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School facilities costs add up

District building review finds \$100M in eventual repairs

By Natalie Mast
FOR THE HERALD

The Oshkosh Area School District is in need of about \$100 million in building repairs, according to a recent facilities condition assessment.

An estimated \$50.3 million was calculated for the district's elementary and combined elementary/middle schools, \$12 million for separate middle schools,

\$38.3 million for the two high schools and \$6.8 million for administration reparation and maintenance.

While nearly all of facilities need a range of improvements, West High School was identified as requiring the highest degree of repairs at an estimated \$24.7 million. Most of this projected work would be directed toward the outer shell of the building and



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interior areas, along with facility system updates and exterior improvements.

Merrill Elementary and Middle schools, in addition to North High School facilities, would need a combined \$50 million to bring the buildings up to code, according to the assessment.

Superintendent Vickie Cartwright said the school board and district officials are having a series of ongoing conversations about the facility study budget. The board's October meeting was the first of

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Arena can't rest with its success

Venue looking to widen its geographic reach

By Ti Windisch
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

It's been more than a year since Menominee Nation Arena opened last Dec. 1 with a Wisconsin Herd home game, and those involved with the arena and the Herd are proud of a strong first year while looking ahead to expanding the venue's influence in the area.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL COONEY

'I am not working'

Ice fishermen gathered last Tuesday before sunrise at Asylum Point Lighthouse north of Oshkosh to start their day. Assembling and hauling the required gear to their favorite spot takes some effort but as several clearly stated, "I am not working." Another fisherman admitted that given the cost of the required gear that he could have paid for a good number of fish dinners. Temperatures in the high 30s, clear ice and a nice sunrise made for ideal conditions.



OSHKOSH HERALD

The Menominee Nation Arena officially opened its doors to the public last Dec. 1 with a game featuring its prime tenant, the Milwaukee Bucks' Wisconsin Herd development team.

Fox Valley Pro Basketball president Greg Pierce oversees the group that owns the arena, and Pierce said the goal one year in is to expand awareness of Menominee Nation Arena north.

"For us, it probably takes another year or two," Pierce said. "We're trying to bust

a norm where if you live in Appleton, you didn't, in the winter, see much going on in Oshkosh. You just didn't see Oshkosh as a destination for it. We have to create that. It just takes time."

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Town moves forward on subdivision

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Algoma Town Board voted unanimously to recommend approval of a rezoning request to R-2 and R-3 residential zoning at its Dec. 19 meeting that could allow development of the Lakevista Estates subdivision, but extended the deadline for approval of a preliminary plat for the area.

The 30-day extension came at the request of the developers, who indicat-

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smoothly.

And as we look forward to achieving Year 2 goals of increasing advertising revenues, distribution area, subscriber base and our content team I thought I'd close out 2018 with a little story.

You may remember that local-boy-done-good Jim VandeHei recently visited his hometown of Oshkosh for the UW-Oshkosh journalism department's 50th anniversary. Taking advantage of the media access slot I planned on sitting in the back to listen how this young man started his own media outlet and hopefully walk away with a few tips.

Unbelievably Ti Windisch, who was covering the story for us, and I were the only ones in attendance and I'm thinking, Score! A one-on-one with the man who brought us Politico and Axios. And then Jim started asking ME questions. It was a pretty cool day ... and then Ti began his

interview.

Ti asked what advice Jim had for young journalists today and Jim encouraged them to take risks.

"You're young" he said. "You don't have responsibilities, a family, children. If you fail, so what?"

At least that's what I heard as my eyes got bigger and bigger as he named each responsibility. My mind is making a checklist: I have a family. I have children. I have a mortgage. And, well, I'm not that young anymore. What the heck was I thinking?

Obviously I wasn't thinking about reaching retirement. I was thinking what I shared with you in Issue 1: We want to contribute to becoming a more informed community.

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Happy New Year.

Globetrotters return to bring in new year

Featuring some of the most elite dunkers on the planet, exceptional ball handlers and Guinness World Record holders, the famed Harlem Globetrotters return to the Menominee Nation Arena at 2 p.m. New Year's Day.

The ambassadors of basketball, who also played at the arena last New Year's Day, feature a new Fan Powered World Tour that allows interaction with team stars on and off the court. Ticket-holders

will get information to download the Globetrotters' interactive mobile application with exclusive features, including an augmented reality basketball toss game and custom photo filters.

Abe Saperstein founded the team in 1926 and they played their first road game in Hinckley, Ill., on Jan. 7, 1927. Since then, the Globetrotters have entertained more than 146 million fans in 123 countries and territories worldwide. They

popularized the slam dunk, fast break, the forward and point guard positions, along with the figure-eight weave.

The Globetrotters won their first World Basketball Championship in 1940 by defeating the Chicago Bruins. In 1948 and 1949, the Globetrotters twice defeated the NBA champion Minneapolis Lakers.

Tickets are available at the arena box office, Ticketstar and through the Menominee Nation Arena website.

Free caregiver respite offered

Memory Care Respite Partners, a collaboration of area community churches and nonprofits, provide free respite care for caregivers of people experiencing memory loss, Alzheimer's or dementia.

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nior Care. "The respite care partners saw a crucial unmet need for caregiver support, many of whom are spouses or children of aging parents. We came together to share our time and expertise to give them a well-earned break."

