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Firefighters and dive team members Kevin Putzer (left) and Matt Van Zeeland are shown in front of the Oshkosh Fire Department's rescue airboat.

City's ice rescue team ready for cold reality

By Tom Ekvall HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

No ice is 100 percent safe.

That is the message of the Oshkosh Fire Department as cold, winter weather freezes over Lake Winnebago, the Fox River and other nearby waters.

The city has a rescue team that includes 13 divers who can bring someone out of icv conditions should they fall through. The team has an airboat that can cut through ice as well as a vehicle with the latest rescue equipment, including a large

"Whenever a 9-1-1 call comes in, we can reach the scene within a half-hour to bring someone out of the water," said Matt Van Zeeland, a firefighter and scuba diver trainer for the team.

Timing is critical, Van Zeeland said, because anyone in the water more than 90 minutes is the likely victim of a "recovery" mission rather than a rescue.

Ice safety reports advise never traveling on ice that isn't at least 4 inches thick. Four inches or higher is acceptable for ice fishing or other activities on foot. The ice should be 5 to 7 inches for snowmobiles or all-terrain vehicles, 8 to 12 inches for cars and small pickup trucks, and 12 inches and thicker for medium trucks.

All divers wear special gear that keeps them dry, warm and prevents the water from touching their skin. Van Zeeland said he has been involved with diving for more than 18 years and was excited when he had the opportunity to join the Fire Department rescue team and serve as its trainer six years ago.

Land-based rescues can be accomplished up to 300 feet from shoreline, while the airboat is used for traveling in

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Event fees set for 2019

Rates may increase depending on labor and equipment needs

By Tom Ekvall HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

New special event rates for 2019 that will be charged to organizers were approved by the Common Council on a 6-1 vote at its Nov. 27 meeting.

The updated rates are based on the city's cost to provide labor, special equipment and rental costs for facilities. Some fees are higher and others are lower from 2018.

Council member Matt Mugerauer was the lone opponent of the higher fees, saying they represented "too much cost" for organizers. Others on the council said Oshkosh taxpayers should not have to cover organizers' special events costs.

"We cannot have taxpayers subsidizing these events," said Tom Pech Jr.

There were 238 events using city services in 2018, of which 118 did not meet the qualification as a "special event," according to Kathryn Snell, special events coordinator for the city. Event City, as Oshkosh is known, hosted events spanning 336 days in 2018 that are estimated to have generated \$371,321 in revenue for 2018 with \$74,822 in measured in-kind contributions by the city.

In-kind contributions include services, equipment and supplies for neighborhood block parties, community parades and processions, school parades and processions, and city-sponsored events. The contributions also include the reduction of the equipment and vehicle charges based

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Water basin phosphorus strategy under review

Oshkosh Herald

Phosphorus levels are a major factor in plant and algae growth in lakes and streams. Even small increases — from street contaminants, agricultural runoff or sediment buildups — can boost plant and algae growth that adversely affects recreational use and public health.

The state Department of Natural Resources is accepting public comments on the maximum loads for phosphorus and suspended solids in the Upper Fox and Wolf river basins and holding a public hearing on the water quality project Dec. 12 in Oshkosh.

Each of the four Winnebago pool lakes – Winnebago, Poygan, Butte des Morts and Winneconne — has been included on the DNR's impaired waters list because of their high total phosphorus concentrations, water quality use restrictions and excess algae growth.

"We will outline the changes that were made based upon comments received during the earlier listening sessions and informal comment period," said Keith Marquardt, a DNR water resources specialist who is managing the project. "In addition to those changes we also added material to aid in implementation efforts."

One of those additions is a summary of allowable phosphorus loads for agricultural sources expressed in pounds per acre at the edge of a field. This information on total maximum daily loads (TMDL) anal-

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Race for Light

More than 900 participants headed out on a cold and rainy night for the 16th annual Race for the Light 5K. The event included runners and walkers on a course that started at the Boys & Girls Club who are shown running through the Celebration of Lights. The run generated about \$26,000 to benefit Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services.

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Community news briefs

Father faces charges in death of 2-month-old

A 27-year-old man is in police custody and facing first-degree reckless homicide charges in the death of his 2-month-old son Nov. 29 in the 500 block of West 8th Avenue.

Oshkosh police were dispatched to the home at 7:14 p.m. and the infant was later pronounced dead at a local hospital. The father of the child was taken into custody and an autopsy was performed by the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's



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Police said the investigation is ongoing.

Three-year-old girl found dead at home

A 3-year-old girl was found dead Friday when Oshkosh police responded to a medical call at about 7:30 a.m. Friday at a home on Sanders Street.

There were no details released as of last weekend and police said the investigation is ongoing.

Man seriously injured in stabbing incident

A 28-year-old Oshkosh man was hospitalized with what police described as life-threatening injuries after being stabbed multiple times with a knife Saturday afternoon at a rooming house where he lived on West New York Avenue.

Another male resident, age 24, was taken into custody and faces charges of attempted first-degree intentional homicide along with a parole violation. He reportedly suffered minor injuries.

Army makes 10th order of Oshkosh Corp. JLTVs

The U.S. Army has placed a \$1.69 billion order for 6,107 Joint Light Tactical Vehicles (JLTV) and associated installed and packaged kits from Oshkosh Defense, the 10th order under the contract that was awarded to the Oshkosh Corp. division in August 2015.

To date, Oshkosh has delivered more than 2,600 of the tactical vehicles and expects a full rate production decision this

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month followed by the first Army unit equipped early next year.

The JLTV is expected to fill a capability gap for the U.S. Army and Marine Corps by replacing a large portion of the up-armored Humvee fleet with a modern light protected vehicle.

