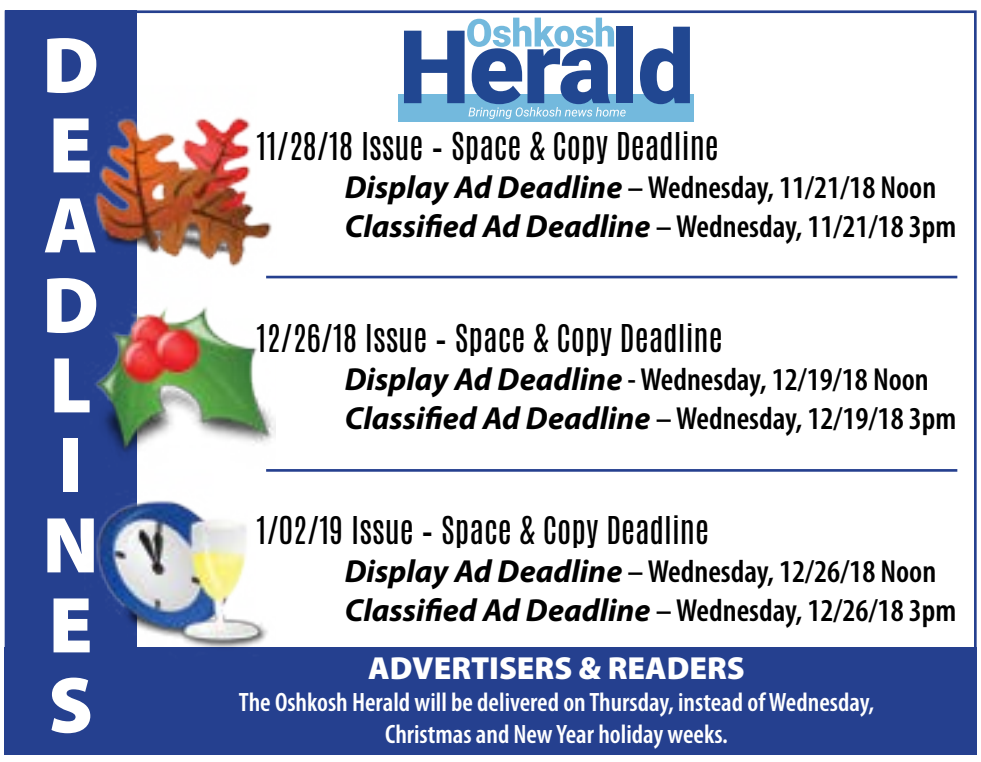

Cancer benefit brings new energy to Tiffany's battle

By Samantha Strong
Herald contributor

One week before Tiffany Reichenberger was set to celebrate being five years cancer-free in Sedona, Ariz., with her husband, she received news that her cancer was back. There will be a benefit in her honor to help the couple pay for the high cost of treatment Nov. 25 at Rev's Bowl Bar and Grill starting at 2 p.m.

In mid-August, Reichenberger was getting sick a lot and ran quite a few fevers. Everyone thought there was no way it could be anything more than a virus, including her doctor at first, since she was so close to the five-year remission mark.

"Because we were so close to remission, I think we all just sort of felt like this isn't what we think," Reichenberger said. "Let's get to the five-year mark and it'll resolve itself."

She was rediagnosed Oct. 11 and is again fighting the aggressive form of cancer, acute lymphocytic leukemia (ALL). But this time she is bringing everyone along for the journey.

Reichenberger is documenting her fight against ALL on her YouTube, Facebook and Instagram pages in hopes she will be able to connect with and inspire others who are currently or have been affected by cancer. She said this time around, she's learning to be a little more open about her fight and has already received an outpouring of support.

"The first time I went through this, I really shut out the world to what I was going through," Reichenberger said. "I'm inviting people with me (this time), and there's something really beautiful about it. It's raw, it's real and it's authentic. I think people are finding it relatable in some way in their life."

Submitted photo

Tiffany Reichenberger, shown with husband Adam, continues her fight against leukemia after a five-year remission with a focus on awareness.

Reichenberger is receiving treatment in Milwaukee to get rid of the cancer. After treatment is complete and she is in remission again, she will travel to Chicago for a bone marrow transplant where she will need to stay for 100 days after the procedure due to its complex nature and high-stakes recovery. Reichenberger said she is blessed to have had 10 potential donors that fit 100 percent, which doesn't always happen, especially because she has no siblings.

During her treatment and transplant surgery, Reichenberger will be taking a break from her marketing agency The Digital Garden, which recently celebrated its two-year anniversary. She said all contracts have been halted.

"Since (Digital Garden) is in its infant stage, it required all of me and I want to always and forever be involved in and focused on any client work," she said.

Because the transplant surgery and related costs will run a bill of more than $400,000, there is a benefit to help wrangle the financial burden. Insurance will cover 80 percent of the procedure, but that still leaves Reichenberger and her husband with a medical bill of more than $80,000.

The benefit begins at 2 p.m. and is sponsored by people and community groups that Reichenberger has impacted, including Propel Oshkosh and Be the Match.

There will be bowling, snacks, music, a build-your-own bloody Mary bar and a raffle for gift baskets. All baskets are themed with the concept of giving back to others. For example, one will feature Toms shoes, an organization that donates a pair to a child in need for each pair purchased, and another will include Starbucks gift cards for the winner to get a drink themselves, but also a drink to pay it forward. Raffle tickets cost $1 or a donation of a gently used coat that will be given to an area warming shelter.

"Tiffany is an asset to the city of Oshkosh and whatever we can do to help them in this time of need, we will do," said Devon Hudak, vice president of Propel and organizer of the benefit. "We are all here for her, and whatever her and Adam need to get through this to beat cancer again, we're on it."