The Oshkosh program is offered the first and second Tuesdays of the month from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1860 Wisconsin St. The program is a collaboration among Winnebago ADRC, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Valley VNA Senior Care and Oshkosh Seniors Center. RSVP to 920-235-4850.

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Short-term city rental ordinance advanced

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Oshkosh Plan Commission recommended approval Dec. 18 of a short-term rental ordinance that would keep the city in line with new state regulations.

Planner Mark Lyons said those interested in renting out their homes for at least 11 days but fewer than 29 consecutive days during a calendar year would be affected, such as those renting out a home

during EAA's AirVenture or other special events. The total number of days within a year cannot exceed 180.

The new law would apply to all zoning districts with property owners having to submit to a County Health Department review for public health and safety, obtain a license and secure payment of a room tax.

The proposal, if approved by the Common Council, would remove the vacation rental and timeshare requirements in the

city ordinances and define short-term rentals. The Department of Community Development would be in charge of the licensing procedure.

Those interested in renting out a home must obtain a Winnebago County license for a tourist rooming house, a seller's permit from the state Department of Revenue and a completed State Lodging Establishment Inspection form.

In another action, the Plan Commis-

sion recommended approval of a rezoning request for the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh that will allow construction of an expanded playground and community garden on land adjacent to its building.

Commissioners also recommended creation of a flood storage district as part of the city's floodplain overlay zoning district that would affect areas designated as part of the federal 100-year floodplain requirements.

Stoegbauer Park gets \$6,000 boost from St. Jude

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The city received a check for \$6,000 on Dec. 19 toward the cost of refurbishing Stoegbauer Park in the Sacred Heart Neighborhood Association area from St. Jude the Apostle Church.

The church's Parish Council voted to donate proceeds from its Oktoberfest event as part of the \$25,000 the neighborhood association needs to raise for its match to the \$137,500 awarded by the city for park improvements through the Great Neighborhoods program.

Funds will be used toward the park project, which will include installing poured-on rubber surface material on the playground to replace wood chips, adding additional lighting and making the park toddler-friendly.

Parks director Ray Maurer said his goal is to have the park improvements completed by late June with the neighborhood association having design input. Maur-



PHOTO BY TOM EKVAL

Taking part in a \$6,000 check presentation from St. Jude the Apostle Church to the Sacred Heart Neighborhood Association are (from left) Jacqui Steiner of the neighborhood steering committee with son Isaiah, city planner Alexa Naudziunas, the Rev. Louis Golamari from St. Jude, Greater Oshkosh-Neighborhood Alliance director Pam Ruder and parks director Ray Maurer.

er added that a private crew will remove current playground equipment during the Rock the Block event in April and donate it to be reused in a developing nation.

People and businesses can contribute as part of the \$25,000 match by contacting the Parks Department and identifying the gift for the Stoegbauer Park Project.

Youth piano program set at Trinity church

Pedals, Pipes and Pizza returns to Oshkosh as an opportunity for piano students to play their pieces on a pipe organ, explore the powerful range of sound and learn what an organ can do.

The program for youth ages 9-18 will be held from 8:30 to noon Jan. 26 at Trinity Episcopal Church. Youth will also be able to play the organs at First Congregational Church and First Presbyterian Church, each a block away from Trinity downtown.

The morning ends with pizza for lunch for youth and parents. Admission is free but registration is required by Jan. 14. For questions or registration, contact Marianne Chaudoir, organist at Trinity, at 920 379-8811 or mmchaudoir@att.net.

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Community shared in an event-filled year

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Looking back on any year usually jogs the memory with more news stories and events than expected, and 2018 seemed extra busy for Oshkosh. Business, entertainment and sports happenings were steady throughout the city, whether it was Oshkosh Corporation sealing its commitment to the city with its global headquarters or the Menominee Nation Arena going into full entertainment mode after its late 2017 opening.

In no particular order are highlights from the past year:

Oshkosh Corp. HQ stays

Oshkosh Corp.'s new global headquarters broke ground along the Fox River on the site of the former Lakeshore Municipal Golf Course. The estimated \$19 million, 180,000-square-foot facility with capacity for 650 team members will include a training academy, innovation center, wellness center and collaboration areas. CEO Wilson Jones said the company had to consider many offers from around the nation before accepting the city's bid for the project and keeping the hometown manufacturer where it belonged.

With the headquarters project comes an extensive makeover of Oshkosh Avenue and surrounding streets in that area, construction of a Marriott suites hotel and pending decisions on the future of the 60-plus acres of public land that remain from the golf course land that will include an extension of the Riverwalk. In the meantime the company captured more significant contracts and orders for its extensive line of military and service vehicles.

New arena entertains

The Menominee Nation Arena went into full-court action with its Milwaukee Bucks G League development team, the Wisconsin Herd, and its successful inaugural season. Led by head coach Jordan Brady and general manager Dave Dean, the Herd finished 21-29 but more importantly drew strong fan support and created a whole new atmosphere on the city's south side, which earned the organization honors as the G League team of the year.

Greg Pierce, president of Fox Valley Pro Basketball and the force behind the arena project, led the effort to get the Bucks to Oshkosh but also focused on getting a variety of other entertainment events to the facility beyond basketball. Music concerts, a wide mix of sporting events and community-focused gatherings all helped keep the arena busy through its first year.



