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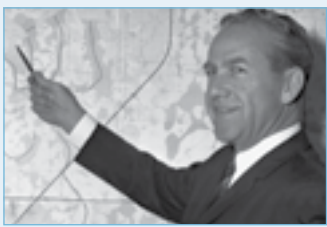
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Developer Randy Schmiedel (top left) and statistician Timothy Hess present information in support of a proposed development to the Algoma Planning Commission at a meeting last Wednesday that drew a large audience. Plans for a tract east of Leonard Point Road have drawn opposition to parts of the proposal that were illustrated by signs in the town and legal representation retained by residents.

# Algoma housing vote set

Some residents opposed to multifamily unit plan

By Tom Ekvall  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Before an overflow crowd of almost 100 people, the Algoma Planning Commission approved 4-2 a rezoning request that will allow development of Lakevista Estates on a 44.4-acre property east of Leonard Point Road that will include single- and two-family residences on what has been the Jones Family Farm for 169 years.

Voting for the rezoning motion to R-2 suburban residential and R-3 two-family residential were chairperson Patricia Clark, Audra Hoy, Dan Martin and Kristine Timm, while opposing the proposal were Dewey Nelson and Mark Thompson.

The Town Board is expected to act on the rezoning request and a preliminary plat for the subdivision at its Dec. 19 meeting. The proposed development

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# Haliburton makes early impact for Cyclones

By Tim Froberg  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Most college basketball freshmen must learn to deal with three painful words on game day: Take a seat.

While more experienced players eat up the minutes, freshmen typically have a tough time breaking into the lineup.

And then there are players like Tyrese Haliburton, who are skilled and savvy enough to make an immediate impact and skip the initial waiting period that most freshmen endure.

The former Oshkosh North star is wasting no time establishing his Division 1 college hoops career at Iowa State.

Haliburton has made a smooth transition to the college game. The 6-foot-5, 172-pound combo guard has started 10 of the Cyclones' 11 games. He leads the Big 12 Conference in steals (2.2 per game) and is second in the league in assists (a team-leading 4.4 per game). He also leads the Cyclones in minutes played (34.5), second in blocks (10) and sixth in both scoring (8.1 points per game) and rebounding (4.2). Haliburton is tied for the team lead in 3-pointers made (17) and



PHOTO FROM IOWA STATE

Former Oshkosh North guard Tyrese Haliburton leads the Big 12 in steals.

shoots a solid 54.1 percent from the field.

Not bad for a freshman who was little known outside of Wisconsin and wasn't at the top of the Cyclones' 2018-19 recruiting class.

"Looking at that recruiting class that Iowa State brought in, he was probably the least heralded of the recruits," said North boys basketball coach Brad Weber. "I'm not surprised he's been able to assert himself on the floor and bring immediate value to that team. He's someone who doesn't care whether he gets 18 points or 18 assists, and he's the greatest leader I've

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# Food Co-op looking to land a home base

By Amy Knoll-Owen  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Oshkosh Food Co-op has been more than five years in the making. Thanks to its newest members, the organization is ready to kick off its location search, moving one step closer toward opening its doors.

The Oshkosh Food Co-op officially began in 2013 when it became a legal entity.

As the first food co-op in northeastern Wisconsin, the group's early efforts focused on education to build a strong membership base that would support long-term growth.

"I think that this project is too big for any volunteer board to undertake by themselves, so it takes a pretty engaged membership base," said Brenda Haines, president of the Oshkosh Food Co-op board of directors. "I think that engaged membership base has really helped propel this forward."

To become a member-owner, individuals purchase a membership share and can choose to pay in full for \$180 or make 18 payments of \$11.

Member-owners can vote in the co-op elections, participate in events and promotions, attend the annual meeting and

receive a monthly e-newsletter, among other perks.

As part of the effort to continue growing the membership and educating the community about food co-ops, the Oshkosh co-op held its fourth annual "Co-op Grow-op" event in late October.

The events have been so successful that the group received an innovation award earlier this year, and co-ops in other states have modeled this recruitment strategy.

The 2017 event set a national record for number of members joining a food co-op in a single day. This year's event helped push the membership past 750, allowing the group to begin the process of searching for a location.

The search will be the fifth in a seven-step process. For each step, the co-op has specified a member-owner number that must be reached before moving ahead.

So far the group has formed a legal entity and conducted a feasibility study and financial analysis. They're now developing a business plan.

One of the challenges of recruiting

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## Red Kettle match day set

A local couple is challenging the community to do more to help those in need this holiday season by offering to double donations made Saturday to the Salvation Army of Oshkosh up to \$10,000 with a Red Kettle match day.

"Bill and Mary's Match Challenge" includes donations at red kettle locations in Oshkosh, Omro and Winneconne or online donations that day at SAOshkosh.org or mailing a check to the Salvation Army of Oshkosh, 417 Algoma Blvd., with a memo line that it is for Bill and Mary's match.

The Salvation Army of Oshkosh is still in need of ringers for the Saturday match day.



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# Community news briefs

## Death of 10-month-old leads to father's arrest

A 34-year-old Oshkosh man was arrested Monday and expected to be charged with first-degree reckless homicide in the death of his 10-month-old child.

The death of a baby boy at a city residence Dec. 9 is being investigated by Oshkosh police as suspicious.

Police were called at 8:34 p.m. Dec. 9 for a medical call on Grove Street and the boy was transported to a hospital and then to Milwaukee Children's Hospital via Flight for Life. The child was pronounced dead Wednesday morning.

Based upon information provided by medical personnel the death was considered suspicious and the investigation is ongoing. An autopsy on the boy was performed by the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office.

## YMCA worker charged in sexual assault of child

A 75-year-old employee at the Oshkosh YMCA made an initial appearance Friday in Winnebago County court on first-degree sexual assault charges in the alleged molestation of a 3-year-old girl at the facility.

A \$300,000 cash bond was set for B.T. Adams, who appeared in court with attorney Michael Lim by video Friday, and a preliminary hearing set for Thursday morning.

Police said he worked in the drop-off area for children at the 20th Avenue YMCA after requesting a switch in 2013 from cafeteria duties. Police Chief Dean Smith led a press conference Thursday

to give details on the case and highlight some of the signs of child sex abuse and ways to reduce the risks.

The charges of first-degree sexual assault of a child under 13 and conspiracy to commit the same carries a maximum jail sentence of 60 years.

## City utility bills will be shifting to monthly cycle

The city has notified its utility customers that billing will be switched to a monthly cycle in March.

Residents will be on a one-month bill cycle officially in April and have the opportunity to sign up for email billing through automatic checking withdrawal through a form mailed to them or online at www.ci.oshkosh.wi.us. A Citizen Self Service tool will offer a view of the account.

Contact the Water Utility Department at 232-5325. The phone number on tax bills sent out was incorrect.

## Fire department makes four new additions to staff

The Oshkosh Fire Department welcomed Benjamin Behnke, Kimberly Davister, Riley Grasee and Blake Youwer as its new firefighters at the Dec. 11 meeting of the Police and Fire Commission.