To follow Tiffany's journey, search for her on YouTube or friend her on Facebook at facebook.com/tiffanyreichenberger. To donate to her GoFundMe account, go to gofundme.com and search "Tiffany and Adam's journey."

More about Tiffany

Samantha Strong wrote about Tiffany's journey in the May 17 issue of the Herald that can be found at www.oshkoshherald.com.

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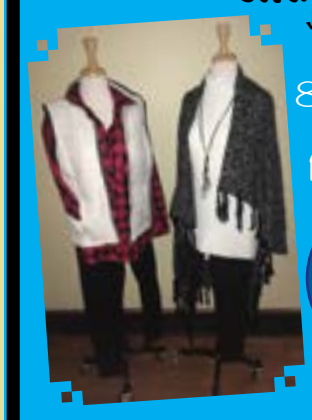

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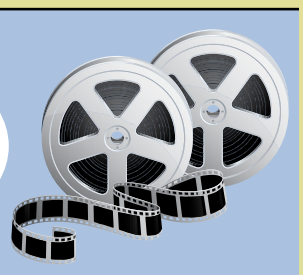

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Tax rates set with city budget's adoption

By Tom Ekvall
Herald contributor

The Common Council adopted a 2019 municipal budget at its Nov. 14 meeting with a tax levy of $10.58, up 24 cents from the previous year. Total expenditures for the year are $27,784,400 for operational expenses and $11,617,200 for paying the city's debt service.

The total amount Oshkosh taxpayers will pay for all government services is $26.80 per $1,000 of assessed valuation, which is at least 33 cents lower than the present rate. City Manager Mark Rohloff said the rate could be even lower once the city receives notification from the state as to what the state credit will be for the school district.

The total budget for most taxpayers includes expenditures for Winnebago County ($19,925,941), Oshkosh area schools ($35,089,846) and Fox Valley Technical College ($4,146,909). There are also some residents within the Algoma Sanitary District that will pay an additional 26.8 cents per $1,000 valuation, and some within the Winneconne School District that will pay 17 cents less. The tax rate for the county is 17 cents less than last year, while the Oshkosh Area School District's rate is 35 cents less.

The adopted budget includes $25,000 toward a rental housing inspection program as a result of the state reducing the amount cities can collect for inspection services.

The council also approved its 2019 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) on a vote of 6-1, adding street construction of Compass Way by the city's transmodal facility in the Southwest Industrial Park, which is used for businesses to transport material onto a railroad line. At present the road is gravel.

Council member Matt Magruder, who voted against the motion on the CIP, had urged the council to shift the expected cost of $1.5 million by transferring $1 million of the amount to the city's reserve general fund and paying the balance from a general obligation bond. The council opted to pay the entire amount through issuing a general obligation bond.

The general fund is used to pay for unexpected expenses and emergency situations. The city has about $1.1 million in the fund, according to Finance Director Trena Larson.

Mugerauer said he had debt management concerns in voicing opposition to funding various improvements.

He also urged that three projects be dropped from the adopted 2019 CIP. These include $100,000 for the renovation of Little Oshkosh/Community Playground Replacement at Menominee Park, $225,000 for the design phase of the Oshkosh Public Museum and its Steiger Wing, and $131,000 for establishing a Crime Scene Response Unit within the Police Department.

The Little Oshkosh playground improvement is expected to cost $500,000. City officials noted that while there was tremendous community support through donations and volunteer time when it was first constructed, there did not seem to be adequate volunteer support now to redo the equipment.

Council member and Deputy Mayor Lori Palmeri agreed with Mugerauer on dropping the museum and police expenditures, and Jake Krause supported the museum expenditure deletion.

Mayor Steve Cummings noted that the museum was a gift to the city and that improvements are needed to better serve the public.

The proposed projects will be funded through general obligation bonds or notes.

The adopted 2019 CIP does include reconstruction of Oregon Street from West 16th Avenue to West 21st Avenue ($9,772,100), and Hazel Street reconstruction from Washington Avenue to East Irving Avenue ($5,760,000). Both projects include street paving, stormwater, wastewater and water main costs.

Safe Street Drug Court helps rebuild lives

By Michael Cooney
Herald contributor

A full courtroom applauded and offered support as each participant in the Winnebago Safe Street Drug Court stood before Judge John Jorgensen earlier this month and reported on their path to recovery.

Starting with the results of their most recent drug test and moving on to each step in their recovery, participants reported on achievements, reconnection with families, creating new social networks and finding work. The challenge of putting their lives back together often includes finding housing, getting a driver's license renewed, obtaining a new phone number and establishing healthy relationships.

Each participant is expected to follow the Rule of 40: Either work 40 hours per week or a combination of work, community service and attendance at recovery meetings.

Jorgensen explained the primary purpose behind the drug court initiative is public safety.

"The public is safer if these individuals are sober and in recovery. It has been a change of mindset from incarceration to intensive treatment in drug court," he said. "Most of the drug court participants have already had lengthy incarceration — it didn't work."

National, state and local studies demonstrate the success of drug courts. A 2014 study of the Winnebago County Program from 2006-2011 showed a graduation rate for those admitted to the program at 42 percent, a bit less than the national average of 50 percent. But those who graduate are shown to be far less likely to reoffend than participants who fail to get through the program.

Drug court graduation is both emotion-

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Photo by Michael Cooney

Jennifer Delfosse (left), Winnebago County Drug Court case manager, and substance abuse counselor Jenna Washuleski take part in Kurtis Rodriquez's graduation ceremony recently at the courthouse.

Foundation gains legal ground on constitution case

By Miles Maguire
Special to the Oshkosh Herald

A second judge has sided with the UW-Oshkosh Foundation on the issue of whether the financial assistance promised by the university violated the state's constitution.