An artist's rendering shows the new Oshkosh Corp. global headquarters that is steadily rising on the south bank of the Fox River.

North boys tops in hoops

Oshkosh North's boys basketball team brought home the school's first WIAA Division 1 State Championship on March 17, beating Brookfield East 61-44. The Spartans finished the season 27-1 with its only loss against eventual Division II state champs Kaukauna, a team that North settled the score with at the end of the regular season. Senior Tyrese Haliburton was subsequently named state player of the year for leading the Spartans to the title among other honors garnered by its team.

Packager acquires Bemis

Fox Valley-based Bemis Co. was acquired by Australian consumer packaging leader Amcor Ltd. in a \$6.8 billion deal to form New Amcor, a new global alignment in the flexible packaging industry. Founded in 1858, Bemis has two North America locations in Oshkosh along with its Performance Packaging facilities and employs about 16,000 worldwide. Bemis is the city's second largest employer with about 2,300 full-time equivalency positions at its facilities as of last fall.

Revival of Eagles Club

Sisters Carey Sharpe and Jenna Golem restored a historic landmark in Oshkosh into a multiuse event facility called The Howard that opened in the fall. Founded in 1927 as the Eagles Club, the building was converted into a concert hall, cafe, bar and bowling alley. The Howard is named as a tribute to the late grandfather of the two founders, whose father is U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson. The 33,000-square-foot development has a slate of concerts, dinner theaters and other presentations on its developing entertainment lineup.

Drug death team formed

A new interagency partnership in Winnebago County focused on preventing drug deaths launched in March and placed the county in a statewide strategy to find

better overdose prevention and intervention. Professionals who play a daily role in dealing with the impact of drugs and the growing number of opioid-related deaths are now part of a team working on new strategies. Winnebago is one of three new counties selected to join three others from the previous year to help develop a drug overdose fatality review program with partnerships across sectors that share data and expertise to study those deaths. State agencies have budgeted \$354,000 for the six county sites and related technical assistance through an award from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

New school chief arrives

The Board of Education unanimously selected Vickie Cartwright, associate superintendent for Orange County Public Schools in Florida, as the Oshkosh Area School District's new superintendent. There were 61 applicants for the position that was narrowed down to 10 and then a final three before Cartwright was selected. Replacing Stan Mack II, who announced his retirement after holding the position since 2012, began her role July 1.

Community leader retires

United Way executive director Sue Panek announced her retirement after 25 years in that position. New director Mary Ann Dilling took over Oct. 1 with Panek continuing to help in the transition. During Panek's tenure, she played a critical role in helping the United Way adapt to significant changes in the community, including the city's first information and referral system with the Public Library, formation of the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry and helping implement a volunteer income tax assistance program among her other contributions to the agency and other community groups.

Inspections updated

The area surrounding the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh campus and several other locations were designated the city's first Neighborhood Stabilization and Enhancement District that will be the focus of future rental housing inspections. Under new standards established by the state Legislature, the city had to alter its previous inspection program to comply with the new state restrictions. The city won't charge for initial or follow-up inspec-

tions to determine whether violations are corrected but may charge fees for subsequent inspections until compliance. The full inspection program will cost the city \$75,000 or more to implement.

Waite, Morgan projects

Among the many housing developments either approved or already underway in the city, two of the larger ones were of note. The former Waite Grass Carpet factory in the vicinity of Mount Vernon Street and Custer Avenue, listed on the Wisconsin Register of Historic Places, is under renovation by the Oshkosh Housing Authority and accepting tenants. It will be known as the Waite Rug Place, providing 56 one- and two-bedroom affordable rental housing units. A 400-unit development in the Morgan District at Oregon Street and West 6th Avenue was given the green light to create multifamily housing and potential commercial space. Four five-story buildings with 54 units in each will be complemented with six townhouse projects on the site.

Oregon Street rebuild

Oregon Street underwent an extensive sewer/water dig and road replacement that impacted businesses and the overall neighborhood for much of the year before its early fall completion of the commercial blocks of the street. While the work will continue next year south of the primary business district, retailers between 6th and 16th were able to welcome back customers and traffic to the area after a challenging summer in the trenches.

UWO dispute evolves

The UW-Oshkosh Foundation's \$14.5 million debt from development deals that included an alumni welcome center, sports complex, hotel and two biodigesters eased somewhat and subsequent rulings have sided with the foundation on the issue of financial assistance by the university while the case heads to mediation. Former UW-Oshkosh Chancellor Richard Wells and former Vice Chancellor Thomas Sonleitner were charged with felony misconduct in a public office for their involvement in the foundation projects with that court case being pushed forward while related issues get more focus.

In other actions

Other citywide highlights included renovation work at **South Park**, the **UW-Oshkosh men's basketball team** playing for the NCAA Division 3 national championship, a 50th anniversary recognition for **Black Thursday** on the UW-Oshkosh campus for 94 students arrested and expelled for protests that demanded improved experiences for students of color, the opening of a major **transload rail facility** in the Southwest Industrial Park and another record attendance at EAA's week-long **AirVenture**.