Behnke has been a volunteer on the Valders Fire Department and a paramedic with Valders Ambulance Service. Davister has been a volunteer on the Luxemburg Fire Department and worked in emergency medical services for County Rescue Services in Green Bay.

Grasee has been a volunteer firefighter on the Bellevue Fire Department and also

worked for a fire alarm company. Youwer has been a volunteer on the North Fond du Lac Fire Department, has interned at the Oshkosh Fire Department and has worked as a correctional officer.

All of the new appointees will start Jan. 21.

## Aquatic plant policy being formed with input

The Department of Natural Resources invites the public to comment on its draft Strategic Analysis of Aquatic Plant Management (APM) in Wisconsin. The report, which summarizes current information on APM in the state, serves as an informational resource to help decision-makers and the public to better understand the topic and to aid in the development of policy.

Aquatic plants are a critical part of the state's freshwater environment. They help to ensure good water quality and clarity, provide habitat and food for fish and wildlife, and serve many other valuable functions. Aquatic plants can become overabundant and interfere with water uses. Managing these problems is complicated by the fact that some of the DNR rules governing APM have not been updated since 1986, while APM practices and challenges have evolved.

The draft Strategic Analysis report and links to more information about APM can be found by searching the DNR website, dnr.wi.gov, for APM strategic analysis, or "aquatic plant management."

Comments may be submitted through Jan. 25 to DNRAPMSA@wisconsin.gov or mail to Carroll Schaal, lakes and rivers section chief, 101 S. Webster St., Madison, WI 53707-7921.



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# Higher city bus fares gain final approval

By Tom Ekvall  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Bus fares will go up starting Jan. 1 for those riding Oshkosh's GO Transit system, based on actions of the Common Council on Dec. 11.

The new rate for adults will be \$1.50, an increase of 50 cents. Senior citizens and those with disabilities will pay 75 cents. The rates still keep Oshkosh among the lowest for bus services in Wisconsin.

The new rate for monthly passes will be \$35; three consecutive monthly passes will cost \$90 if purchased together.

GO Plus Paratransit program fees will be \$3 for Cabulance service during normal bus hours and \$6 for after-hour service. Access to Job fares will be \$4.

Another change effective Jan. 1 is modification to Route 9. Service routes will be

one-half hour in length, with the YMCA dropped from the route unless someone requests service there. Two stops on 20th Street also will be eliminated.

There were no public comments during the meeting.

In other action, the council:

- Unanimously approved as part of its consent agenda allowing Winnebago County to put a mobile home on county-owned vacant land (601 W. County Y) adjacent to the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department for an Oshkosh sex offender who is ready to be released. There was no discussion or public comment with granting a conditional use permit to establish an institutional residential use for the property. The Planning Commission had recommended approval of the measure.

- Approved a three-year agreement with Greater Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods Inc. (GO-HNI) at a cost of \$100,000 per year to provide revitalization assistance to residents living in designated neighborhood association areas. GO-HNI works with neighborhood associations and those interested in organizing a group, and helping with events such as the Rock the Block program in the Sacred Heart Neighborhood Association in partnership with Oshkosh Area Habitat for Humanity and city. The agreement also calls for facilitating creation of six new neighborhood groups during the three-year period.

Deputy Mayor Lori Palmeri was the lone person to vote against the propos-

al, contending the agreement should be for one year. At issue is the number of blighted houses that would be acquired by GO-HNI and renovated for resale to another potential homeowner. Community Development Director Allen Davis said that real estate development has been a challenge with GO-HNI renovating two homes during 2018 out of six over a three-year period. The new agreement has a goal of four house revitalization projects in the three-year period.

- Recognized Kate Mann, crime prevention police officer, for her efforts in establishing Santa's Workshop at the former city jail to bring gifts to families during December.

## Rental contact program moves to council vote

By Tom Ekvall  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Rental Housing Advisory Board recommended approval Dec. 12 of a residential rental contact and registration program that will be used for the city's inspection program within designated areas. The Common Council will take up the proposal for action at a later date.

The ordinance requires all owners of rental properties to provide contact information that would include the owner's name, identification of an agent for the owner, street address, and phone number or email address. It updates the city's present ordinance to be in compliance with new state regulations.

City Planner Jeff Nau told committee members that there are at least 199 unregistered properties involving 403 living units within the areas designated for the

city's Neighborhood Stabilization and Enhancement District. Nau said there are 1,885 registered properties with 4,622 living units within the districts.

Community Development Director Allen Davis said it is the department's plan to complete the inspection program over a five-year period.

Planning Services Director Darryn Burich also updated the board on plans by his department to rewrite ordinances dealing with allowable signage sizes for those renting or selling properties. He said many of the rental signs posted on properties do not meet present city codes and said allowable signs for rentals will be smaller than those now on many buildings.

Current requirements for stake signs and frame signs require no more than 12 square feet (3 feet wide by 4 feet in height) while arm and post yard signs can be no larger than 6 by 6 feet.

## UW-Oshkosh holds midyear commencement

More than 800 students graduated with undergraduate degrees and more than 130 with master's degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh at its 54th midyear commencement Saturday at Kolf Sports Center.

John Koker led the ceremony, his first in his new role as provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. Chancellor Andrew Leavitt conferred diplomas.

Thomas Scofield, a faculty member in the professional counseling department, gave the commencement address, and Phillip Gruber from the College of Letters

and Science who graduated with a major in biology was class speaker.

Sheila Knox was recognized with an honorary doctorate degree as a member of the Oshkosh 94, the group of former Wisconsin State University-Oshkosh students who expressed their commitment to inclusive ideals and goals for the institution with a demonstration in the office of administration in November 1968. The Oshkosh 94 demanded improved experiences for students of color but were arrested and expelled from the college and state university system.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL COONEY

Holiday time at the Petersons on 336 Sunnybrook Drive is a labor of Christmas lighting love that includes a fundraising effort for the Humane Society.

## Sunnybrook Lights brighten city holiday

Sunnybrook Lights is a passion project for John and Amanda Peterson that utilizes John's experience in manufacturing and Amanda's social media outreach.

The light show at 336 Sunnybrook Drive, which runs from 5 to 10 p.m. until Jan. 1, includes five Christmas songs and the introduction by Amanda broadcast on a limited-range radio station, FM 104.1.

The Petersons were first inspired to build their display by their across-the-street neighbor who also has an impressive holiday display, as do several other homeowners on the street.

John starts to build next year's show soon after the current one ends. The arches, house displays and two megatrees are constructed with LED lights and PVC pipe using a computer-controlled cutting machine and 3-D printing technology.

This year the larger mega-tree has 32 strings of lights with 3,200 pixels, three times that of last year's tree.

The Petersons have a collection barrel at the end of their driveway for donations to the Oshkosh Area Humane Society. Last year more than \$2,000 in cash and supplies was raised for the shelter.



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# UW-Oshkosh budget crunch could be costly

By Miles Maguire  
SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

Facing a budget “crisis,” the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh is cutting about \$8 million in costs, a move that some classroom instructors say will have far-reaching effects on the educational environment and undermine recent successes in attracting and retaining students.