Downtown street projects completed

Downtown reconstruction of Otter and Washington avenues is nearing completion, city officials reported. Washington Avenue from North Main Street to the railroad tracks, the Otter Avenue parking lot and the State Street parking lot are now open, and Otter from State Street to the railroad tracks opened last weekend.

Permanent pavement markings for Washington Avenue, Otter Avenue and both parking lots will be completed in the spring due to the early onset of cold weather. Similarly, parking space reconfiguration on Oregon Street also will need to be completed in the spring.

Oshkosh Avenue construction also was completed last week from North Eagle to North Koeller streets. Temporary traffic signals at Oshkosh Avenue and Westfield will remain flashing for about a week before being activated. Permanent signals will be installed when the equipment is delivered.





School district staffing additions considered

A request for additional nurses for the Oshkosh Area School District's preschool population was discussed at the Board of Education's Nov. 28 meeting.

Matt Kaemmerer, director of pupil services, told the board that the district has five school nurses who have been handling a significant increase in student health needs. He said the addition of a 4K focused nurse would be a significant improvement while a second nurse would allow the district to keep up with the number of students with disabilities that has risen sharply in the past six years.

There was also a request for an additional half full-time equivalent position for science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) support. Additional duties would include providing resources for schools that want to have STEM nights and school gardens, as well as preparing for the engineering unit, which will require kits for all science classrooms.

A separate request has been made to assist Merrill Elementary staff this year with a temporary position to help with interventions. There have been 14 new students with special education needs who recently moved into the Merrill attendance area.







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Native feasts waiting for backyard birds

By Rob Zimmer HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The coming of December means the beginning of a long winter season of feeding and attracting backyard birds. Many in the Oshkosh area are discovering that landscaping for birds draws even a bigger crowd.

Most bird species prefer to feed from natural sources, so including a variety of berry and seed producing plants, ideally native ones, is the perfect way to ensure a variety of colorful feathered visitors all season long.

Native plants are those indigenous to the area or have been here since before the first settlers arrived. Because they are native to our area, they are best adapted and utilized by songbirds and other species.

Chad Casper, with the Winnebago County Land and Water Conservation Department, works closely with residents to plan native landscapes and shorelines that benefit birds, butterflies and other wild species.

Planting native wildflowers and grasses to provide nectar and pollen for butterflies and bees is just the start. With the arrival of fall and winter, Casper says, consideration turns to birds that will be moving in for the winter season. Casper encourages residents to allow the seedheads and feathery seed plumes of native grasses to remain standing all winter long since they are a precious food source for birds and other wildlife.

Check out some great examples of just what Casper is talking about by visiting the native wildflower plantings around the James P. Coughlin Center at 600 E. County Y. Hiking trails throughout the 35-acre property showcase a variety of native plants that remain standing throughout the winter season to provide a food source for feathered friends.

In addition to excellent seed-producing native wildflowers such as purple coneflower, black-eyed Susan, blazing star, cup plant and prairie coneflower are a variety of berry-producing native shrubs on display as well. Red osier dogwood, juniper, northern white-cedar, high bush cranberry and viburnums make wonderful choices for landscape plants to help feed birds during the winter season.

Other excellent shrubs for wintering birds are staghorn sumac, ninebark, serviceberry and a variety of crabapples.

You may recall the late-season blizzard last April that caused the death of untold numbers of robins that had already arrived from the south and were unable to find food because of the deep snows. Planting berry-producing trees and shrubs helps to ensure a food source for these songbirds should a similar situation happen again.

Supplementing natural food sources such as these with a good variety of bird seed, suet and fresh water will draw the biggest variety of birds to backyards and properties. Offer birds different food choices in a variety of different feeder styles. Including favorites such as black oil sunflower seed, safflower, Nyjer seed, cracked or whole corn, peanuts, as well as suet, along with berries, sliced fruit and other treats, should draw a parade of colorful birds all winter season.

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



Crabapples provide a beneficial source of food all through fall and winter for songbirds such as robins, cedar waxwings, finches and blue jays.

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Santa's Workshop captures holiday spirit at station

By Tom Ekvall HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

It is known as Santa's Workshop in Osh-

The reality is that it's the former jail cells at the Oshkosh Police Department that have not been used for more than a decade.

Crime Prevention Officer Kate Mann said the department uses the former cells to store gifts provided by businesses, community agencies and residents that will be distributed in the community to children, senior citizens, the homeless, refugees and families during December.

Mann said she is appreciative of the Oshkosh community providing help to others so that they have a wonderful Christmas.

"We get donations all year long for this giving season," she said. "There is a lot of cool stuff that we plan to give out."

Some of those providing gifts:



Oshkosh Police officer Kate Mann shows some of the donated gifts being stored in Santa's Workshop that makes use of former jail cells at the Police Department.

 Ladies from Lakefront Manor provided homemade fleece blankets, hats and scarves through a donation from Thrivent

• His Church provided Blessing Bags with items coming through 4imprint, Taco Johns, Taco Bell, Little Caesars, Midas, Meijer, Burger King, Zaronis and Bridgeview Dental.

• 400 stuffed animals from Pet Smart.

• Lights of Christmas campaign.

• Walmart, Block Iron, Dress Barn, Old Navy, among others.

Mann said police officers will be working with the Boys & Girls Club to offer children a Shop with a Cop event at Walmart. Police also plan to stop at the Day By Day Warming Shelter to provide residents with gift items. In conjunction with World Relief Organization, 11 refugee families will be receiving gifts for 38

Programs energize community's giving season

Local organizations and individuals make special holiday efforts to help those in need with food, clothing and other important gifts of time and support to let families and children know their community cares.