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African origins unite at Living Water Church

By the Rev. Tom Willadsen
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

WHERE WE WORSHIP

A look at Oshkosh religious congregations

The Rev. Shadrach Muhima is the pastor of Living Water Church, which is affiliated with the Wisconsin Conference of the United Methodist Church. They have worshipped at First United Methodist Church, 700 W. Linwood Ave., since February 2016.

Worship starts around 3 p.m. and sometimes runs until 5. The last Sunday of each month they worship in Appleton, home to the majority of its members.



SHADRACH

Pastor Shadrach grew up in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and lived there until he was 20, when he moved to Burundi and taught French.

When Burundi became unsafe due to war he fled to Tanzania for about two months before returning to the DRC.

He and his wife and five children fled the DRC for Uganda in 2000 because they are part of the Banyamulenge tribe who were threatened by the majority group in their native country. While in Uganda he applied for refugee status with the United Nations High Commission on Refugees (UNHCR).

His family never lived in a refugee camp; they were always urban refugees. They lived in the capital of Kampala and Shadrach taught high school. For a time he was employed by the UNHCR as a translator for people from Burundi, Rwanda and the DRC who were applying for

refugee status in Uganda.

While in Uganda he felt called to follow his father into ministry and attended a seminary in Kampala run by Presbyterian missionaries from Korea. After 14 years in Uganda, the family learned that they would be settled as refugees in a third country. A few months later in early 2015 they learned they would be sent to the United States.

He said of the background check required by the United States: "They asked many, many questions. They wanted to know that my family was truly threatened in the DRC and that we were not soldiers or political refugees."

His congregation includes people who fled persecution and violence in Burundi, Rwanda and the DRC. While they did not know each other in Africa, Shadrach says, "Here we are brothers and sisters."

While they do not print a worship bulletin, their service follows a standard pattern. They begin with prayer to welcome God and the Holy Spirit into their hearts and their worship space. Next they sing and dance praise songs (At the Interfaith Festival of Gratitude in 2016, the Ambassadors for Christ choir from Shadrach's church sang and danced beautifully; they rocked the Grand).

After the songs three to four members give testimonies. They tell of how God has been in their lives healing, protecting and providing.



PHOTO BY JIM KOEPLICK

The Ambassadors for Christ choir from Living Water Church in Oshkosh perform at the annual Festival of Gratitude in 2016.

Next is the offering, with more songs, and a prayer dedicating the collection for God's purposes.

Pastor Shadrach typically preaches between 30 and 40 minutes. He does not write his sermons out — "They are all up here," he says pointing to his head. To prepare he reads the Bible, studies Bible commentaries and prays.

His sermons flow naturally from his preparation and his observations of everyday life. He usually switches between Swahili and Kinyarwanda while preaching, but also uses English. He would happily preach more in English.

"Everyone is always welcome," he said.

He concludes each sermon with a prayer that echoes the themes of his message. After announcements the service concludes with prayer requests from worshippers. They pray for the nations they left, for those in the "refugee pipeline," the sick and other needs the worshippers mention. The final prayer is for the safety, protection and guidance of the congrega-

tion as it goes out into the world as followers of Jesus Christ.

I asked what surprised him the most when he arrived in Wisconsin.

"Snow!" he replied immediately. "It's something we can't understand; we have never experienced such cold!"

I asked Pastor Shadrach how many languages he speaks; he counted eight. French and Swahili are the official

languages of the DRC and he picked up other African languages in the nations he lived in before coming here. His seminary, run by Koreans in Uganda, used English.

I ended our conversation asking what he finds satisfying about serving his church. He replied, "In Uganda, I prayed for God to send me to a place where I could serve him. I trusted God's plan to send me where I'm needed."

When he got acquainted with other refugees from central Africa in Appleton and Oshkosh, he asked whether they wanted to get together and they said, "Yes! Yes!"

One Sunday a month Pastor Shadrach lives out that vocation in Appleton. All other Sundays he and his congregation gather here to sing God's praises and seek the Lord's guidance in a new place that has become their home.

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

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Downtown YMCA ready for resolute members

New year brings ongoing effort for better health

By Cheryl Hentz
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The new year is right around the corner and with it come New Year's resolutions – one of which always seems to be losing weight and/or working out more regularly in the year ahead. While some do manage to stick to those resolutions, most only keep true to them for so long before falling back into old routines.

One way to make working out easier and, therefore, more successful is to make it enjoyable. What makes it enjoyable can differ from person to person. Some things might include working out with a friend or group or having a variety of classes that can be taken to make it less monotonous. Maybe it's having state-of-the-art equipment to train with.

All those things and more are available at the Oshkosh YMCA. This is usually a great time to not only check out what the Y has to offer but to visit the newly renovated downtown location.

Last New Year's Day the downtown Y unveiled its \$17 million, two-year-long renovation and upgrade. Some might be thinking that nothing can beat the 20th Avenue YMCA, right? Wrong. The downtown location on Washington Avenue has a whole different vibe to it – something that was done quite intentionally, according to president and chief executive Thomas Blaze.

"The downtown location seeks to convey a feeling of warmth and togetherness. There are four or five different seating areas where people can sit and talk with each other before or after classes. And there is a lounge up front that has a fireplace," he said. "It's just more of a homey, warm feeling with some really nice touches. It was really important that we try to foster a community feeling at our downtown facility."