Provost John Koker, the school’s chief academic officer, has used the word “crisis” to describe a budget situation in which the university has been spending about \$9.5 million a year more than it has been taking in. While faculty and staff acknowledge that the budget problems are real, many of them are doubtful — some are outright critical — of the proposed changes.

“This is a fundamental shift in the way that our university has viewed itself and the relationship between teaching and research and the relationship between faculty and students,” said Jim Feldman, director of the Environmental Studies Program and president of a newly formed union, United Faculty and Staff of Oshkosh.

“The student experience is what is at risk. We will simply not be able to do as good a job as we did before. That will have a dramatic impact.”

The university has embarked on a three-year cost reduction and revenue enhancement program, with the biggest cuts coming in the next academic year and with additional cuts coming in the following 12 months. Oshkosh hopes that a rebound in enrollment and a change in the way it charges for certain classes will bring in \$1.5 million to close the budget gap.

Starting in fall 2019 budget cuts will mean increased teaching for many faculty members, especially in the school’s largest division, the College of Letters and Science. Faculty members, who are expected to conduct research as well as teach, will have less time to engage in studies and experiments. Financial support to attend academic conferences has already been cut.

The situation is worse for untenured instructional staff, some of whom will be losing their jobs after many years of service.

“We have great compassion for the people who are experiencing these changes. They are very difficult,” said Chancellor Andrew Leavitt. “But at the same time (we) have the responsibility for making sure we continue to have a strong institution moving forward.”

Because of the smaller instructional staff, Oshkosh students can expect to see larger classes, reduced availability of courses and a loss of both personalized attention and the opportunity to work with

professors in laboratories and other research settings. Independent study courses, which faculty teach without compensation to help individual students meet graduation requirements, may disappear altogether.

University officials acknowledge major changes are underway and that morale has taken a hit. But they argue that they are working to preserve critical elements of the school’s program for first-year students and that faculty research was ripe for review because of varying productivity levels.

At UW-Oshkosh, research support for faculty has been more extensive than it is at other teaching-oriented schools in the UW System. Faculty members have been able to apply for reduced teaching assignments to spend more time on research.

“The rigor of that curriculum modification plan has not been what it was intended to be originally,” Koker said. “You have people who are barely skating by and people who are very highly productive.” He envisions a time when more faculty members will routinely teach four courses a semester while others teach three based on their productivity as researchers.

Not all of the details have been sorted out, and campus employees are hoping that a change in administration in Madison could mean a restoration of some state funds. These revenues have been cut by hundreds of millions of dollars across the UW System over the last few years. Other factors in the Oshkosh budget situation are a tuition freeze and a steep drop in enrollment over the last five years.

The university is moving toward “more of a private school model,” Koker said, with strategic and operating decisions driven by how well it can manage fluctuations in enrollment.

Within five to 10 years he believes this shift will bring significant benefits, giving the campus greater flexibility in developing new programs for students and providing incentives to attract and retain staff.

But in the short run the price will be paid by instructors, including some with 20 years or more of experience at the school who will not be hired back in the fall. Koker said there are no alternatives given the size of the budget shortfall and the fact that so much of the university’s spending is on personnel.

In the private sector, reduced job security is offset by higher compensation. But at UW-Oshkosh, faculty are paid at rates that are from 16 percent to 19 percent behind their peers at similar schools outside of the state, according to UW System data.

Perhaps not surprisingly UW-Oshkosh has already seen a double-digit rate of fac-

ulty turnover, with 32 out of 309 having left in fiscal 2018, according to the UW System. Across the system as a whole the turnover rate was 3 percentage points lower. In a worrisome sign for future recruitment, the turnover rate was higher for newer faculty at Oshkosh rather than for more established instructors.

Officials concede that in hindsight the budget situation could have been managed better. The school has burned through \$51 million in reserves while its enrollment has been trending down over the past four years.

Some question whether the university can maintain its positive momentum in student recruitment and achievement as classroom resources are curtailed. Two of the biggest bright spots for the school have been improvements in the four-year graduation rate and in the retention of first-year students.

But faculty members say these gains are at risk, particularly with the loss of the untenured instructors who typically teach lower-level courses. Some campus employees warn of a downward spiral as reduced educational quality leads to lower enrollments and then to further budget cuts.

Leavitt rejects this idea and argues that Oshkosh will continue to provide a high-quality education. “This is still a great place to come,” he said.

A complicating factor given the univer-

sity’s growing reliance on tuition is the joining of the main Oshkosh campus with two-year schools in Menasha and Fond du Lac. Throughout the UW System, the two-year schools have seen major drops in enrollment, although Koker said UW-Fox Valley has added new students due to aggressive international recruitment.

Democratic Rep. Gordon Hintz, whose district takes in the Oshkosh campus, has blasted the budget reductions.

“Governor Walker and legislative Republicans continue to dismantle UW System through self-inflicted cuts,” he said in a statement. “Loss of faculty at UW-Oshkosh will come at the expense of student learning and future opportunity.”

State Sen. Dan Feyen, a Republican, disagrees about the source of the problems.

“In the last six years, the university has seen an overall drop in enrollment of 15 percent, which equates to a \$10 million loss in revenue,” he said. UW-Fond du Lac “saw a decrease in enrollment of 11.4 percent this year alone,” he added.

“As these schools are serving fewer students, it is simply inevitable they will also see declining revenue from tuition, and budgets will have to be adjusted accordingly,” Feyen said. He also dismissed the idea that the UW System does not get enough state support.

Miles Maguire is editor of the Oshkosh Examiner news blog.



PHOTO BY TOM EKVAL

## Downtown skating

The ice rink at Riverside Park behind the Oshkosh Convention Center is now open between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. To kick off the skating season, the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation and other co-sponsors are holding a “Reindeer at the Rink” party Friday. There is a dinner buffet offered at 5:30 p.m. and pictures with Santa at 6:15 p.m. Check out the live reindeer at 7 p.m. and Santa will be there skating. Karlene Grabner with the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation said the rink is funded through local contributions without any cost to the city.

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# Disney World's origins tied to Oshkosh native Potter

By Randy R. Domer

“Without a Joe Potter, there would be no Disney World today.”

These were the words of Dick Nunis, former president of Walt Disney World Attractions, given in an interview with the Orlando Sentinel in 1988. Walt Disney World would not exist, as we know it today, without Joe Potter's ingenuity and dedication. He was hired by Walt Disney to oversee the early construction of 27,000 acres in Florida that would eventually become Walt Disney World.

That is just one rung in the ladder of accomplishments of an Oshkosh native who helped make a difference in places all around this world.

William “Joe” E. Potter was born in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, on July 17, 1905. He was the son of William B. and Arlie Potter. Joe's father worked in Oshkosh as a photographer and later as a ticket agent for the railroad. The family moved often throughout the city in Joe's early grade school years. At the time of his birth, the Potter family lived at 45 Baldwin St. (today's address is 114 Baldwin Ave.). By 1918 the family moved away from Oshkosh.