Scores of entertainment events connect with fundraisers — the Oshkosh Celebra-

make the holidays bright:

tion of Lights is one — to spark a food or gift drive that helps stock shelves at the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry, Father Carr's Place 2B and other church-affiliated pantries and kitchens that serve the public. Some of the organizations that work to



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The Salvation Army

Financially struggling families turn to the Salvation Army of Oshkosh each year for assistance under programs like Adopt a Family, Toy Shop and Coats for Kids. Families sign up starting in October for seasonal programs, with a final sign-up opportunity for the Toy Shop program Dec. 11.

With the help of community partners the Salvation Army gives out thousands of toys, books and games, as well as 3,600 warm clothes items last season to children under their Coats for Kids partnership with Cumulus Radio. The Oshkosh Salvation Army also spreads Christmas cheer through hospital visits, nursing home events, meal delivery, bell ringing and gifting programs.

About 33 percent of yearly donations come through the Red Kettle campaign, which runs until Dec. 24. Oshkosh Corp. was matching donations to the red kettles Dec. 5 in Oshkosh up to \$25,000.

Oshkosh Fire Department

The 20th annual Oshkosh Fire Department Food and Toy Drive is underway as Santa's helpers make their way around city neighborhoods collecting food, toy and cash donations for the Salvation Army. Monetary donations will also go to support the Gary Kassube Memorial Scholarship given to two high school students who will be enrolled in a post-secondary fire or police science program.

Since 2010, the department has collected more than 36,000 pounds of food, near-

on the northwest side and Tuesday at Station 18 on the northeast side of the city. All routes begin at 5 p.m. and end about 7:30. Donations can be dropped off at any fire station until Dec. 14.

Parent Connection

The Oshkosh Southwest Rotary budgets funds to provide about 100 children gifts for the holiday. Individual Rotary club members, their employers and friends also donate funds and support the event by shopping for children's requested items from a list provided by Family Services/Parent Connection.

Rotarians wrap the gifts and plan a party with the children and parents that offers food, music, crafts and a visit by Santa to disperse gifts. This year's Wrap Party is at 5 p.m. Dec. 11 at the 20th Avenue YMCA and the Parent Connection Christmas Party starts at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 12 at the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh.

Toys for Tots

Toys for Tots is an annual children's gift collection effort run by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. All toys collected for Winnebago County stay in the county. Collection coordinator is the Winnegamie Home Builders Association. The Oshkosh Herald and members of WHBA helped launch the local effort at the tree-lighting ceremony Nov. 13 at Opera House Square.

Oshkosh Corp. plays a partnership role in Toys for Tots by mobilizing its employ-

Boys & Girls Club

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh's Christmas campaign helps fund the club's annual budget and gives members the security of a safe and welcome home. Donors can provide the essentials with a laundry basket filled with supplies that the club can distribute to families in need. Gift certificates are also welcome for grocery stores, gas stations and department stores.

A Christmas party for members has a "store" where children pick out gifts for their families. Donations for the party are welcome by contacting Radford Center director Lori Fields at lorif@bgcosh.org.

The club also adopts out families who are in the greatest need for the holidays. Those interested in adopting a family can contact marketing director Katie Huebner at katieh@bgcosh.org.

Mid-Morning Kiwanis

In partnership with the school district, the Mid-Morning Kiwanis Club was conducting a can food drive from 8 to 11 a.m. Dec. 5 to support the Salvation Army. Members will be stopping at elementary schools to pick up students' donations. Community donations are being excepted at West Side Tire & Auto during that time.

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John Berry returns to Grand for holiday concert

Grammy-winning singer/songwriter John Berry brings his Christmas Songs & Stories tour to The Grand Oshkosh at 7 p.m. Dec. 12.

Berry's program of traditional Christmas songs includes some of his biggest hits and a few childhood stories.

Berry's "Do Not Be Afraid" is on this year's release of "Country Faith Christmas Vol. 2" with music artists like Carrie Underwood, Chris Young, Kelsea Ballerini, Hank Williams Jr. and Darius Rucker.

"I am beyond excited to have a song on the Country Faith Christmas project," said Berry. "Christmas is the most special time of year and I believe "Do Not Be Afraid" is a perfect song for celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. I can't wait to get back and see my friends in Oshkosh; we always have a great time there." Actively recording since 1979, Berry has one platinum album and two gold albums, and has landed 19 songs on the Billboard Hot Country Songs charts, including No. 1 single "Your Love Amazes Me" from 1994.

A VIP package for an additional \$23.50 gains early access for a meet-and-greet, acoustic songs by Berry, a souvenir laminate, autograph and photo opportunity.

Fundraisers

The **Society of Oshkosh Brewers** presented a check for \$6,200 to the **Oshkosh Hunger Network** from its charity fundraiser Casks and Caskets Homebrew Event held Oct. 27 at the Hilton Garden Inn. Funds were raised through sponsorships and donations received at the event.

Ascension Mercy Hospital partnered with Garding Against Cancer to support the Oasis hair studio Nov. 2 for the second annual Garding Against Cancer Exhibition Game at the Kohl Center in Madison. Heather Roesch, oncology social worker

at the Michael D. Wachtel Cancer Center, joined four other providers as part of the starting lineup. The Mercy Health Foundation was presented a check for \$20,000 for the Oasis to support expenses associated with any individual from Oshkosh and surrounding communities who have experienced hair loss to cancer.

Oshkosh Express Laundry Center recently presented a \$2,417 check to Aurora Health Care Foundation's Oshkosh Pink Possible Breast Health Fund. The Pink Possible campaign engages local

businesses in October to raise money for breast cancer patients and their families. Oshkosh Express Laundry was the leading contributor this year and donated the proceeds of shopping bags and 5 percent of October sales to the cause.