"A lot of our members come to work out but end up meeting new friends and becoming part of a Y family," continued Abbey Burlingham, mission and brand enhancement director for the Oshkosh YMCA. "We made sure to include multiple inviting gathering spaces where people could sit and read the paper or relax by a warm fire. We also built a new intergenerational room where people of all ages could gather."

At 77,500 square feet, the downtown location is a little less than half the size of the 20th Avenue location on the city's



PHOTO FROM OSHKOSH YMCA

Workout facilities provide a variety of weight, resistance and aerobic options for downtown YMCA members.

west side. And yet they've managed to maximize the space and pack a lot of things into it.

There are more aerobic exercise areas downtown and they have several classrooms for different health and wellness-related classes.

"We've also been able to increase the number of class offerings, make it more diverse and give people more of an opportunity to exercise if they want a class at different times of the day," said Blaze, adding that the locker rooms offer some nice finishes and there are some architectural features downtown that weren't possible at the westside location.

The downtown YMCA also includes "a brand-new, state-of-the-art health and wellness area that spans two floors and includes all of the newest machines and equipment," said Burlingham. "This past fall we also teamed up with Growing Oshkosh to build a brand-new community garden outside of our Childcare Center and look forward to sharing that with the community come spring."

It's clear that people are enjoying the

location's new offerings and community spirit. Burlingham said its group exercise class attendance is up by 50 percent from 2016 numbers, which is the year the renovation project began. She said downtown membership is up by more than 2,300 since November 2016, which includes more than 270 new family units.

To help residents get the new year off to a good start, the Y has a theme for 2019 called "This Year I Will...." It could involve committing more to personal wellness, spending more time with family, encouraging others or joining a community effort. Whatever it is, Y staff are hoping people will be encouraged to make some commitments, then stick with them.

Burlingham said anyone who comes in between now and Jan. 5 to join will get a free consultation – a sit-down to get to know the person and understand their needs and goals – and a half-hour personal session with a certified trainer to get them started. Those signing up during this time frame will also have their joiner fee waived. From Jan. 6 through Jan. 31 the joiner fee will be reduced to \$19.

"The trainers are very unique to the Oshkosh Y. We're really very proud of our trainers and their certifications," said Burlingham. "Our personal training has actually grown quite a bit in the last year, mainly because of referrals and the fact that people have been really happy with the experience they've had with the trainers. We feel this is one of our great offerings."

She said they have 10 nationally certified trainers between the two locations.

Every New Year's Day the Oshkosh YMCA holds an open house for the community where facilities at the downtown and 20th Avenue locations, as well as the Tennis Center, are free to check out. Use of the Tennis Center is included with membership, a change made earlier this year.

"We're here to make a difference in people's lives, wherever that needs to be. Our facilities are great, and people appreciate them, and we appreciate them, as well," said Blaze. "But at the end of the day those facilities are just the tools for us to help achieve our mission, which is to make a difference in people's lives."

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<p>California Large Red Seedless Grapes \$1.99 lb.</p>	<p>3-lb. Bag - California Sweet - Seedless Kids Choice Navel Oranges \$2.99</p>	<p>Fresh Limes 10¢ ea.</p>	<p>5-7-oz. - Fresh Express Tender Baby Salad Blends 2/\$5.50</p>
<p>Washington State Honeycrisp or Pink Lady Apples \$1.69 lb.</p>	<p>California Snow White Cauliflower 89¢ lb.</p>	<p>Jumbo Sweet Onions \$1.29 lb.</p>	
<p>Washington State Braeburn, Cameo or Gala Apples \$1.49 lb.</p>	<p>6-oz. - Sweet Blueberries \$2.99</p>	<p>8-oz. - Pennsylvania Dutchman - Sliced White Mushrooms \$1.99</p>	<p>Bunch Green Onions 69¢ ea.</p>
<p>3-lb. - Wisconsin Empire or Red Delicious Apples \$1.99</p>	<p>California Large Green Seedless Grapes \$2.49 lb.</p>	<p>1-lb. Red Radishes \$1.69</p>	<p>2-lb. - Bellissimo Farms Carrots \$1.59</p>
<p>Michigan McIntosh Apples \$1.29 lb.</p>	<p>Washington State Anjou or Bosc Pears \$1.49 lb.</p>	<p>Idaho Baking Potato 69¢ lb.</p>	<p>2-lb. Yellow Onions 99¢</p>
<p>2-lb. - Senkist Clementine Mandarins \$3.49</p>	<p>Jumbo California Navel Oranges 99¢ ea.</p>	<p>6-oz. - Pennsylvania Dutchman - Sliced or Whole Portabella Mushroom Caps \$3.49</p>	<p>16-oz. Jaffa Guacamole \$4.99</p>
<p>Fancy Lemons 2/\$1</p>	<p>Extra Large Dole Golden Pineapple \$3.49 ea.</p>	<p>Tropical Mangoes 99¢ ea.</p>	<p>16-oz. Jaffa Pico de Gallo \$3.99</p>

INTERNATIONAL VARIETY
SOME ITEMS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE AT ALL LOCATIONS

<p>Jalapeño Peppers \$2.29 lb.</p>	<p>Fresh Bunch Cilantro 2/98¢</p>	<p>Large Poblano Peppers \$2.69 lb.</p>	<p>Fresh Nopal Cactus Leaves \$1.29 lb.</p>
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Organic Some items may not be available at all locations.