During the first World War, young Joe and his family moved to Beloit, where his father worked for a time as an assembler in an automobile factory. Later the Potter family moved to Toledo, Ohio, where Joe would graduate from Scott High School. In 1923 he would head out on his own and attend the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and the National War College in Washington, D.C.

During World War II, Potter directed logistical planning for the invasion of northern France with an operation known as “Red Ball Express.” This was the name of a trucking supply route designed to constantly supply the Allied front lines and their ever-advancing march across France. After the invasion of Normandy, the railroads in France were bombed to cut off resupply routes for the German forces and to limit their abilities to obtain reinforcements. A high-speed truck delivery system was designed to bring a constant supply of food, fuel and ammunition to Gen. George Patton's army. There were around 6,000 trucks used in the operation.

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The following is an excerpt from “We Shall Never Pass This Way Again: Stories from Oshkosh's Historic Past” by author Randy R. Domer, who has written several books on Oshkosh history and is president of the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society.

hower appointed Potter as governor of the Panama Canal Zone. Potter would serve there for four years.

Potter retired from public service after 38 years as army major general in 1960 at the age of 55. In his military career he was decorated with a Distinguished Service medal, Bronze Star, Legion of Merit and the French Croix de Guerre (awarded to individuals or groups for feats of bravery during the two world wars).

Potter later served as executive vice president of the 1964-65 World's Fair under Robert Moses in Queens, New York. His responsibilities included the handling of construction of federal exhibits and attractions from the participating states.

This is where he would come to meet Walt Disney.

The Disney company was building four attractions for the fair. Walt was so impressed with Potter that he recruited him to oversee the construction of the yet-unannounced Walt Disney World in Florida.

Potter officially joined Disney in September 1965, ten years after the opening of Disneyland in California. At this time, Walt Disney was pursuing a much larger project in Florida known as Project X or Disneyland East. This was to become a prototype city of tomorrow with a Disney theme park as a portion of it. It became publicly known as Epcot in 1966.

The land purchased for the “Florida Project” was over 27,258 acres (47 square miles) of Cyprus trees and swamp land. A development of this size would require millions of dollars and years of work just to prepare the site for the construction phase.

Potter's job at the Epcot site was to ready this newly acquired swamp land for construction. In the end, this included creating 55 miles of natural looking canals to drain the water and control flooding, and miles of roadway had to be constructed at the same time, creating usable land to build upon. He also was in charge of



Oshkosh native Joe Potter points to a map of what became Walt Disney World in Florida.

the development of underground utilities, sewer, power and water treatment plants on the property. High-voltage electrical power had to be brought in from 15 miles away. Everything about this project was done on a grand scale.

Potter introduced new techniques that were considered revolutionary at the time. Because of Florida's famous sinkholes, the entire site had to be drill tested and compacting had to be done on the areas where building was to take place to determine if construction was feasible.

One of the most important responsibilities Potter had to the people of the Orlando area was to serve as the middleman between them and the Disney corporation. Potter was the one answering questions locally and was often seen giving tours to help ease community concerns during the transition. He was looked upon as “Walt Disney” to the locals.

There are three places in Walt Disney World that pay tribute to Potter. The first is a facade window inside the Magic Kingdom on Main Street. The windows inside the park show the names of the people who made significant contributions to the Disney project. It reads, “General Joe's Building Permits Licensed in Florida, Gen. Joe

Potter — Raconteur.” His window is above the Confectionery on Main Street USA.

There is an unofficial tribute crisscrossing the property in the waterway canals that have been referred to as “Joe's ditches.”

The final location is found on a large ferry boat that transports people from the ticket and transportation center to the entrance to the Magic Kingdom and back. The white, two-level ferry boat has two black smokestacks set one in front of the other. It is decorated in blue trim and has a sign reading “General Joe Potter” boldly printed across the front of its bow.

Potter died Dec. 5, 1988, in Orlando. His list of accomplishments can still be felt to this day. He helped bridge a gap for thousands of men in France between their supplies and their fighting locations during World War II. His work connecting the Gulf of Mexico to the Pacific Ocean transformed not only the country of Panama but the entire way shipping is done on this side of the world. Finally, he helped the Orlando community transform into a worldwide tourist destination all while raising two girls with his wife Ruth.

It's quite remarkable to see the imprint left by one man who grew up in the small city of Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

## Community organizer Dowman dies

Longtime community organizer Tom Dowman died Dec. 8 at age 87 after a battle with cancer.

Dowman and his wife, Dottie, moved to Oshkosh in the early 1970s and helped lead the Oshkosh Area United Way in organizing, fundraising and community involvement for more than 20 years.

His work with other community groups included the Oshkosh Area Community Band and its Holiday Community Sing, an annual fundraising trip to the Shriner's

Hospital in the Twin Cities, and an annual luncheon for residents at the Wisconsin Veterans Home and for contestants in the Miss Wisconsin Pageant.

Dowman was a member of American Legion Cook-Fuller Post 70 and treasurer for its Last Man's Club II, worked with the local district of the Boy Scouts of America, volunteered with EAA and the Oshkosh Public Museum, and was a member and past master of Oshkosh Masonic Lodge No. 27.

Dowman's obituary is on Page 13.

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# Cook Elementary making efforts to meet student needs

By Molly Smiltneek

FOR THE HERALD

Like many public schools, Emmeline Cook Elementary struggles with funding and other limitations to meet the needs of its students. Some factors — a changing and diverse student population and an aging building — make that challenge particularly acute for a school like E. Cook on Oshkosh's north side.

Parents, staff, administration, local businesses, churches and neighborhood associ-

ations are working on partnerships to make changes ensuring the school supports the whole child in a modern, efficient facility.

Last month, the school hosted an Oshkosh Area School District City-Wide PTO Community Conversation with legislators Sen. Luther Olsen (R-Ripon) and Rep. Gordon Hintz (D-Oshkosh). The event was an open discussion about dealing with student readiness and mental health challenges.

"We know we are not unique, every plan. She said the town had communicated in the past with Winnebago County officials over the matter, who were involved in preliminary discussion meetings with the town and developers. The Winnebago County Board ultimately has the final say on the matter.

"In my opinion, an R-3 zoning designation could also be considered low density under Winnebago County zoning ordinances," Dunham said, urging the Planning Commission to remove the word "medium density" from the motion and replace it with "low density." She noted in her written opinion that density and zoning ordinances are two separate issues and that the density factor is determined by the number of units on a parcel, not by the type of housing units. She said an R-3 district could be low or medium density depending on how many units were placed on a parcel.

Town Administrator Ben Krumenauer said staff is in favor of the proposed development and is in keeping with the low-density nature of the community. He said the developers will have to meet a number of stipulations dealing with stormwater management, shoreline zoning and other details as part of submission of a final plat for town and county approval. He added that Algoma already has a divergent occupancy pattern including duplexes within single-family zoned areas.

Krumenauer said before the Planning Commission that the town has been open with residents about the proposal and has listened to their objections, as have devel-

school in every district faces these issues to some extent," said Principal Mike Ruhl. "We also know that things like high levels of free and reduced lunch and high levels of disciplinary problems correlate with schools that are struggling to find the resources for students to succeed. Schools don't just provide an academic education nowadays. We educate the whole child.