As part of **Cousins Subs** and the **Milwaukee Bucks'** annual **Block Out Hunger** campaign, the organizations stopped at the Boys & Girls Club on Dec. 3 during afterschool activities to deliver meals to about 125 children in the club's dinner program in one of three statewide visits.

Hospital visitors

Santa and Mrs. Claus are coming to Mercy Ascension Hospital and families can take a photo with them from 9 a.m. to noon Sunday. There will also be a crafts sale during that time. People are asked to use the main entrance at 500 S. Oakwood Road.



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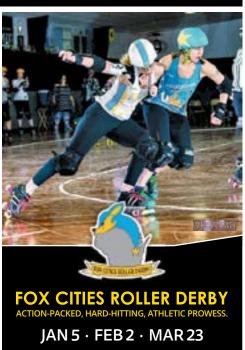


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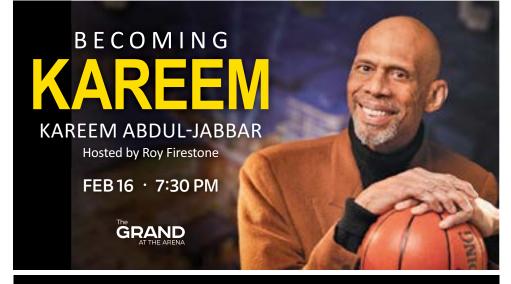












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Donor holds off on UWO Alumni Center deal

By Miles Maguire
Special to Oshkosh Herald

A \$2 million naming-rights deal for the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Alumni Center has been put on ice after the donor canceled a \$500,000 check upon learning that an agreement he approved with university officials did not match his intent, court papers show.

The UW-Oshkosh Foundation alleges in court filings that the naming-rights deal as well as several other major gifts were targeted in repeated acts of interference by university officials, possibly including UW System President Ray Cross.

In addition, according to a sworn affidavit from former state Sen. Jessica King, UW-Oshkosh Chancellor Andrew Leavitt spoke to her at a memorial for longtime professor Kenneth A. Grieb and told her that future gifts in his name should be directed away from the university foundation.

King is the executrix of Grieb's estate and had just informed the chancellor that Grieb "had left a generous gift through the UW Oshkosh Foundation for the International Studies Department," the affidavit states. Grieb died this summer after teaching for more than 50 years at the university.

The allegations of state officials directing donations away from the foundation represent the latest skirmish between the university and its long-established fundraising arm. Representatives of Cross and Leavitt decline to comment for this story.

The dispute over charitable gifts has surfaced as the UW System is attempting to keep the UWO Foundation from collecting on a multimillion-dollar judgment that would allow it to emerge from bankruptcy.

If the impasse continues, the founda-

tion says, it may attempt to sell the Alumni Welcome and Conference Center, which overlooks the Fox River and is currently used by the university rent-free.

The foundation also says it would sell a biodigester that sits off Witzel Avenue behind the Campus Services Building. According to the foundation, the facility is used by the university in teaching and, according to the university website, provides energy to the school while disposing of yard and food waste.

"If the UWO Foundation cannot confirm a Chapter 11 plan by collecting on the judgment, I will recommend that that the UWO Foundation liquidate the Witzel Biodigester and Welcome Center," Timothy Mulloy, chairman of the foundation, said in a sworn statement.

"I do not think that such an action is in the best interests of either the university or the UWO Foundation. But the reality is that those two assets are part of the reason the UWO Foundation was forced into bankruptcy and selling those two assets will allow the UWO Foundation to exit bankruptcy."

Mulloy estimated that the biodigester would sell for \$2 million and indicated the alumni center is worth \$12 million based on its cost of construction.

Organizations that file for bankruptcy protection are typically not bankrupt in the sense of being unable to function or to meet most of their obligations. The UW Oshkosh-Foundation recently disbursed more than \$800,000 in scholarship funds and says that it has healthy revenue streams despite some long-term debts that it cannot repay immediately.

The bankruptcy process is intended to allow debtors to find a way to restructure

their obligations and then return to normal operations. A bankruptcy judge has ordered the state to pay the foundation millions of dollars to make good on promises made by former UWO officials.

Elsewhere in his affidavit Mulloy alleges university officials interfered with pledges from two major contributors, J. J. Keller & Associates, the Neenah-based company that specializes in safety and regulatory compliance, and Sodexo, the campus food service contractor.

Keller had agreed to a series of pledges to help pay for the alumni center, Mulloy said. But when the company's foundation was sent a reminder about this year's installment, a company official reported that, "Chancellor Leavitt contacted the J. J. Keller Foundation and instructed it to not send the pledge."

Mulloy paid a personal visit to the company's chairman, Robert Keller, and persuaded him to continue making payments to the UW-Oshkosh Foundation. The remaining installments total \$43,000, court papers show.

As part of a 2013 contract renewal that was approved by the UW System Board of Regents, Sodexo agreed to pay \$1.5 million toward the alumni center and the foundation agreed to name the main ballroom there after the company.

But the payments, which were made in annual installments of \$250,000, stopped this year. When foundation staff sought an explanation for the final, missing payment, a Sodexo official said the company could not make good on its pledge because of an investigation that was started by a university official.

"I was told to do nothing with regards to this," the company official said, according to the affidavit.

In the naming-rights matter, foundation officials allege that the university told the donor to send his money to the UW Foundation, which describes itself as "the official fundraising and gift-receiving organization for the University of Wisconsin-Madison."

The donor had already made one \$500,000 payment to the Oshkosh foundation and then decided to hold off on making further payments after the foundation filed for bankruptcy protection in 2017.

A donor agreement with the Madison foundation was drawn up in late 2017. This agreement, a copy of which is included in court records, specified the money would be spent in support of the alumni center in return for naming rights.

In a court filing, foundation officials objected to this provision because UW Oshkosh does not own the building and "had no authority to promise naming rights."