<p>1-Pint Organic Grape Tomatoes \$3.99</p>	<p>8-oz. Organic Whole White Mushrooms \$2.99</p>	<p>12-oz. or 16-Count Full Circle Organic Coffee or Single Serve Cups \$5.49</p>
<p>12-oz. Bottle Full Circle Organic Maple Syrup \$6.99</p>	<p>12-oz. Bottle Full Circle Organic Ketchup \$1.99</p>	<p>15-oz. Jar - Original Hellmann's Organic Mayonnaise \$4.49</p>

Gluten Free Some items may not be available at all locations.

<p>11-oz. Package Full Circle Gluten Free Pancake & Waffle Mix \$4.99</p>	<p>9-oz. Full Circle Frozen Gluten Free Entrees \$2.99</p>
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<p>14 to 16-oz. Great Grains; 16-oz. Bran Flakes, 18-oz. Honey Bunches of Oats or Grape Nut Flakes, 20.5-oz. Grape Nuts, or 25-oz. Raisin Bran Post Cereal \$3.29</p>	<p>6-Count - Brat or Deluxe Buns or 20-oz. Loaf Butternut Whole Grain White or Honey Wheat Bread \$1.69</p>	<p>Select 22 to 31-oz. or 12-Count Maxwell House Coffee or K-Cups \$5.99</p>
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<p>Hawaiian Punch 128-oz. \$1.99</p>	<p>12-Count - Regular Blend or Dark Roast Piggly Wiggly Single Serve Cups \$3.99</p>	<p>Half Liter Bottles Absopure Spring Water 24-Pack \$2.49</p>
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Floral and Plant Specials

<p>Holiday Fiesta Bouquet \$12.99</p>	<p>Snow Drift Bouquet \$7.99</p>	<p>4.5" Mini Rose Plant \$4.99</p>
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BAKERY

<p>Italian Bread \$1.69 ea.</p>	<p>4-Count Piggly Wiggly's Muffins \$2.99</p>	
<p>16-oz. Homestyle White or Farmer's Bread \$1.99</p>	<p>8-Inch Dutch Apple or Peach Pie \$4.99</p>	<p>Assorted Varieties Donuts 4-Count Jumbo Ring Donut \$2.99</p>

8 or 12-Count Pack - 12-oz. Cans
LaCroix Sparkling Water
\$3.99 WITH CARD

28 to 32-oz. Package
Food Club Pancake Mix
\$1.69 WITH CARD

2-Pack
Gerber Baby Second Foods
\$1.39 WITH CARD

15.7 to 16-oz. Jar
Chi-Chi's or Herdez Salsa
2/\$4 WITH CARD

12-oz. Bottle
Food Club Horseradish, Dijon, or Spicy Brown Mustard
99¢ WITH CARD

5.75 to 6-oz.
Food Club Stuffed Manzanilla or Ripe Olives
99¢ WITH CARD

25.4-oz. Bottle - Red or White
Welch's Sparkling Grape Juice
\$2.99 WITH CARD

3 to 4.4-oz.
Ales Breads
\$1.99

15-oz.
Food Club Chili
\$1.99

16 to 32-oz. Jar - Hamburger or Sweet Bread
Food Club Spears, Sliced Dill Pickles
\$1.99

8-oz. Can - Whole
Geisha Water Chestnuts
89¢

Party Favorites! Some items may not be available at all locations.

<p>Very Own s 99</p>	<p>8-Count Hamburger or Hot Dog Buns Baked \$1.99</p>	<p>4-Count White or Wheat Sub Buns Baked \$1.99</p>
<p>ies - 11-12-oz. de's t Holes 2/4</p>	<p>Assorted Varieties - 12-Count Fruit Filled Strudel Bites \$2.99</p>	<p>14-oz. "Have Pizza Your Way" Pizza Dough \$1.49</p>
<p>... \$2.99</p>	<p>Assorted Varieties - 8-Count J. Skinner - Family Pack Sweet Rolls \$3.99</p>	

<p>3.5 to 15.1-oz. Package Nabisco Ritz Crackers \$2.49</p>	<p>7 to 15.5-oz. - Select Tostitos Salsa or Doritos or Tostitos Tortilla Chips 2/5</p>
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<p>24-oz. Bottle - Select Food Club Pancake Syrup \$1.99</p>	<p>5 to 8-Count Package Quaker Chewy Granola Bars, Breakfast Flats, or Squares \$2.49</p>
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<p>Package sticks 19</p>	<p>40-Count Green, 40-Count Black Decaffeinated, or 100-Count Food Club Black Tea \$2.29</p>	<p>18.5-oz. Canister - Milk Chocolate Food Club Hot Cocoa \$2.29</p>
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<p>Minis, Sticks, or Twists Food Club Pretzels 99¢</p>	<p>5 to 8-oz. Bag Lay's Poppables or Potato Chips 2/5</p>
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<p>Can Club mili 49</p>	<p>24-oz. Jar Dei Fratelli Pasta Sauce \$1.99</p>	<p>1-lb. Package Food Club Green Split Peas 99¢</p>
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<p>16-oz. Loaf Piggly Wiggly Rye Bread \$1.29</p>	<p>6-Count Package Nestle Pure Life Splash Flavored Water 4/5</p>
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<p>le or Sliced na stnuts ¢</p>	<p>3.75-oz. Chicken of the Sea Sardines 89¢</p>	<p>1-lb. Package Food Club Blackeye Peas \$1.29</p>
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LOWEST LEGAL RETAIL