"And we gladly take those children as they come to us. Much time is spent addressing basic and social emotional needs

operators for the project. The proposed subdivision has been a topic of discussion since it was first presented at a public workshop in May. "No Development" signs had been placed throughout the neighborhood and residents appeared before the Planning Commission stating they did not want R-3 zoning that would allow duplexes to be built, with others in the audience applauding their comments.

Others objected to increased traffic flow within the neighborhood and potential stormwater management issues.

Randy Schmiedel, representing the developers, said the project represents current housing trends in the area and would be a beautiful plan that reflects Algoma as a "progressive rural community." He said a portion of the project would be developed as a Planned Development District Overlay that would appeal to older residents that want to live in the area but limit their maintenance costs.

Developer Eric Hoffmann said Lakevista Estates will not have a "cookie cutter" approach and that covenants will be in place regarding occupancy for those residing in the duplexes as well as single-family residences. The developers also said that the rezoning would not be a prerequisite for apartments built in the future.

Representing the developers, Timothy Hess with Invista Analytic of Oshkosh said an impact study he conducted showed the project would have no negative impact on property values in the area. The former statistics professor at Ripon College said it would likely result in a tax levy reduction of almost 4.8 percent once the project is built out.

After Town Board action the proposed subdivision preliminary plat and rezoning would go before the Winnebago County Planning and Zoning Committee, scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Jan. 29 in Conference Room 120 of the County Administration Building, and later before the County Board.

The process will again renew when developers come back with a final plat for the

and developing the skills, not just academic, to graduate kids who are college and career ready. But our current school funding mechanisms from the state level down don't seem to have a way to provide resources to meet those needs so that kids can learn."

Both legislators in attendance recognized the changing and increasing responsibilities placed on schools. They highlighted areas where they feel the state Legislature is open to increased funding: the school breakfast program, mental health assistance, weighted allocations of funds based on the needs of a student population.

## Development

FROM PAGE 1

would include 71 single-family homes and 17 two-family units for a total of 105 dwelling units.

The rezoning and preliminary plat approval by the town has been a hot topic among many Algoma residents who object to the inclusion of two-family units in the subdivision and have concerns over stormwater management, traffic flow and impact on the school system. Residents had hired attorney Heath Mynsberge to present their concerns in writing to the town regarding density issues and what they felt were improper actions taken by the town over the matter.

Specifically the letter states that the approval of the preliminary plat in October by the Planning Commission was improper and needed to be denied by the commission so that it can be resubmitted according to county regulations. The letter also states that the town does not have rezoning authority and must be done by the County Board, that the proposed subdivision will cause damage to Leonard Point Lane and that the preliminary plat does not follow shoreland zoning requirements for that portion within 1,000 feet of Lake Butte des Morts.

Emily Dunham, attorney for the Town of Algoma, stated in a written response that the proposed rezoning, including duplexes, would be "low density" in nature in conformance to the town's comprehensive

## Back in the Day



Oshkosh history  
by the Winnebago  
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& Archaeological  
Society

## Dec. 3, 1880

### Fire destroys Beckwith House:

At about 4 o'clock on the afternoon of Dec. 3, 1880, while a bell boy was engaged in the lamp room under the main stairs, a kerosene lamp exploded and the flames quickly spread. The boy ran across the hall and, seizing some blankets, attempted to smother the fire, but the flames had gained so much headway he was driven back. The fire quickly spread up the staircase and onto the rooms above. The woodwork inside the building was like tinder and before any alarm or warning could be given, the entire building was engulfed in flames. Three persons tragically lost their lives that day — the night watchman, a dining room girl and a resident, Mrs. S.B. Paige. Mrs. Paige was entertaining a lady friend, Mrs. Harlow, when the fire reached her room. Escape to the hallway was not possible due to the inferno. The ladies went to the window. Below, bystanders obtained some blankets and urged the ladies to jump. Mrs. Harlow jumped and fell, badly burned and insensible. Mrs. Paige was unable to get to the window and was overcome by the smoke and fire where she died. The Beckwith House was a hotel built in the summer of 1875 after it was destroyed by the great Fire of 1875, by Sanford Beckwith on the corner of Main and Algoma.

Source: History of Northern Wisconsin -- 1881

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# Check ice conditions before going out there

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Capt. April Dombrowski of the DNR Bureau of Law Enforcement Recreation Safety and Outdoor Skills Section said early season ice conditions vary greatly among water bodies and with recent temperature swings there is no safe ice guaranteed.

"Since we at the Department of Natural Resources do not monitor ice conditions, we urge all who enjoy the outdoors to first check with local bait shops, fishing clubs, snowmobile clubs and outfitters for those local ice conditions," Dombrowski said. "These are the places locally most likely to have the most current information about the lakes and areas."

Dombrowski offers tips for anyone considering going on the ice:

- Don't travel in areas you are not familiar and don't travel at night or during reduced visibility.
- Dress warmly in layers and consider wearing a life jacket or vest.

- Head out with friends or family. Take a cell phone and make sure someone knows where you are and when you are expected to return.

- Avoid inlets, outlets or narrows that may have current that can thin the ice.

- Look for clear ice, which is generally stronger than ice with snow on it or bubbles in it.

- Carry some basic safety gear: ice claws or picks, a cellphone in a waterproof bag or case, a life jacket and length of rope, and a spud bar to check ice while walking to new areas.

- Wear creepers attached to boots to prevent slipping on clear ice and take extra mittens or gloves so you always have a dry pair.

If you go through the ice:

- Carry a set of ice picks in your pocket to help you climb out of the ice hole.

- Once out of the water, do not stand up. Rather, walk on your forearms until the majority of your body is on solid surface.

- Try to remain calm, call for help and take steps to get out of the water as soon as possible.

The DNR has more information at [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) under "ice safety."

## Take 5 Club looks to fill some Santa lists

The Take 5 Club, which assists about 25 to 35 children each month who need warm clothes and other items, helps even more children during the holidays along with a little gift or two as a surprise.

Club founder Vicky Schroeder is asking residents to be Santa Claus to Winnebago

County children by joining the club for \$25 with all funds going toward clothes, jackets, snow pants, winter boots and related items. Membership dues can be sent to Take 5 Club, 1513 Hayden Drive, Oshkosh, WI 54904 or [www.takefiveclub.org](http://www.takefiveclub.org) and use PayPal.

# Community events

### Thursday, Dec. 20

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

### Friday, Dec. 21

Reindeer at the Rink, 5:30 p.m., Riverside Park, 305 Ceape Ave.

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

Marine Corps League Bingo, 5:30 p.m., Marine Corps League, 4715 Sherman Road

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

### Saturday, Dec. 22

Winter Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Menominee Nation Arena

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

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

### Friday, Dec. 28

Wisconsin Herd vs. Long Island Nets, 7 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

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

### Saturday, Dec. 29

Wisconsin Herd vs. Grand Rapids Drive, 7 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

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

### Sunday, Dec. 30

UWO Men's Basketball vs. Concordia, 2 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena



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# Prep sports roundup

## BOYS BASKETBALL

### North wins at Appleton

After a three-game losing streak, the Oshkosh North boys basketball team got back on track after beating Appleton East 64-52 in a Fox Valley Association Conference game played on the road Friday night.