Dane County Circuit Judge Richard G. Niess ruled Nov. 6 that the UW System Board of Regents has incorrectly interpreted state law in arguing that the constitution prohibits the kind of agreements made between the foundation and UW-Oshkosh.

His reasoning echoes that of U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Susan V. Kelley, who has been overseeing the foundation's bankruptcy case and has ruled that the state owes the foundation millions of dollars.

Niess made it clear that he did not buy all of Kelley's legal opinion, and parts of his ruling were favorable to the UW System.

But the constitutional question is critical to the legal morass the university is in. That's because the UW System has hung much of its legal and public relations strategy on the argument that promises by UW-Oshkosh officials to support the foundation were prohibited by the constitution.

In addition to making this a primary defense against the claims from the foundation, the UW System advanced the constitutional argument twice in its initial civil lawsuit against former Chancellor Richard Wells and former Vice Chancellor Thomas Sonnleitner. The same constitutional arguments are contained in the subsequent criminal case against the two.

It's not clear how far these cases will go if the constitutional underpinning is removed. But the state's legal setbacks so far against the UW-Oshkosh Foundation are directly tied to the weakness of the constitutional argument, and Niess is hearing the civil case against the former university officials.

"You have a federal and a state judge now saying this is not unconstitutional," said Raymond M. Dall'Osto, a Milwaukee attorney who represents Wells. "A project for the public good does not create an unconstitutional debt."

The foundation's argument all along has been that it was operating on behalf of UW-Oshkosh and at its direction. The nonprofit provided support for a range of real estate projects, including a hotel, a sports complex, a couple of biodigesters and a campus conference center.

When some of these created a cash drain, the foundation asked the university to make good on written promises to cover the shortfall. But the UW System said that it could not provide funds to a private organization, a position that was almost immediately criticized as legally suspect.

Niess' ruling "reiterates at the very least that the law is not as clear as the state in the civil case makes it out to be," Dall'Osto said. It also raises questions about the state's criminal case.

The legal doctrine known as "void for vagueness" holds that a law cannot be used to prosecute someone if it isn't clear what the law requires a person to do. In this case the question becomes "how you conform your conduct to something that is unconstitutionally vague," Dall'Osto said.

Niess' ruling came in a case involving First Business Bank, which financed the construction of the Alumni Welcome and Conference Center on the Oshkosh campus, and Bank First National, which financed one of the university's biodigester projects.

"The banks allege with sufficient factual particularity … that the primary if not sole purpose of the contracts at issue is the public good, specifically to benefit UW-Oshkosh," Niess said. "Thus … the constitution is not violated."

While this language lends support to the foundation's position, Niess was critical of parts of the bankruptcy decision, which said the UW System had to stand behind UW-Oshkosh's financial promises.

State lawyers seized on some of Niess' comments to help win an order blocking the foundation from collecting from the UW System. At one point during a late October hearing Niess said he was "a little perplexed by Judge Kelley's ruling." At another point he said he "can't understand her reasoning."

Chief Judge William C. Griesbach of the U.S. district court in Milwaukee agreed to put a hold on Kelley's decisions so that he could considers arguments from both sides.

Miles Maguire is editor of the Oshkosh Examiner news blog.

Drug court

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al and a celebration. Kurtis Rodriquez is the latest of 123 graduates who have put their lives back together.

Rodriquez, now 26, grew up in Oshkosh in an "upper middle-class home" with parents who are both professionals with master's degrees. He began experimenting with drugs in high school, though he still managed to graduate with a strong GPA.

Drugs took over his life while he was pursuing a nursing degree and he dropped out as a senior. At that point he had graduated to a $200-a-day heroin habit that he funded through selling drugs and other criminal activity. For a time Rodriquez was homeless, sleeping under bridges and barely surviving.

His low point came when his father discovered him passed out from a heroin overdose in the basement of the family home.

Rodriquez's mother knew Kurtis's overdose was long in the making. She kept Narcan on hand and administered it to him. Without her foresight, Kurtis would have died that night on the basement floor.

Rodriquez's near-death experience brought him to the realization that continuing his lifestyle would end with death or life in jail. Rodriquez stopped using in July 2016 and joined the drug court program that September.

Achieving and maintaining sobriety wasn't easy, and over the course of two plus years he passed 296 drug tests, attended 343 meetings, participated in 37 court sessions and performed 122 hours of community service.

Currently working in the construction industry, Rodriquez has been sharing his story as a part of his recovery, at schools and community organization throughout the area. In December he will be speaking at the nationally known Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation in Minnesota.

When asked the most important things he has learned in the program, Rodriquez listed three:

"Do the next right thing, even if no one is watching."

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SERV gives disabled forum in faith

By the Rev. Thomas C. Willadsen
Herald contributor

The first thing a visitor notices when coming into a Monday night SERV (Special Education Religion Voice) gathering is that everyone is smiling. Smiles are contagious, especially when people delight in being together.

SERV provides people with a variety of disabilities religious education and prepares them to participate in the Roman Catholic mass and sacraments. People of all faiths are welcome, currently about half of the students are Catholic.

The five Catholic parishes in Oshkosh, Omro and Winneconne, the Knights of Columbus Council 614 and other organizations support SERV. Tom Mentele has been coordinator since 1982.

No one is quite sure when SERV started, but Pat Branigan was there at the beginning. While she was apprehensive when she first started teaching, she now says some of her closest friends are SERV students. She finds their openness refreshing.

"This is a special group that is able to share their faith with no reservations," Mentele adds. "There is a simplicity, honesty and depth to the faith that they share openly."

Everyone who helps make SERV happen says they receive much more than they give.

I attended Oct. 29 and was overwhelmed by the love and warmth that radiated from everybody there.

SERV meets Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. October through May in the lower level of the St. Mary's site of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, 615 Merritt Ave. Enter through the door on the east side of the building by the Adoration Chapel sign. Take the stairs or elevator down one floor and you're in.