The agreement with the Madison foundation was signed after the donor met with Leavitt and an aide.

"I also understand that Ray Cross, the UW System's president, may have been involved with this meeting," Mulloy said in his affidavit.

The donor then made out a check for \$500,000 to the UW Madison Foundation. When Mulloy contacted the donor, the donor said he "did not understand the arrangement was not to benefit the UWO Foundation," Mulloy said.

"He agreed to stop payment on the check, and we once again held his installment in abeyance pending resolution of the bankruptcy," Mulloy said.

Miles Maguire is editor of the Oshkosh Examiner news blog.





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North returns an experienced squad

By Charleigh Reinardy HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Oshkosh North girls basketball coach Jayme Engen is excited to see her whole team working together after returning almost all players from the previous season.

The Spartans, who only won three games a season ago, start the 2018 season with 10 girls, seven of them seniors, while returning a few injured players from last year.

Engen shared that the team's athleticism and chemistry is key along with quickness and the ability to play fast. The Spartans have depth and outside shooting to counter where the team lacks overall size.

"(Our) goals are to get a little bit better every day and maximize our potential as a team and program," Engen said. "We want to be playing our best basketball come playoff time and use each practice/game as a measuring stick to make sure we are getting better."

Ashley Wissink is the top returner and leads the team averaging 12.5 points through four games. She was named Fox

GIRLS

BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Valley Association second-team all-conference a season ago and to the all-defensive team.

The Spartans already have wins, beating Wisconsin Rapids 64-59 and Stevens Point 58-50.

West keys on leadership

West head coach Kenisha Phillips is looking to see her upper-class players step up as leaders and role models not only to their younger teammates but also to youth players in the future.

The Wildcats will suit up 12 this season, two of which are seniors Laura Courchene and Lauren Olejnik.

Phillips shared that the coaching staff is excited for junior Callista Rochon-Baker to continue to develop her game and be a scoring threat, along with Ella Tigert and Kiersten McNutly as post players making their presence known in the paint.

Rochon-Baker was honorable mention last year in the FVA, scoring 9.3 points per game. So far this season, McNulty leads the team at 12 points per game.

"There are going to be losses throughout the season and a goal I have is for them to be able to learn from those games and then move on; don't dwell on the past," Phillips said. "The team wants to get out and get more involved with the youth program; which I think is amazing in this day and age with all the things they have going on in their own lives between school, work, their own basketball commitments, social/family life. And they still want to go out and connect with the future athletes of the program."

The Wildcats recently had youth players in on a practice and Phillips was amazed by the way the high school athletes interacted and engaged with the younger girls.

"I couldn't tell who was having more fun," she said.

With West having two wins early in the season, improvements are already showing results.

Donation backs up school meal efforts

Oshkosh Area School District students who qualify for reduced-priced meals are eating for free thanks to ARC Contracting, which recently started a fundraising campaign to help feed area students.

The fundraiser took place during the ARC Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament in August with support from the Oshkosh Convention and Visitors Bureau and other businesses. The campaign resulted in a \$13,000 donation to the district's food service program. The funds have been covering the cost of reduced-priced meals for individual students since Nov. 1 and continuing until the fund balance is gone.

More than 41 percent of students in the district qualify for free and reduced-priced meals this school year. Some families still struggle to afford the reduced priced, which is 30 cents for breakfast and 40 cents for lunch. Currently, 513 students receive reduced-price meals in the 2018-19 school year and will benefit from the donation.

Communityevents

Wednesday, Dec. 5

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

Thursday, Dec. 6

Independent Racket Night, 7:30 p.m., Fletch's Local Tap House, 566 N. Main St.

Friday, Dec. 7

Wright Brothers Memorial Banquet, S p.m., EAA Aviation Museum, 3000 Poberezny Road

Wisconsin Herd vs. Raptors 905, 7 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

Swinging in the Holidays: Janet Planet and the UWO Jazz Ensemble, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Between the Low and Fools and Lovers, 7:30 p.m., Jambalaya Arts, 413 N. Main St.

"Santa Claus Conquers the Martians," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Birds of Chicago, 8 p.m., The Howard, 405 Washington Ave.

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

Saturday, Dec. 8

Oshkosh Youth Symphony Holiday Concert, 2 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium, 375 N. Eagle St.

Wisconsin Herd vs. Maine Red Claws, 7 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

Harmonious Wail Holiday Spirits, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Encore Handbell Ensemble, 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 110 Church

"Home Alone," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

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

Golden Tones Chorus concert, 2 p.m., Oshkosh Seniors Center North Building

Tuesday, Dec. 11

Steve Earle and the Dukes, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

"Muhammad A Liberator of Women" (women's event) 5:30 p.m., Qamar Mosque, 300 N. Eagle St.

Wednesday, Dec. 12

Christmas Songs and Stories with

John Berry, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

Thursday, Dec. 13

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

Sorry, Wrong Chimney, 7 p.m., Peace Lutheran Church, 240 W. 9th Ave.

Forever Plaid: Plaid Tidings, 6:30 p.m., The Howard, 405 Washington Ave.

Friday, Dec. 14

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Sorry, Wrong Chimney, 7 p.m., Peace Lutheran Church, 240 W. 9th Ave.

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

Saturday, Dec. 15

Stories from Oshkosh's Historic Past, 1:30 p.m., Oshkosh Public Museum, 1331 Algoma Blvd.

Forever Plaid: Plaid Tidings, 12:30 and 6:30 p.m., The Howard, 405 Washington Ave.

Sorry, Wrong Chimney, 2 and 7 p.m., Peace Lutheran Church, 240 W. 9th Ave.

Oshkosh Chamber Singers: A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, 4 and 7:30 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church, 311 Division St.