The Spartans (3-4) jumped out to a big lead and eventually led by 18 points at halftime in the win.

Matt Berger led the way for North with 16 points while Matt Hickey added 14. Jalen Keago chipped in 13 points for North, which went 16 of 21 at the free throw line in the win.

### Wildcats lose thriller

Kaukauna made a free throw with 2.5 seconds left to give it a 78-77 win over Oshkosh West in a Fox Valley Association Conference game played Friday.

Keaton Ferris made 1 of 2 free throws at the line after getting fouled on a drive to the basket to break a 77-77 tie.

Donovan Ivory led the Ghosts with 27 points while West (3-3) was led by Caleb Fuller, who had 21 points. Karter Thomas added 20 points while Jacquez Overstreet chipped in 14 for the Wildcats.

### Lourdes crushes CWC

The Lourdes boys basketball team picked up a big 66-36 win over Central Wisconsin Christian on Friday night in a

Trailways-East Conference game.

Henry Noone led the Knights (6-1) with 20 points, going 8 of 11 from the field. Ben Huizenga added 12 points and five assists while Hayden Jones had six points, 10 rebounds and four assists.

The Knights struggled from 3-point land going 4 of 22 but was 9 of 10 from the line and recorded 15 steals.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

### North rally falls short

Trailing by 11 points at the break, the Oshkosh North girls basketball team nearly pulled off a comeback in a 47-40 loss against Appleton East in a Fox Valley Association game played Friday night.

Ashley Wissink led the Spartans with 14 points while Brooke Ellestad and Elle Lieder each added seven. Lieder added eight rebounds in the loss while Nydia Griffin and Wissink each had four assists.

### Knights get second win

The Lourdes girls basketball team pulled away from Central Wisconsin Christian Friday night in a 61-52 win in a Trailways-East Conference game.

Alexis Rolph had another big night, scoring 28 points – knocking down five 3-pointers – while Hope Burns added 15 points.

Raechel Russo and Marley Wesenberg chipped in six points each for the Knights.

Russo led Lourdes with 11 rebounds and added four assists while Rolph led the

team with eight assists.

## WRESTLING

### Parkin leads Lourdes at Kewaunee Invite

Alex Parkin was perfect Saturday as the Lourdes wrestling team finished eighth in the Kewaunee Invitational.

Parkin finished 5-0 on the day at 138 pounds. At 113 pounds Kaden Kapp was 3-2 while Camron Kelly was also 3-2 at 152 pounds.

Nicholas Parkin was 2-3 at 170 pounds for the Knights.

### North falls to Lightning

The Oshkosh North wrestling team lost a Fox Valley Association duel Thursday, against Appleton North, falling 47-15.

Picking up wins for the Spartans included Dylan Besaw at 126 pounds (2-0 decision), Cade Schmitz at 132 pounds (6-0 decision), A.J. Besaw at 220 pounds (6-5 decision) and Jordan Harrington at 120 pounds who won by forfeit.

## GIRLS HOCKEY

### Warbirds stay unbeaten

The third-ranked Fond du Lac Warbirds improved to 8-0 on the season after picking up a 5-0 win over Brookfield on Friday night.

Oshkosh's Hattie Verstegen recorded two assists and scored the game's last goal in the win.

# Arena hosts Fox Cities Roller Derby

Menominee Nation Arena and Fox Cities Roller Derby (FCRD) are bringing roller derby to Oshkosh this winter with three contests Jan. 5, Feb. 2 and March 23.

The three nights of derby will feature double-header bouts with the All-Stars travel team and the 920 Honeys home team competing against other clubs from Wisconsin and the Midwest.

"Derby will bring in people from all over Wisconsin, and we can't wait to welcome them to our space for an awesome time," said Greg Pierce, president of Fox Valley Pro Basketball.

FCRD has called Skaters Edge in Appleton home since its establishment in 2007 and is a skater-owned and operated roller league that welcomes participants of all sizes, ages and skill levels.

"We couldn't be more excited to show more of northeast Wisconsin what roller derby is all about. The sport is entertaining for all, and we are so proud of how far we have come," said Shelly Hitchcock, secretary of the FCRD and an Oshkosh local.

Advance tickets are \$15 for ages 17 and up, \$10 for ages 6 to 16 and free for children 5 and-under. At-the door prices will be \$18 and \$13 (6 to 16). Tickets may be purchased at the arena box office, at [www.menomineenationarena.com](http://www.menomineenationarena.com) or through [ticketstaronline.com](http://ticketstaronline.com) or a derby team member.

# Titans earn All-America football selections

By Kennan Timm  
UW-OSHKOSH SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

Repeat first-team selection Derrick Jennings Jr. and first-time honorees Alex Wendorf and Cole Yoder were selected to represent the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh on the D3football.com All-America Team.



JENNINGS

Jennings, a senior linebacker, becomes the first Titan to collect two All-America first team accolades from an organization.

Wendorf, a senior offensive guard, was named to the second team while senior safety Yoder received honorable mention. Wendorf and Yoder are the second Titans

to earn D3football.com All-America accolades at their respective positions.

Jennings, Wendorf and Yoder were among 10 WIAC players on the All-America Team. UW-Whitewater had six players selected and UW-Eau Claire had one.

Jennings led the WIAC with three blocked kicks and two forced fumbles while ranking second in the league with four interceptions, fourth with 13 tackles for loss and ninth with four sacks. He also broke up four passes on the year. The two-time D3football.com All-West Region and All-WIAC first team selection finished the year with 62 tackles, including a team-leading 37 solo.

Wendorf, an All-WIAC first team award winner the past two years and an All-West Region first team pick this season, played a key role for a UW-Oshkosh offensive line that paved the way for 14 Titans to

combine for 1,247 rushing yards and 11 touchdowns on the ground.

Yoder paced the Titans with 71 tackles this year. He ranked second in the conference with four interceptions, sixth with 10 passes defended and 10th with 7.1 tackles per game.

Saint John's University (Minn.) quarterback Jackson Erdmann and University of Mount Union (Ohio) cornerback Louis Berry headlined the All-America Team as the offensive player of the year and the defensive player of the year, respectively. Jim Margraff from Johns Hopkins University (Md.) was named D3football.com's coach of the year.

UW-Oshkosh concluded the year with a 6-4 record, marking the program's eighth consecutive winning season. The school's only other stretch with eight straight winning seasons was 1918-25.

# Titans punter gets academic honors

UW-Oshkosh senior punter Turner Geisthardt has earned Google Cloud NCAA Division III Academic All-America First Team honors from the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) for the second straight season.

Geisthardt, who owns a 3.94 cumulative grade point average as a kinesiology major, becomes the 19th Titan to receive multiple CoSIDA Academic All-America mentions.

A three-time member of the WIAC Scholastic Honor Roll, he was selected as a co-recipient of this season's WIAC Football Max Sparger Student-Athlete Award and a semifinalist for the 2018 National Football Foundation William V. Campbell Trophy.