Photo by Tom Willadsen

Rick Vicker attends SERV services on a recent Monday evening.

Almost 50 people were in attendance, about a fourth of that number teachers, helpers and personal aids.

Mentele started the evening leading a few songs on the guitar in the gathering space. He was joined by David Able, enthusiastically playing along on his new ukulele. Songs in the gathering space help people feel connected to one another and welcomed by the whole group.

There is a lot of movement and energy as the evening begins and no need for song books. Everyone knows all the words or learns them right away.

After singing, the students break into classes. The classroom space allows smaller groups to interact at a personal level while sharing the message of God's infinite love. Markers, crayons and glue sticks appear and the students get to work on hands-on projects that help teach the lesson.

There is plenty of encouragement around the tables.

"You're amazing!"

"Well, I try to be."

"I praise God that you are in my life."

The students work for almost a half-hour to review the lesson and prepare for sharing time. This evening they decorated paper plates and turned them into noise makers to make a joyful noise upstairs at sharing time.

Everyone moves upstairs to St. Mary's ornate sanctuary for sharing time. Each class takes a turn sharing prayer, Scripture, visual or song to reinforce the lesson. Leadership of the parts is shared among students, teachers and helpers. The church time gives the students a voice to proclaim the good news of the Gospel.

After sharing time prayers are raised by anyone and everyone. Following each request, Mentele leads "We pray to the Lord" and the people respond, "Hear our prayer."

The evening concludes with everyone joining hands and reciting the Lord's Prayer together. Amen.

For more information about SERV, email Mentele at tpmment@yahoo.com.

Tom Willadsen is a minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and author of "OMG! LOL! Faith and Laughter," Gemma Open Door, 2012. He finds humor everywhere he goes.

Where We Worship

A look at Oshkosh religious congregations

Photo by Tom Ekvall

Donn Lord (from left), president of the Winnebago Apartment Association; Mike Stanley, Oshkosh fire chief; and John Holland, public education specialist for the Oshkosh Fire Department; display a check for $2,400 to help fund Project Safe.

Apartment group teams with city on detector effort

The Winnebago Apartment Association worked with Matt Mugerauer, Common Council member, and the Oshkosh Fire Department on a fundraising effort for the OFD Project Safe program to install 10-year permanent smoke detectors and batteries for when the department does voluntary checks of residences.

The initial $1,200 goal was raised by the Winnebago Apartment Association to $2,000 with the intention that the additional funds would be used to purchase and install combination carbon monoxide/smoke detectors rather than the smoke detectors in the current program.

This goal was exceeded and a check was presented to the Fire Department for $2,400 at the Nov. 14 council meeting. The program will exceed 1,000 smoke detectors installed by 2019.

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Black Thursday

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they were actively recruiting."

The plaque notes that the sacrifices of the 94 brought several reforms to the campus, including the creation of the Multicultural Education Center and a diversification of the faculty and curriculum.

Beyond recruiting black students, the university system in the 1960s had no plans for how to accommodate the influx once they were on campus. While younger faculty members welcomed them, the administration and older faculty were criticized for doing little to ease their transition or assist in their campus life.

The black students weren't recognized because they were not organized, and once they were organized they tried to bring their concerns to the top. What started as a request to have an appointment with Giles and present a list of grievances became what local radio called a riot.

The 94 were taken away in rental trucks and overwhelmed the jail. Some were taken to the Green Bay and Waupun prisons. Parents learned about their arrest via the media and only later were notified by residence hall staff via phone at the direction of the college administrators who refused to have any contact with the parents.

Oshkosh was torn between emerging acceptance of the civil rights movement and a staunch conservatism that resisted change. Ironically both black civil rights leader Dick Gregory and segregationist and Alabama Gov. George Wallace were in town and spoke on the same day.

The program included remarks by associate vice chancellor for academic support of inclusive excellence Sylvia Carey-Butler, a dramatization adapted from Black Thursday Oral History Project interviews by professor Stephen Kercher, a video titled "Moving Forward," remarks by Leavitt and a private reception.

Bike lane

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part of a condominium association. Residents said there are people using walkers that visit them.

During public input, Emily Dieringer, a community health strategist with the Winnebago County Health Department, spoke in favor of keeping the bike lanes as an appropriate way for people to get around the city, whether using a bike lane or using the sidewalks.

Traffic Review Advisory Board member Jim Stapel said he thought the proposal for east-side parking represented a "good compromise" to the situation, with panel members unanimously approving the motion.

However, members of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee felt there were safety issues in approving the proposed compromise along the curvy street and also felt that approving the compromise would set a precedent for other neighborhoods to object to and remove bike lanes in their areas. No one appeared at its public hearing on the matter.

Transportation Director Jim Collins said there have not been any studies done as to how many people use the lanes.

Report card

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tations and significantly exceeds expectations.

Each school received a report card from the state that can be found on the DPI website and organized by district name. The report cards measure each school's results of the Wisconsin Forward Exam, attendance rates, graduation rates and performance on the ACT. Scores for student achievement, student growth, closing the gaps and postsecondary readiness are given.

District officials said many schools saw improvement in their ratings as a result of individual school planning and districtwide continuous improvement efforts that have been focused on academics and the social and emotional growth of students.

"Each school has a unique climate, culture and challenge," stated Conrad. "Schools are more than a single test or number. Each school has classrooms and students that have unique needs and opportunities for growth."

University wasn't ready for boomer era in 1968

By Michael Cooney
Herald contributor

For Wisconsin State University Oshkosh the challenges and changes brought on by baby boomers entering college were dramatic and far beyond the scope of the university administration's understanding and ability to cope with 50 years ago.