<p>24-Pack, 12-oz. Cans or Bottles - Miller 64, MGD or Miller Lite \$14.87 ea.</p>	<p>24-Pack, 12-oz. Cans or Bottles - Coors Banquet or Coors Light \$14.87 ea.</p>		
<p>6-Pack, 12-oz. Bottles Leinenkugel's \$5.09 ea.</p>	<p>12-Pack, 12-oz. Bottles Miller High Life Light or Miller High Life \$6.59 ea.</p>	<p>30-Pack, 12-oz. Cans Keystone Ice or Keystone Light \$12.39</p>	
<p>12-Pack, 12-oz. Bottles Blue Moon \$13.99</p>	<p>30-Pack, 12-oz. Cans Miller High Life Light or Miller High Life \$16.86</p>	<p>6-Pack, 12-oz. Cans or Bottles Henry's Hard Sparkling or Henry's Hard Soda \$7.79</p>	
<p>12-Pack, 12-oz. Cans or Bottles Redd's Apple Ale \$12.99</p>	<p>12-Pack, 12-oz. Cans Henry's Hard Sparkling Variety Pack \$14.79</p>	<p>12-Pack, 11.2-oz. Bottles Peroni Nastro Azzurro \$14.99</p>	<p>6-Pack, 12-oz. Cans Arnold Palmer \$7.59</p>
<p>750 ML Bottle André Sparkling Wines \$4.49</p>	<p>750 ML Bottle - Asti or Sparkling Rose Martini & Rossi Sale Price \$10.59 AFTER 11 \$9.59</p>	<p>750 ML Bottle Korbel Champagne \$9.99</p>	<p>750 ML Bottle Luccio Sparkling Wines \$7.99</p>
<p>1.75-Liter Bottle Seagram's 7 Crown Whisky Sale Price - \$19.99 \$15.99</p>	<p>1.75-Liter Bottle Smirnoff Vodka Sale Price - \$19.99 \$17.99</p>	<p>1.75-Liter Bottle Bacardi Rum Sale Price - \$19.99 \$15.99 ea.</p>	<p>1.75-Liter Bottle Chi Chi's Cocktails \$10.49</p>
<p>6-Pack, 12-oz. Bottles Lakefront Brewery \$8.39</p>	<p>12-Pack, 11.2-oz. Bottles Stella Artois \$11.29 ea.</p>	<p>30-Pack, 12-oz. Cans Michelob Ultra \$17.49</p>	<p>12-Pack, 12-oz. Bottles Dos Equis Amber or Dos Equis Lager \$13.59</p>
<p>24-Pack, 12-oz. Cans Budweiser or Bud Light \$14.87</p>	<p>12-Pack, 12-oz. Bottles - Corona Premier, Corona Light or Corona Extra \$14.19</p>	<p>12-Pack, 12-oz. Cans New Glarus \$14.39</p>	

Beverage Headquarters Some items may not be available at all locations.

<p>12-Pack, 12-oz. Cans or 8-Pack, 12-oz. Bottles Coke, Sprite or Diet Coke \$12.99</p>	<p>12-oz. Single Cans Jolly Good Soda 10/4</p>	<p>6-Pack, Half-Liter Bottles Pepsi or Mountain Dew 4/10</p>
<p>2-Liter Bottle Coke, Sprite or Diet Coke 3/3.99</p>	<p>24-Pack, 12-oz. Cans Pepsi or Mountain Dew \$7.99</p>	<p>24-Pack, Half-Liter Bottles Aquafina Water \$3.99</p>
<p>5-Liter Bottle Smartwater \$1.19</p>	<p>16.9-oz. Bottle Honest Tea \$1.29</p>	<p>1-Liter Bottle - Tonic, Diet Tonic or Faygo Club Soda 79¢</p>
		<p>6-Pack, 16 to 18.5-oz. Bottles Snapple or Snapple Straight Up Tea \$4.99</p>

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Family Pack - 3-lbs. or More
Fresh - 80% Lean
Ground Beef
\$299
lb.

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Chicken Wings
\$149
lb.

Simply Fruit Punch,
Limeade or Lemonade
\$229

9 to 30.6-oz. - Garlic Bread Crust,
DiGiorno Thin, Original, Pizzeria, or
Ultra Thin Pizza
\$499

Oven Ready - Seasoned - Boneless
Porketta Roast.....lb. \$1.99

Fresh - 80% Lean
Ground Beef Patties.....lb. \$3.99

Seasoned Varietieslb. \$1.99

6.8K to 8-oz. Package
**Food Club Sliced
Cheese**
\$199

48-oz.
**Edy's Frozen Yogurt,
Sherbet or Ice Cream**
\$349

14-oz.
**Weyauwega
Cheese Spread**
\$299

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Whole in the bag
Beef Tenderloins
\$599
lb.

Smithfield
Twin Pack - Half Rack
Baby Backribs
\$289
lb.

CERTIFIED ANGUS BEEF
Sirloin Tip Roast
\$389
lb.