Geisthardt, a 2014 graduate of Oshkosh North High School, is UW-Oshkosh's all-time leader with 199 punts and 7,887 punting yards for a 39.6-yard average.



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# Obituaries

## Thomas A. Dowman

Thomas "Tom" A. Dowman, age 87 of Oshkosh, passed away on Saturday, December 8, 2018 after a battle with cancer. He was born on February 3, 1931 to the late William and Jenny Mae (Duff) Dowman. He married Dorothy "Dottie" Thomas on January 12, 1974 in Kenosha.

Tom was a Petty Officer 2nd Class in the Navy, and served as a Chaplain's Assistant and as an announcer on Armed Forces Radio.

He worked in Union Grove, Wisconsin

for the Red Cross organizing, fund raising and developing community interaction.

Tom and Dottie moved to Oshkosh in the early 1970's. Tom worked for the Oshkosh United Way Fund performing the same work as with the Red Cross, organizing, fund raising and community involvement. He continued to run the United Way for over 20 years, raising millions of dollars for the Fund until his retirement. After his retirement, from the United Way, he worked for Pommerening Dodge of Oshkosh as their Five Star Representative.

Tom was always involved in the communities where he lived. He helped establish the Oshkosh Area Community band and was instrumental in creating the Holiday Community Sing. He organized and raised funds for an annual trip to the Shriner's Hospital in the Twin Cities. For years he organized and MC'd an annual luncheon for residents from the King Veteran's Home and the contestants for the Miss Wisconsin Pageant.

He was a member of the Candlelight Club and a local Last Man Club. He

worked with the local district of the Boy Scouts of America in several volunteer capacities. He led fund raising effort for the Wautoma PAC. He also assisted in fund raising and as a volunteer with the EAA and Oshkosh Public Museum. Tom and Dottie are members of the Salvation Army Church, and Tom helped as a volunteer and fund raiser.

Tom was a member and Past Master of Oshkosh Lodge #27 F&AM of Wisconsin. He also served the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin F&AM in several volunteer positions raising funds, establishing long range financial plans and organizing community involvement.

He was a member of affiliated Masonic organizations including Order of the Eastern Star, the White Shrine of Jerusalem, the York Rite and the Shriners. Until August of this year, Tom dedicated his time to his work with the Masonic Service Association at King Veterans Home as a volunteer and member of the King Recreation Committee.

It was once said that "a gentleman is someone who makes those around him feel comfortable and important." If that is true, Tom was a gentleman.

Thomas is survived by his loving wife, Dottie; his sons, Steve Dowman and Andy Brooks; daughters: Lynda (Daryl) Simon and Cherie (Brian) Zahn; grandson: Jacob (Tiffany) Simon; daughter-in-law: Debbie Brooks; good friend: Steven Labus.

He was preceded in death by his son Ron Brooks, his grandson Ray Simon and his brother Gerald.

Memorial services were held.

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## Haliburton

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coached in my 21 years of basketball."

The first-team selection on the 2018 Associated Press all-state team and key member of Weber's state championship Spartans squad wasn't sure what to expect when he landed on the Iowa State campus. But he knew he couldn't coast on his skills. He quickly established a game plan to wear out one pair of sneakers after another with his tireless work ethic.

"I really didn't know what was going to happen," said Haliburton in a phone interview. "I was just hoping to get on the floor and get some minutes, so I worked really hard over the summer and spent a lot of time in the gym. I worked on my craft

and I guess it worked out.

"I'm just trying to stick with what I've been doing my entire life, and that's outwork people. You have to work for everything you do. I've done that here and been blessed by God."

Haliburton starts at the 2-spot (shooting guard) but has also played some at point guard. He moved into the Cyclones' starting lineup in the second game of the season against Missouri after a foot injury to incumbent starter Lindell Wigginton and quickly showed coach Steve Prohm he was a starting-caliber player with eight points, three assists and more importantly, no turnovers in 40 minutes. Haliburton has just 10 turnovers — lowest among Cyclones starters — and it's not as though Iowa State plays a slow-paced, half-court game.

"We like to get up and down the floor — that's the way the whole Big 12 conference is," said Haliburton. "It's a faster-paced conference than the Big 10, and that's the way I like to play. I'm a high-energy guy. I'm just trying to keep my energy up while

trying to defend and make shots."

With Haliburton pulling the trigger, Iowa State is off to a fine 9-2 start. Haliburton has quickly embraced the team-first concept and put individual aspirations aside. Iowa State has made six NCAA tournament appearances in the past seven years — reaching the Sweet 16 in 2016 and 2014 — and won three conference tournaments in the past five years.

"The biggest thing I like with our program is the culture here," said Haliburton. "There has been a lot of success here so I'm just trying to keep that going. Playing Division 1 basketball with a scholarship is something I've wanted to do my entire life. But it's not just about me anymore. It's about playing for the program and the whole school. One thing we preach here is to play for the dudes that came before you — play for the name that is across your chest."

The Cyclones play home games at the 14,384-seat Hilton Coliseum and are currently 6-0 at home. Competing in front of large, raucous crowds hasn't fazed the unflappable Haliburton in the least.

"Oh, I love the big crowds," Haliburton said. "I really love basketball and like to share my enjoyment of the game with the rest of the world. It's just fun."

Haliburton hasn't forgotten about his hometown or the Oshkosh North basketball community. He texts Weber and several former teammates on a regular basis, and even communicates with some of the younger players in the Spartans program.

"There are kids in the fifth and sixth grades that he emails with, offering encouragement," said Weber. "He's still connected to our program and he's so active in our community. There are a lot of people in our community that are so happy for him — not just because of the player he was here but because of the type of person he is.

"He's a very realistic, very humble kid. He's never allowed success to go to his head. We text each other a lot and he's always the same old Ty."

That same old Ty takes pride in the program of which he was such an integral part

and does what he can to support Spartans players and coaches.

"I talk to the guys all the time about how the season is going and what coach Weber is yelling at them about," joked Haliburton. "Oshkosh is home. I've been through a lot of things they're going through. There are nights where you feel you can't make a shot, and I still go through that. I just try and do anything I can do to help.

"As for the little guys, I was like them myself once. Growing up, I looked up to guys like Kevin Pagel (his older brother) and Tank Johnson. I just try and talk to them, and about things other than basketball. Like how is school going? How is their family doing?"

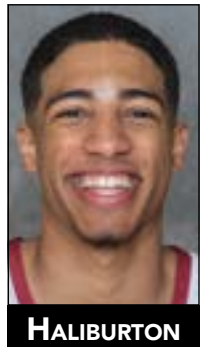
Haliburton, a business management major, feels well prepared for the world of big-time college basketball after four years with the Spartans' high-level hoops program. He played three years for legendary coach Frank Schade and another under Weber, a longtime program assistant who took over the Spartans following Schade's retirement.

"Coach Schade and coach Weber instilled in me the value of hard work," Haliburton said. "They made me realize that things are earned in life — that's probably my biggest takeaway from playing in the program.