Being on the leading edge of the postwar boom when I started college in 1964, the enrollment was about 5,000. When I graduated in January 1969 it exceeded 11,000. Thus a campus that was designed and led by administrators firmly grounded in running a "teachers college" suddenly were seeking to cope with an explosion of students, new buildings and administration systems.

I remember having to get up early to stand in line to get a number that would permit me to then come back the next day and stand in another line to register for classes. Computers were not part of the process and the manual systems were overwhelmed.

More importantly, the culture of the campus was evolving faster than one at the time could understand or, if you were an administrator, cope with.

President Roger Guiles was a serious-looking man who simply didn't mix with students. I was deeply involved in campus activities and thus in boldness of youth wanted to meet him and be acknowledged.

I made an appointment with him and hit him up for a donation to one of the various causes I was promoting. After an awkward and thankfully brief meeting I got a $5 donation. From that point I would always greet him when I would see him on campus and even when I shared the commencement stage with him as student speaker I never was able to get him to speak to me again.

I share these observations because as a white farm boy from New London they are the only way I can come close to understanding what an African-American student from Milwaukee would have experienced and how difficult it must have been to try to fit in and be acknowledged.

The day "Black Thursday" occurred I remember arriving back from student teaching in Kaukauna to a campus that was in total shock.

What to do and how to do it was the question that my liberal faculty mentors were dealing with. Several had drained their bank accounts to bail as many students out of jail as possible.

It was simply a state of confusion with the central question from the community and campus being: Why would they do this? followed by a shocking revelation that the racial issues that were impacting cities and towns elsewhere were suddenly here in Oshkosh.

Churches to benefit from Giving Tuesday

Three Oshkosh churches — First English, St. Andrew's and Our Savior's Lutheran — are benefiting their community meal programs and food pantries on Giving Tuesday as Thrivent Financial provides a matching grant of $1 for every $2 raised up to matching grant of $10,000 per organization for donations received that day.

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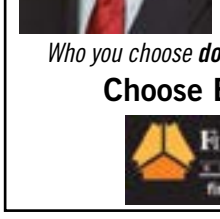
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All-conference honors roundup

Photos by Andy Ratchman, Emil Vajgrt

Some of the Oshkosh high school athletes who earned all-conference honors included (from left) West sophomore Natalie Johanknecht with an honorable mention, Lourdes senior Benny Huizenga as first-team wide receiver and West senior Blake Framke on first-team defense.

VOLLEYBALL

All four city high schools represented on squads

Oshkosh North senior Sydney Foote and Oshkosh West sophomore Morgan Yenter both were named to the Fox Valley Association's all-conference first-team last week, the league announced.

West sophomore Eva Beeth was named to the second team while two other Wildcats were named to the honorable mention team in sophomore Randi Wellhoefer and Natalie Johanknecht.

Neenah's Addie Barnes was named FVA Player of the Year while Kimberly's Carrie Knutson was named Coach of the Year.

In the Trailways East Conference, Lourdes and Valley Christian represented the all-conference teams quite well.

Three players from each filled six of the seven first-team spots as Lourdes seniors Rachel Aasby and Ellie MacKenzie, along with Rachael Russo made first team. For Valley Christian, senior Kayla Van Maanen and juniors Alivia Harvey and Madyson Dunn were also named to the team.

Aasby was named Player of the Year in the conference.

Making second team included Valley Christian junior Carla Van Maanen and Lourdes senior Morgan Thiel.

FOOTBALL

Two from West earn first-team VFA honors

Oshkosh West had two land on the Valley Football Association South All Conference teams in seniors Colton Sandstrom and Blake Framke.

Sandstrom played receiver for the Wildcats and led the team in catches and receiving yards while Framke was a force on the defense. The Wildcats struggled this season, going 2-8 after making the playoffs a season ago.

There were a handful of players that made it on the second team. On the offensive side Oshkosh North's Ian Leafgren (senior, offensive lineman), Isaiah Palmquist (senior, offensive lineman), Aittipon Thao (senior, running back) all made it while Oshkosh West had Nate Carlin (junior, receiver) and Jake Ketter (senior, quarterback).

On the defensive side of the ball, North's Matthew Mathusek (junior, lineman), Logan Boese (junior, linebacker), Thao (safety) and Braden Christie (senior, safety) made it while West's Justin Oppermann (senior, lineman), Garret Alby (senior, linebacker), Curtis Yokom (senior, linebacker), Bryce Hinn (junior, linebacker), Sean Bougie (senior, cornerback) and Trent Krause (junior, punter) all made it.

In the Trailways, Lourdes senior Benny Huizenga was first-team at wide receiver while junior Reid Spanbauer made it as part of the offensive line. Juniors Tyler Johnsen (defensive back), Caden Chier (outside linebacker) and Gavin Meyers (punter) were also named to the first team. Johnsen also made it as a kicker.

Seniors Trevor Bengson (running back), Hayden Jones (wide receiver) and Jack Dolan (offensive line) were named to the second team, as well as junior Patrick Derleth (defensive end).

Making honorable mention include junior Keagan Stelzer (offensive line) and sophomores Josh Bauer (quarterback) and Charlie Weber (inside linebacker).

BOYS SOCCER

West highly recognized after strong season

The Oshkosh West had a trio of players that earned first-team all-Fox Valley Association after the team had a successful year, finishing one game away from the state tournament.

Making first team were seniors Edgar Heredia – a unanimous choice – and Aidan Godfrey and Zach Janotha. Heredia was also named co-Player of the Year along with Neenah's Thomas Priest.

Oshkosh West had two make first-team in seniors Reilly Bartow and Michael Grant. Making honorable mention from West include seniors Jonathan Lopez and Michael Schmidt while North juniors Cade Schmitz and Scott Swanlund joined them.

In the Flyway Conference, Lourdes had two make first team in senior Nathan Kaull and sophomore Ryan Kroll.