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

"Christmas Vacation," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

Dec. 1, 1939

Christmas Seals sale is on: Oshkosh citizens have received through the mail the usual sheet of Christmas Seals. The 1939 stickers are attractive and the purpose of their sale is so important and worthy that the response should be generous and a cordial one. The seals can be used to decorate presents, packages and Christmas cards. A penny each is requested and the funds received from this campaign will be used by the Oshkosh Visiting Nurse association to help battle the disease of tuberculosis. It will be used to save lives of persons afflicted with the "white plague," but also to protect our loved ones from contracting the disease. The campaign enables all of us to assist others to share in good health. To buy them promotes the true promise of great joy for people who are ill and need the kind of attention and service the anti-tuberculosis forces can furnish. This year's slogan is "Protect Your Home From Tuberculosis."

> Source: Oshkosh Daily Northwestern, Dec. 1, 1939





Event fees

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on current Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) rates with the city subsidizing 75 percent of the costs in 2018. Subsidy rates will be further reduced by 25 percent annually until the fourth year. For 2019, event organizers will pay 50 percent of the established FEMA rates.

The council has waived event fees for neighborhood block parties and parades because of their community-wide appeal. In other action, the council:

• Unanimously granted a conditional use permit to Titan Commercial, part of Titan Property Management, to establish multifamily housing at 913 and 915 S. Main St. in what is at present a vacant building. The first floor of the three-story building would be remodeled into five townhome style apartment units, while the upper two floors will become 18 loft-style apartment units.

The large storefront glass facades will allow for home offices, galleries and meeting spaces on the front of the building with movable partition walls to separate living spaces from home office space.

• Heard a report about the city's Transit Development Plan from Nick Musson, a transportation planner for the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, which recommended raising general fares to \$1.50 starting Jan. 1 and making changes to Route 9 covering the area west of Interstate 41. The council is expected to take action at its next meeting. Musson told council members that rate increases are necessary to preserve the existing level of service.

• Approved a professional service agreement for \$176,845 with AECOM for design, engineering, permitting and con-

struction documentation for the Lakeshore Riverwalk near the Oshkosh Corp. global headquarters under construction. It is anticipated the Riverwalk work will be bid in late winter with construction starting in spring from Tribal Heritage Trail east to Punhoqua Street.

The state Department of Natural Resources has tentatively granted the city about \$793,000 for half the cost of the Riverwalk segment. Oshkosh Corp. has made a \$600,000 donation to the project with \$200,000 in land sale proceeds coming from the city through its sale of the Lakeshore Municipal Golf Course site.

Regional recycling programs to be discussed

"Recycling Do's and Don'ts" will be the topic of the Winnebago County League of Women Voters Food for Thought lunch Dec. 12 at Primo Restaurant.

Kathryn Hutter, Winnebago County recycling program manager, and Christine Miller, Tri-County Recycling outreach specialist, will talk about changes in regional recycling programs in recent years and plans for the future.

Winnebago, Outagamie and Brown counties joined forces on recycling efforts in 2002 and currently operate a regional single stream materials recovery facility in Appleton. Last year the facility handled a record 115,000 tons of recyclables.

Lunch orders need to be placed ahead of the noon program.

Phosphorus

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ysis supplements existing models such as SnapPlus nutrient management software and required integrating with thousands of SnapPlus model runs.

"Incorporation of this information will really aid implementation by allowing agricultural producers to evaluate the management options needed to protect water quality at the field scale," said Marcia Willhite, chief of the DNR's water evaluation section.

The public informational hearing will be from 2 to 4 p.m. at the James P. Coughlin Building at 625 E. County Y. A copy of the public hearing version of the TMDL study and supporting material have been posted online. For those unable to attend

the hearing, comments may be submitted to Marquardt at KeithA.Marquardt@wisconsin.gov through Jan. 18.

Data was collected to determine the existing water quality of the lakes, detailed phosphorus budgets were developed to describe its sources and two eutrophication models were used to determine how much of the phosphorus needs to be reduced for the lakes to be removed from the impaired waters list and restored to their designated uses.

Decaying organic materials like leaves can release excess nutrients into streams and lakes, causing eutrophication and algal blooms. To determine if a municipal leaf collection and street cleaning program can reduce nutrients in stormwater runoff, the U.S. Geological Survey measured phosphorus and nitrogen in stormwater from residential areas in Oshkosh

and Madison. A monitoring station measured stormwater flow and collected water samples at some storm sewers of both the control and test catchments, and precipitation data was collected by a rain gauge.

The Upper Fox and Wolf River river basins converge within a series of pool lakes in Winnebago County before flowing collectively into Lake Winnebago. All of the surface water drainage to Lake Winnebago is contained within these two basins.

The TMDL study area spans from the headwaters in Forest County and from the city of Portage to Lake Winnebago, covering 5,900 square miles.

Ice rescue

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the water.

Lt. Jason Shikoski said that whether to go on the ice is a matter of "risk versus reward."

The state Department of Natural Re-

sources offers ice safety tips on its website, including:

- Ice should never be considered safe, as moving waters can cause ice to form unevenly.
- Never go onto ice alone. Have another person with you and carry a cell phone as well as ice picks in case you fall through.
 - Make sure someone else knows where

vou are.

- Dress warmly in layers.
- Do not stand when getting back on the ice after going through. Walk on forearms until the majority of the body is on solid surface.
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Prep sports roundup

BOYS BASKETBALL

Noone reaches 1,000 points in Wayland win

Lourdes senior Henry Noone surpassed 1,000 career points Friday in helping the Knights pick up a big 103-44 win over Wayland Academy.

Noone scored 15 points and hit 3 triples as the Knights jumped out to a 57-23 half-time lead.