"When I first came here, it didn't take me long to see there are dudes that are a lot better than you and a lot bigger than you. Some of these guys are just freaks of nature — they outweigh me by like 40 pounds. But they're not going to outwork me. That's what I have to do here — outwork people. You don't get handed things in life."

With Haliburton leading the way, Iowa State is positioning itself for a return to the NCAA tournament after missing the Big Dance last season with a 13-18 record. The Cyclones are also looking to rebound from a last-place 4-14 showing in the Big 12.

"I think you should set your goals high and mine are to win the Big 12 championship and the national championship," he said. "I won't shoot for anything less."



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# Food co-op

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member-owners is the length of the process, which makes communication and education key.

"A standard food co-op startup might take up to seven years, so we're right in the midst of that," said Haines. "What we look at is: Are we growing? Is there momentum? And we definitely feel like there is right now."

In addition to educating the community on what it takes to form a co-op, the group is working to help people understand what a co-op is and the advantages it can bring to member-owners and the community at large.

While a food co-op will be new to this region, the co-op model is not uncommon.

"The co-op model, which is a business model, is not limited to food," said Melissa Weyland, Oshkosh Food Co-op secretary. Some co-ops boast national or state brand recognition such as REI, Ocean Spray, Organic Valley and Verve.

Food co-ops often carry more local, organic options than conventional grocery stores. Other common elements are robust bulk sections and a "third space" where people can sit and visit, said Weyland.

Co-ops can also work together to purchase on shared buying contracts, which enables them to negotiate competitive pricing and keep their prices on par with other grocery stores.

In addition to more grocery options, co-ops can strengthen the local econo-



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Oshkosh Food Co-op board member Melissa Weyland explains co-ops and how it would work in the city at the Oshkosh Convention Center in October.

my. The board anticipates that 20 percent of the co-op's products will be locally sourced, giving agricultural startups a welcome boost.

Money spent at co-ops benefits the community at large. The group is projecting \$3.5 million in annual sales with about 32 percent of that staying within the community, according to Haines.

"What we've seen with other co-ops is that it actually creates demand, and new businesses grow and start," she said. Local producers have already expressed interest in selling produce at the co-op and some have become member-owners.

Having the co-op in the downtown area can also help revitalization efforts. "The

presence of a co-op creates a chain reaction. Now you have an anchor and a lot of other things start to pop up," said Haines.

A centrally located food co-op would help counter the lack of grocery options in the central city as well. According to research by the League of Women Voters, many people who lack food and transportation options tend to shop at convenience stores where they can spend two to three times what they would at a grocery store.

The co-op board aims to make the store accessible to all. They'll consider accessibility in store design and are looking into programs to aid affordability.

"We haven't finalized exactly what that will look like here but many co-ops offer

food for all-type programs where they might have basic staple pantry items that they sell just a bit above cost as a way to make them affordable for families in need," Haines said. Another solution is accepting alternative payment options such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.

The co-op is in the process of finding a project manager to help with the location search and next steps. These include conducting a capital drive to raise funds to build or renovate the store, hiring a general manager and preparing to open.

Throughout the process, established co-ops have shared information and tips on organizing, recruiting members and preparing for a capital drive. Organizers of the Food Co-op Initiative have been particularly helpful in providing information and support, Haines said.

"I don't know that I had a clear picture of how much startup activity there really is going on in the nation right now," she said. "We're one of dozens of startup food co-ops in the country. That's been one of the delights to discover."

With the location search on the horizon, the board hopes that momentum will continue building.

"We know that northeast Wisconsin is ready for a co-op," said Haines, "and we're excited about the possibility of Oshkosh kicking it off."

For more information about the co-op, to become a member-owner or to request a speaker for a service club, faith community or classroom, visit [www.oshkoshfoodcoop.com](http://www.oshkoshfoodcoop.com).

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# Gifts of nature inspire garden, nature lovers

By Rob Zimmer  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Still looking for the perfect gift for the outdoors lover on your list? Here are some suggestions for wonderful gifts, all from the heart and local. For nature lovers and gardeners, there are many great opportunities for gift giving right here in Oshkosh.

The Oshkosh Garden Club welcomes new members throughout the year and it's easy to join. Visit [www.oshkoshgardenclub.org](http://www.oshkoshgardenclub.org) to give a membership. Members enjoy a variety of benefits including educational programs, meetings, volunteer opportunities and gardening projects.

The Winnebago County Master Gardener program also encourages new members. Each year training is held for new and interested master gardener volunteers. Detailed training, along with many volunteer opportunities and educational programs, as well as field trips, are all enjoyed by master gardener volunteers. For details go to [www.winnebago-mastergardeners.org](http://www.winnebago-mastergardeners.org).

A membership to the Paine Art Center and Gardens is another gift idea that will be treasured throughout the year as members enjoy a variety of benefits including discounted admission to special events and garden admission among other

opportunities.

As is the case with many of these organizations, the Oshkosh Zoological Society relies on family and individual memberships to expand and sustain exhibits, programs and events. Membership includes discounted admission for special events and a number of other perks.

Give a membership to the Winnebago County Audubon Society for a full year's worth of amazing nature events, programs, field trips and informational meetings. Outdoor lovers and nature lovers will enjoy the benefits of an Audubon Society membership. Visit [www.winaudubon.org](http://www.winaudubon.org).

Gardeners and nature lovers, as well as property owners throughout the area, would enjoy the gift of attending the annual Toward Harmony with Nature conference in Oshkosh in January. This conference, highlighting native plants and landscaping and organized by Wild Ones, offers a full day of speakers, programming, vendors and suppliers of native plants, outdoor and garden art, services and more. To register, visit [www.towardharmonywithnature.org](http://www.towardharmonywithnature.org).

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

# Obituaries

## Richard Rousar

Richard "Dick" Rousar, age 70, passed away on Thursday, December 13, 2018. Dick was born to the late Raymond and Gloria (Bradley) Rousar on April 11, 1948 in Oshkosh, WI. After high school, Dick served his country in the United States Air Force. He married Vicki Kortbein on April 4, 1992 in Oshkosh. He was a very passionate and avid bowler his whole life. He also enjoyed playing softball, golfing, and fishing. He was an animal lover and there wasn't a dog who didn't love him.

He had many loving animals that were special to him including Zoey, Rocky, Baby, Riley, and Sasha. Dick worked as security for companies like Kimberly Clark and General Motors; and most recently worked at Piggly Wiggly during retirement.

Incredibly kind, gracious and caring, his door was always open for those that needed help.

Dick is survived by his wife, Vicki; sons, Doug Rousar, Richard (Mandy)

Witak, Todd (Kim) Witak; daughter, Tammy (Jason) Ellis; 14 grandchildren; one great-grandchild and one grandpup (Luna).

In addition to his parents, Dick was preceded in death by his daughter, Tracy Rousar; and brother, David Rousar.

A service for Dick will be held at Emmanuel U.C.C. (1306 Michigan St.) on Thursday, December 20, 2018 at 3PM. Rev. Andi Wolf will be officiating. A visitation will be held from 1PM until the time of service.

The family would like to thank the staff at Heartland Hospice for their caring and compassionate care of Dick.

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