Making second team was sophomore Peter Chartier. Winnebago Lutheran's Kalan Narance was named Player of the Year in the Flyway.

GIRLS GOLF

Norton, Miller earn second team all-FVA

Two area golfers were named to the Fox Valley Association second-team in Oshkosh West senior Hailee Norton and Oshkosh North sophomore Grace Miller.

Sophomore Hailee Brunk of Oshkosh North earned honorable mention.

Kaukauna led the way as three Ghosts made first-team all-conference while getting two more on the second team.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Pecore earns first-team all-FVA after state trip

Fresh off a trip to the WIAA State Championships, where she was 11th in the 500 free, Oshkosh North's Ali Pecore was recently announced to the first team in the Fox Valley Association.

Pecore made it in the 500-meter free and was the lone area swimmer to make the first team. She also earned honorable mention in the 100 breast.

Making second team was Oshkosh West freshman Melana Zeinert in the 100 backstroke while teammates Annemarie Herrick (junior) and Claire Salzer (freshman) made honorable mention in the 50 free and 100 breast.

North/Lourdes sophomores Corynn Latta also earned honorable mention in the 200 individual medley.

GIRLS TENNIS

Wildcats' Heath makes first team with FVA

Oshkosh West senior Mikayla Heath earned first-team all-Fox Valley Association, the lone area player to make first-team.

Neenah filled up most of the first team, taking 10 of the 11 spots. Heath made it at the No. 3 singles spot.

A handful of local athletes made the second team as North senior Gabrielle Prehn made it at No. 2 singles while West had seven make it. Courtney Carpenter (freshman) made it at No. 4 singles, Allison Buege (senior) and Brinley Bettcher (sophomore) made it as the top doubles teams, Victoria Chanez and Anna Gannon – both seniors – made it as part of the No. 2 doubles team while Mary Oman (junior) and Sam Lightner (freshman) made it as the No. 3 doubles team.

Making honorable mention include North senior Courtney Day at No. 1 singles and West senior Brecca Betcher at No. 1 singles.

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Herd falters at home before long road stretch

By Ti Windisch
Herald contributor

The Wisconsin Herd played in three close games this week but ended up losing each of them, dropping Wisconsin's record to 1-5, worst in the NBA G League's Eastern Conference.

Despite the losses, Herd players and head coach Jordan Brady were confident that the team will be able to turn things around.

"You talk about the results, but really for us we're staying focused on the process," Brady said. "We understand that it's going to take our guys a little bit of time to get comfortable playing in this new style of play, and I feel like we're heading in the right direction."

The week's first game Wednesday came against the Fort Wayne Mad Ants, a large team that played accordingly. Fort Wayne won 122-115 while also out-rebounding the Herd 51-32 despite big man Christian Wood being on assignment from the Milwaukee Bucks.

Fellow assignment player Sterling Brown scored 23 points and recorded three steals and a rebound in that loss, while James Young led the team in scoring with 27 points. Edmond Sumner paced the Mad Ants with a 35-point scoring outburst.

The next two games for Wisconsin were composed of a home back-to-back, first against the expansion Capital City Go-Go on Friday followed by a bout with the Windy City Bulls on Saturday. The Herd led both games at halftime but couldn't hold their lead on either night.

The offense was alive against Capital City as Young scored a season-high 30 on just 15 field goal attempts and Travis Trice dished a team record 12 assists in addition

Photo by Emil Vajgrt

Christian Wood dunks against the Windy City Bulls in Saturday's game at the arena.

to his 21 points. Wisconsin managed to score 130 points but gave up 142 in the losing effort.

Young got to the free throw line 13 times, with many of his attempts coming as and-ones after made baskets. Brady said Young's ability to draw fouls, even on jump shots, comes due to his dangerous scoring ability.

"(Young) understands how to move his body and he manipulates defenders, first and foremost," Brady said. "The guy is a cold-blooded scorer. Then I think that his size and his shooting ability, and the high release that he has on his jump shot, forces guys to over-contest. They have to get into his landing space and get into his body or they can't contest his jump shot."

Brady said that late runs by the opposition can result from a lack of defensive discipline on his players' parts, and also from some coaching miscues in terms of lineups on his part.

"We're a new group, we've got some young players that are learning and understanding the importance of defensive discipline, especially late in the game," Brady said. "Part of that late-game defense I think is me getting more familiar with our players and lineups I'll be able to finish the game with defensively, while still being able to have the scoring balance we need to have on the floor."

Saturday night's game, which had Bucks star Giannis Antetokounmpo in attendance, came down to the final few possessions in part due to Windy City getting several offensive rebounds late in the game as the Bulls won 101-98.

Wood stuffed the box score, posting 23 points, 12 rebounds, three assists and three blocks.

After Saturday night's game Brown took responsibility for his part in the loss, and said he knows he can and will play better.

"If they're scoring we got to do something to change it up a little bit," Brown said. "We've got to man up and guard. I got scored on a couple times late and gave up a few rebounds. On the offensive end we've got to execute, make open shots, find open teammates. We've just got to play harder, myself more than anybody."

Despite the tough start to the season, the message has been unified in the Wisconsin locker room, with players like Cinmeon Bowers saying the group is like a family and will figure it out going forward.

"It's early in the season," Bowers said. "Everything will come together, we've just got to trust each other. We've got to build that trust within each other. This is our first time playing together, we don't know each other yet, so we've got to keep trusting each other, stay active and keep playing hard."

The Herd's next game in Oshkosh isn't until Dec. 7 as they embark on a six-game road trip, by far the longest of the season, beginning with a showdown Wednesday against the Grand Rapids Drive.

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Wisconsin Comedy Tour, 8 p.m., Christine's Bar, 686 N. Main St.