Preston Ruedinger had a huge night for Lourdes as well, scoring 32 points while adding eight assists, five rebounds and five steals.

Hayden Jones added 20 for Lourdes while Benny Huizenga chipped in 12.

First half hurts North in loss to Kimberly

The Kimberly boys basketball team jumped out to a 10-0 run and outscored Oshkosh North 53-28 in the first half en route to a 78-59 win over the Spartans in a Fox Valley Association contest Saturday.

After Kimberly (2-0) led 10-0, the Papermakers increased that lead to 16-2 not a couple of minutes later and eventually made it a 20-point game (29-9) just past the halfway mark of the first half.

Kimberly hit seven 3-pointers and went 14 of 16 at the free throw line in the first half.

Matt Hickey led the Spartans with 23 points while Josh Dilling chipped in 12. Jalen Keago added eight while Garang Deng had seven. Jake Buchanan led Kimberly with 21 points.

Thomas leads West to win against Fond du Lac

Karter Thomas is off to a blazing start for the Oshkosh West boys basketball team, scoring a game-high 45 points to help the Wildcats pick up a 73-71 win over Fond du Lac on Friday night.

Thomas is averaging 40 points per game through three games, scoring 37, 38 and 45 thus far

Max Pieterick added 10 points while Caleb Fuller chipped in eight.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

West holds on to beat Fond du Lac at home

The Oshkosh West girls basketball team picked up its second win of the season with a 52-43 win over Fond du Lac in a Fox Valley Association game played Friday night at home.

The Wildcats got 16 points from Callista Rochon-Baker while Reese Lang and Kiersten McNulty each chipped in 14 points. Lang had four 3-pointers in the victory.

The Wildcats are off to a 2-3 start this season after just winning three games a season ago.

North loses close contest against Kimberly

The Oshkosh North girls basketball team lost a tight 47-43 Fox Valley Association contest against Kimberly on Friday.

Brooke Ellestad led the Spartans (2-2) with 13 points while adding three assists while Elle Lieder had a double-double with 10 points and 12 rebounds. Brie Gauthier only had four points but had a game-high 15 rebounds for North.

Nydia Griffin chipped in seven points while Ashley Wissink added six.

BOYS HOCKEY

Beaver Dam tops Oshkosh 6-1 Saturday

The Oshkosh boys hockey team scored its lone goal in the second half from Ma-

son Robertson in a 6-1 loss to Beaver Dam on Saturday.

Conner Klett had 30 saves for the Ice Hawks while Beaver Dam's Sam Vander-Hoeven had a huge day, scoring five goals.

WRESTLING

Oshkosh North finishes 11th at Slinger Invite

The Oshkosh North wrestling team finished 11th out of 16 teams in the Slinger Gunslinger Invite on Saturday.

Leading Oshkosh North was Dylan Besaw (120 pounds) and Cade Schmitz (135), who went 4-1 on the day while Matthew Schallhorn (138) went 3-2.

Going 2-3 on the day included Tou Ger Yang (126), Travon Lee (152) and A.J. Besaw

The Spartans lost a close 40-27 Fox Valley Association dual Thursday against Fond du Lac.

Picking up wins were Jacob Medina (106) by forfeit, Carly Ochoa (113) by pin, Schmitz (132) on a 9-5 decision, Dylan Besaw (120) by forfeit, Schallhorn (138) by pin and Landon Spanbauer (160) by pin.

Wildcats crush Terrors in conference dual meet

The Oshkosh West wrestling team dominated Appleton West on Thursday, winning 71-6 in a Fox Valley Association dual meet.

Picking up wins by pin for the Wildcats include Drew Best (132 pounds), Connor Collins (160), Edgar Heredia (170), Blake Framke (195), Justin Oppermann (220), J.R. Brown (106) and Jack Zangl (120).

Others who picked up wins include Logan Grota (138) who won a 6-3 decision, Henry Foust (145) who dominated 19-1

and Alec Hunter (113).

BOYS SWIMMING

Oshkosh West hosts Sprint Invite meet

The Oshkosh West boys swimming team hosted an eight-team Sprint Invite on Saturday, as the Wildcats ended up sixth while Oshkosh North/Lourdes was fifth.

and Max Carlin (126) on a 10-3 decision.

son Ramage (152), Collin Jones (182)

Picking up wins by forfeit include Daw-

Putting up top three finishers included North/Lourdes' Eddie Hansen, who was second in the 50 freestyle (23.04 seconds) while placing third in the 100 breast (1:05.72).

Trey Pecore added a third-place finish in the 500 free (5:22.05).

For West, Andrew Groth won the 200 free with a time of 1:49.35 while taking second in the 500 free (5:10.08).

GYMNASTICS

Best leads West in West Bend invitational

Megan Best had a solid day for Oshkosh West in the West Bend East Invite Saturday, finishing with two top-10 finishes.

Best was ninth in the uneven bars with a 7.925 while taking ninth as well in the all-around competition (32.600).

West finished with 108.325 points.

Compiled by Alex Wolf, Herald contributor



The UW-Oshkosh women's basketball team dominated Saint Mary's University (Minn.) on Thursday, winning 61-36.

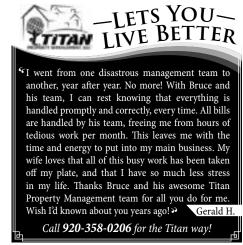
It was a balanced day for the Titans (5-0) as 12 different players scored and not one player scored more than eight points.

Brooke Freitag and Brooklyn Bull led UWO with eight points while Melanie Schneider and Karsyn Rueth chipped in seven points.

The Titans struggled from the field, going 21-of-61 (34 percent) while making 6-of-24 shots from 3-point land (25 percent). However, Saint Mary's did worse, shooting 26 percent (11-of-43).

The Titans have started 5-0 for the sixth straight season.







Titans men pick up two wins

By Alex Wolf

The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh men's basketball team picked up two wins over North Park University (86-53) last Tuesday and then a 68-57 win over Elmhurst College on Saturday.

Adam Fravert had a nice night on Saturday, scoring a team-high 22 points on 11-of-16 shooting while grabbing eight rebounds for the Titans (4-1) while Brett Wittchow and Jack Flynn added 14 apiece.

The Titans, ranked ninth in Division III, shot 52 percent from the field in the win but struggled from 3-point land (4-for-16) and at the free throw line (12-of-19).

The Titans committed more turnovers (17 to 15) but dominated points in the paint, outscoring Elmhurst 40 to 18.

In the win over North Park, UWO was led by Flynn, who had 14 points and 10 rebounds while Fravert added 12 points. UWO got points from 15 different players in the win.



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Tickets are \$5 and children under age 5 get in free.

A second holiday-themed concert in collaboration with the Boys and Girls Club will be presented at 6 p.m. Dec. 11 at the Boys and Girls Club site. Their strings program began this summer with a two-week camp and has been extended to a full year program with an April concert also planned.

Business note

Dr. Eric Childs, DDS, of Govani Dental has been inducted into the Pierre Fauchard Academy and has graduated from the Wisconsin Dental Association's Leadership Academy. Childs was nominated for the academy by a committee of Wisconsin dentists because of his dedication to the profession and community. The Pierre Fauchard Academy, named for the "father of dentistry," honors past achievements of member, while encouraging continuous professional development.



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Obituaries

Robert O. Boheen

Robert O. Boheen, age 99, of Oshkosh, flew his last mission on Friday, November 30, 2018. Born on November 15, 1919. in Rochester, New York, the son of Jacob and Mary Ann (McMugrich) Boheen, Robert married Betty Nachtman in 1945 after returning from WWII.

He was employed by Eastman Kodiak



as an electrician prior to enlisting with the U.S. Army Air Corp during WWII. Robert was a crew member of a B-24 Liberator Bomber serving in the South Pacific and maintained contact with former crew

members via reunions. It was during his time stationed as a Flight Engineer Trainee at Oshkosh State Teacher's College that Robert met his wife to be, Betty.

After the war and his marriage, Robert became a police officer with the City of Oshkosh. He rose through the ranks and

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retired as Captain after 22 years of service. He was an avid traveler and enjoyed time in the woods and enjoyed hunting. Robert hand-built his cottage near Waupaca and his home in Oshkosh. He really enjoyed Western movies (John Wayne, especially) and Louis L'Amour books. Robert was very proud to be part of the Honor Flight to Washington, D.C.

Survivors include his wife of 73 years, Betty Boheen of Oshkosh; a daughter, Gwen Heagle of Oshkosh; a son, Craig (Diane) Boheen of Kenosha; four grandchildren, Amy (Mike) Ready of Oshkosh, Toni (J.D.) Aaron of Oshkosh, Michael Boheen of Kenosha, and Caryn Boheen of Kenosha; three great-grandchildren, Hannah, Connor, and Carter; two sisters, Nancy (Curt) Nelsen and Edna (Bob) Yates; and nieces and nephews. Robert was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Raymond and George Boheen, and his step-father, Walter Janes.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, December 5, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in Seefeld Funeral Chapels, 1025 Oregon Street. A time of visiting and sharing of memories will be held from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the funeral chapel. Full Military Honors will be given after the services.

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James H. Chapin

James H. "Speed" Chapin, age 90, of Oshkosh went home to be with his precious Lord and Savior on Tuesday, November 27, 2018, at Aurora Medical Center of Os-

A memorial service for James will be held December 15 at Community Church, 2351 Ryf Road with Dr. Alan Cleveland officiating. Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., service to follow. Inurnment will take place at Lake View Memorial Park.







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Herd road woes continue

By Ti Windisch
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The Wisconsin Herd has one game left on the team's longest road trip of the season and a chance to move on from the worst stretch of basketball in franchise history. Wisconsin currently sits at 1-10, last in the NBA G League and riding a nine-game losing streak after starting the year 1-1.

The Herd added Vander Blue via trade right before the trip began, but the former G League MVP and Marquette standout hasn't found the success he's had in previous seasons. Blue is averaging fewer than 7 points per game and has only scored 10 or more in a game once in five contests.

In what is no surprise to Wisconsin fans who watched the Herd last year, James Young rebounded from a slow start and leads all Herd players in scoring, apart from Milwaukee Bucks assignee Christian Wood who has played just three games with Wisconsin.

Young is averaging 20.5 points, 6.1 rebounds, 2.6 assists and 1.3 steals per game, while shooting 44.6 percent from the field and 45.7 percent from three-point range. Young will have a chance to notch his fourth straight 20-plus point scoring evening Tuesday when Wisconsin takes on the Long Island Nets.

After the game against Long Island the Herd returns home for a back-to-back on Friday and Saturday. That pair will be Wisconsin's only home games for three weeks, as another road trip and then the G League Showcase will keep the Herd away from home until Dec. 28.

YMCA Dolphin swim competition held

The OSHY Dolphin swim team held its 16th annual Champion Meet recently at the 20th Avenue YMCA featuring Justin Wright and the University of Wisconsin's Connor McHugh as the meet champions.

The meet provides youth swimmers of all ages and skill levels inspiration, motivation and role models from the athlete swimmers. Some swimmers also

participated in clinics with the athletes.

This year the charity of choice was the Day By Day Warming Shelter in Oshkosh with families donating more than



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Young swimmers competed in the 16th annual Champion Meet at the 20th Avenue YMCA with older mentor athletes.

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