Saturday, Nov. 24

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Hailey James, 6 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co., 1501 Arboretum Drive

Tuesday, Nov. 27

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Thursday, Nov. 29

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Dedication of Lincoln bust: The bust of the beloved martyred President Abraham Lincoln was unveiled in a public dedication. The artist is Adolf Alexander Weinman, who also designed the Lincoln monuments for the Lincoln home in Hodgensville, Ky., and also Madison. Efforts were made by Col. John Hicks to get a full replica of the Hodgensville statue, but that was sent to Madison. The bust is an exact replica of the upper halves of those statues. The artist was on hand for the unveiling. The colossal replica of the head and shoulders was unveiled at the Lincoln School grounds on Algoma Street. The exercises were brief and simple. Bringing the bust to public view from beneath the folds of an American flag was the part played by Master John Hicks III, grandson of the donor (Lincoln School was closed in 2010 and the bust now resides on the property of the Oshkosh Public Museum).

Source: Public Monuments, Parks and Arts Gifts, Given the City of Oshkosh, 1919

Candeo Creative changes ownership

Sheng Lee Riechers, vice president of Candeo Creative, has taken ownership of the marketing and advertising agency from company founder Zackery Pawlosky.

Candeo Creative began as a social media startup in 2012 led by Pawlosky, a University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh freshman at the time who grew his services into an integrated, multimillion-dollar agency. The agency has seen triple-digit, year-over-year revenue growth, and is adding three full-time roles before the end of the month.

Riechers joined the company six months into its inception as communications director, then transitioned into operations and most recently vice president. Riechers plans to continue to work with Pawlosky in the upcoming year.

"Sheng and I will continue to work together as we build an economic ecosystem of businesses that will thrive right here in the Fox Valley," he said in a statement. "As for my next venture, I will be focusing on two major initiatives: one that focuses on venture capitalism, supporting and encouraging local entrepreneurs and start-ups, and the other on software and technology development."

Riechers said that investing in the Fox Valley with innovation, technology and creative will help prevent the exodus of talent to Chicago and the Twin Cities. Her initiatives will also seek to attract more talent and diversity to northeast Wisconsin.

"It has been demonstrated that organizations that hire multicultural employees experience greater success," Riechers said. "I believe that I can extend this theory into our community. When you welcome diversity of thought, backgrounds, cultures and experiences, you stand to gain a better understanding of the world around you."

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Warming Shelter hires new director

The Day by Day Warming Shelter has named Matt Johnson as the organization's new executive director.

Johnson joins the shelter from Solutions Recovery Inc, another Oshkosh nonprofit that helps individuals and families struggling with alcohol and drug addiction. He served as a board member at Solutions for four years, including chairman, before being named executive director last summer.

JOHNSON

"We are excited to have Matt as a member of our team at the shelter, we hope that his experience in the recovery community can be a major asset when working with our guests this season and into the future," said Chad Engstrom, board chairman. "He has demonstrated success in the nonprofit field in our community, and we hope he can carry that success towards these efforts, helping us expand, grow and serve more individuals in the Oshkosh community."

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UW-Oshkosh men's squad now team to beat

By Brad Hartmann
Herald contributor

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Titan junior guard David Vlotho drives to the basket against the Badgers in a Nov. 2 exhibition contest in Madison.

Being the top dog is what every team dreams about. For some athletes that's all the motivation they need to succeed. For others it's how you handle the pressure of living up to those expectations.

The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh men's basketball team is coming off its best season in its 60-year history, advancing to the Division III National Championship game before coming up short 78-72 to Nebraska Wesleyan University.

"I wouldn't say there is any additional pressure. I think we put more pressure on ourselves to succeed at a high level and be great each and every day," said senior guard Ben Boots. "We always hold ourselves to the highest standard anyways. It's how you don't let distractions get in the way of conquering the ultimate goal: winning a national championship."

In any sport winning comes with its own sacrifices as the Titans (25-8) learned May 1 when coach Pat Juckem announced he was taking the vacant head coaching position at Washington University in St. Louis. But there was no reason to panic as Athletic Director Darryl Sims offered top assistant coach Matt Lewis the interim coaching position.

"I don't feel a ton of pressure. I believe in the quote: Coach-led teams can be good," Lewis said. "Player-led teams can be great. I am always a believer in, if players have a voice you're going to have a better product. It's not always dictated by the coach. I want our guys to take ownership and leadership."

Entering the year Lewis came up with a new approach that many coaches haven't used before and has already impacted this year's squad: making them write down on a whiteboard what they are thankful for and what success they accomplished.

At a recent practice some of the things players said they were thankful for included the Packers, elevator talk, naps, Cash's health, Adam sharing food, not getting hurt or iced, and ending with Sunday means first-place Bears.

"I think it's a way that we can look at things off the court as well as on the court and continue to be thankful for not only basketball, but outside of basketball as well," said Boots.

The Titans welcome back four of five starters from last year that include preseason All-American Ben Boots and All-WIAC selections Jack Flynn and Adam Fravert.

"It was definitely a cool award to get," Flynn said. "I am very honored to get it but it's a new season and I just have to keep building on that. The sky is the limit. We have a lot of talent around us. We have a lot of size. We have to show up every day because we are going to get everyone's best."

Boots says he doesn't try to overthink things as the team leader in scoring at 16 points per game and the conference leader in assists last year with 145, but is quick to credit his teammates.

"I am fortunate to play with a lot of talented teammates where I don't have to go out and get 20 points a night. I have the ability to set my teammates up so we have a good possession and good shot every time on offense," Boots said. "Assists is probably one of the only stats that I value. I take a lot of pride in. As a point guard it's my responsibility to set them up and put them in good positions to use their skill set and win games."

None of the current Titans played a high school state tournament game inside the Kohl Center in Madison, but that all changed Nov. 2 as they took on the Wisconsin Badgers in a 82-70 exhibition loss. Fravert led the Titans with 20 points, six rebounds and three blocks. He said the team's main focus is defense.

"It was really fun being out there. Anyone from our team can go off any game and it happened to be me that night," said Fravert. "The Badgers are a fundamental team. Our defense turns into offense. Our goal is to see how many kills we can get. Three stops is a kill. We are always trying to get kills and obviously if we get three stops we will end up having a lead."

One goal the Titans would like to conquer short of a championship would be capturing their first WIAC title, something they haven't done since the 2001-2002 season.

"I think there is pride in winning a conference championship," said guard Brett Whittchow. "The WIAC is a tough and grueling schedule. It's hard to win on the road and that's why you don't see teams rolling through this conference. And for us seniors this is our last chance and it's very important to us."

Postseason success usually comes with preseason rewards as the Titans were ranked second in the D3hoops.com poll and projected to capture its 13th WIAC title based off projections by coaches and sports information directors. Last season the Titans set two school records by scoring 2,482 points and hitting 301 three-pointers while being ranked seventh nationally with a plus-8.4 average rebounding margin.

The Titans opened the season last weekend in Wheaton, Ill., in the Lee Pfund Classic with an 86-77 victory over Piedmont College (Ga.) Friday followed by an 86-74 loss to Wheaton College on Saturday.

"The early-season tournaments are really good because it does simulate what the national tournament is all about," said Lewis. "You play a Friday and Saturday game if you are that fortunate. Every game counts when it comes down to the selection committee and we don't win the conference for that at-large bid. It doesn't matter if you beat a small school one day and bigger school the next, they all count the same."

Asked what the Titans need to do if they want to cut down the net in March, responses included, "We gotta keep making a step every day," " We just got to be ourselves" and, "We can't beat ourselves."

On March 16 when the season ends there are four words the Titans would like to write on their whiteboard: Division III National Champions.

Titans women expect to build on steady success

By Brad Hartmann
Herald contributor

Normally when a team is in rebuild mode it takes three or four years to see the results. When the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh woman's basketball program hired Brad Fischer in 2013 the word "rebuild" quickly went out the window.

The Titans enter the 2018-2019 campaign seeking its seventh consecutive 20-win season, an astonishing achievement they haven't matched since the seasons of 1994-2000 as Kathi Bennett led the Titans to their first NCAA Division III National Championship in school history in 1996 posting a 31-0 record.

"I think the first team was sick of struggling so much that they were just hungry and wanted to try something different. In that way it was the perfect storm for me. They were willing to do whatever I asked from them," said Fischer. "We've been feeding off our momentum that our past classes have produced. Even if we don't win 20 games this year we keep the culture of the program moving forward."

This year's squad faces its biggest adversity after losing four seniors, welcoming in eight freshman and looking for leadership from seniors Isabella Samuels, Erin Vande Zande, Chloe Pustina, Melanie Schneider and transfer Jessie Rabas. However, the Titans are returning three of five starters from last season (Pustina, Samuels and Olivia Campbell).

"We have a lot of talent on this team. We may not have a star player, but that's also a good thing for us," said junior guard Campbell. "Anyone can score for us and you have to cover everyone of us. We have a very talented freshman class and returners."

Fischer

Last season Schneider's role was coming off the bench, averaging 8.4 points and 3.8 rebounds in 18.6 minutes of play. This season she is the starting forward and looks forward to the task.

"I looked up to the seniors from last year," Schneider said. "I worked one on one with Eliza Campbell who is Olivia's sister. I took what they did and took what the coaches told me by working hard in and off season. One thing Eliza taught me was to focus on the little things and just play basketball."

After posting a 21-6 overall and 9-5 second-place WIAC conference record the Titans are projected to finish third in this year's WIAC standings, according to league coaches and sports information directors.

"They can think what they want. We just got to go out every day and hopefully prove them wrong by keep working hard," said Schneider.

Last season came to an abrupt end against UW-Whitewater in the conference championship. The Warhawks (25-4), who had swept the Titans during the season, won 68-65 after Eliza Campbell's three-point attempt fell short with 5 seconds left.

"That game didn't come down to that play and I know my sister felt bad that she missed that shot. There were other things that lead to the loss," said Olivia Campbell. "That loss has a sour taste in my mouth, especially when you say Whitewater I get mad that they ended our season last year."

The Warhawks ended the Titans' opportunity for a fifth consecutive NCAA tournament appearance. They are the only two WIAC teams that have been selected to the NCAA tournament.

If there is anything to learn from your sister it's not to be selfish. Last season Campbell ranked second in the WIAC with 75 assists and earned All-WIAC Defensive Team honors after a team-leading 47 steals.

"That's how I have always played. I am a 'pass first.' I have talented teammates so I know if I pass them the ball it's going in," Campbell said.

Fischer said one team weakness from last year was not finishing games, but he is proud of never having to beg any of his players to play hard for him.

"I think that's a credit to our kids and their families. It's the type of kids that we recruit," Fischer said. "I know on Mondays they will show up and want to get better and if they do that for four months I know we can be a pretty good basketball team."

The Titans opened with an exhibition game Nov. 4 against the Wisconsin Badgers in a 79-51 loss and then celebrated a home opening victory over American Rivers Conference opponent Loras College 83-75, who later went on the road to upset No. 21 UW-Whitewater, 77-73.

The Titans followed that with an easy 64-32 win Saturday over Ripon College.

"Playing a D1 school is always a great experience. The Badgers are very athletic and skilled," said Campbell. "You can make mistakes, but if you play someone that much better than you it's exemplified much more. I am grateful that we got to play them and I thought we played well against them.

"Loras is a great win. They come from a good conference. They are always a contender for their conference championship so wins like this are huge."

The old cliche is take one game at a time, but if there is a game the Titans have circled on their calendar it's Jan. 16 at home against Whitewater.