12.76 to 25.71-oz.
**Bellatoria Ultra Thin
Pizza**
\$399

24 to 38-oz.
**Gourmet Dining
Entrees**
\$399

24.7 to 26.45-oz.
**Palermo's King Cheese
Pizza**
\$499

Diamond Lean - Whole - Trimmed
Beef Tenderloinlb. \$6.99

Our Price - Full Back
Baby Backribs.....lb. \$3.29

8-Count Package
**Yoplait
GoGurt**
\$129

24 to 32-oz. Package - Excludes Peas
**Food Club Frozen
Vegetables**
\$199

16-oz. - Ranch, Veggie, Guacamole, or
**Dean's French Onion
Dips**
\$129

16-oz.
**Oscar Mayer
Bacon**
\$499

Fresh Ground
**Round Patties
or Minute Steaks**
\$399
lb.

US Government Inspected
**Boneless New York Strip
or T-Bone Steak**
\$399
lb.

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**Beef Tenderloin
Steak**
\$799
lb.

15.5 to 15-oz. Package
**T.G.I. Friday's
Loaded Appetizers**
\$499

1.4 to 12-oz.
**Devour or
Smartmade Entrees**
\$299

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Meat Lasagna
\$899

**Thin Sliced
Sandwich Steak**
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lb.

Smithfield
Great for the Grill
Thick Cut or Regular
Seasoned
Pork Steak
\$229
lb.

Smithfield
Ground Pork
\$199
lb.

Gerber's Amish
Boneless, Skinless
2 Breast Fillets and 4 Thighs
**Chicken Lover's
Choice**
\$349
lb.

1-Quart
**Dean's
Sherbet**
\$199

12-Count Package
**Food Club Orange Cream, Fudge,
Ice Cream Bars or Sandwiches**
\$299

16-oz. - Apple, Cherry/Berry, Citrus or Turkey
**Marie Callender's
Fruit or Pot Pies**
\$199

12-14-oz. - Assorted Varieties
**Hillshire Farms
Cocktail Wieners
or Lit'l Smokies**
\$289

20-32-oz.
**Claussen
Pickles**
\$299

12-oz. - Assorted Varieties
**Rosina
Meatballs**
\$269

12-oz. - Assorted Varieties - Klement's
**Pork Links or
Italian Sausage**
\$279

8-oz.
**Food Club Grated
Parmesan Cheese**
\$269

24-oz. - Individually Wrapped
**Food Club
String Cheese**
\$499

16-oz. - Regular or Cheddar
**Food Club French
Toast Sticks**
\$199

10 to 16-oz. Package - Select
**Birds Eye Steam Fresh
or Premium Vegetables**
\$199

5-lb. Package
**Food Club Frozen
White Bread Dough**
\$399

24-Count Package
**Food Club Waffles
or Pancakes**
\$249

16-oz. - 16-20-Count
Supreme Choice
**EZ Peel
Raw Shrimp**
\$899

16-oz. - 26-30-Count
Supreme Choice
**Cooked
Shrimp**
\$899

10-oz. - Supreme Choice
**Cooked
Shrimp Ring**
\$549

Ma Boensch
**Original or Cream Sauce
Bulk Herring**
\$389
lb.

8 or 12-Count Pack - 12-oz. Cans
**LaCroix
Sparkling Water**
\$399

5.5 to 15.1-oz. Package
**Nabisco Ritz
Crackers**
\$249

7 to 10.3-oz. - Select
**Tostitos Salsa or Doritos or Tostitos
Tortilla Chips**
2/\$5

10-oz. Package
**Food Club
Pancake Mix**
\$169

24-oz. Bottle - Select
**Food Club
Pancake Syrup**
\$199

24-Count Package
**Que Pasa Cream Cheese
Puffs, or Cream
Puffs**
\$249

2-oz. Baby
Second Foods
\$139

1.5 to 1.5-oz. Package
**Messl
Breadsticks**
\$119

16-oz. Family Size
**Food Club
Black Tea**
\$229

15.7 to 16-oz. Jar
**Chi-Chi's or Herdez
Salsa**
2/\$4

14-oz.
**Twists
Pretzels**
99¢

5 to 8-oz. Bag
**Lay's Poppables or
Potato Chips**
2/\$5

12-oz. Bottle
**Food Club Horseradish, Dijon,
or Spicy Brown Mustard**
99¢

15-oz. Can
**Food Club
Chili**
\$149

24-oz. Jar
**Dei Fratelli
Pasta Sauce**
\$199

1.5 to 5-oz.
**Food Club Stuffed Manzanilla or
Ripe Olives**
99¢

16 to 21-oz. Jar - Boneless or Bone-In
**Food Club Spears, Slickes or
Dill Pickles**
\$199

16-oz. Loaf
**Piggly Wiggly
Rye Bread**
\$129

21.4-oz. Bottle - Red or White
**Welch's Sparkling
Grape Juice**
\$299

8-oz. Can - Whole or Sliced
**Geisha
Water Chestnuts**
89¢

1.25-oz.
**Chicken of the Sea
Sardines**
89¢

1-oz. - Regular or Light
**Blue
Bonnet**
89¢

8-oz.
**Food Club Spreadable
Butter with Canola Oil**
\$179

8-Count - Whole Wheat,
**Food Club Flour Fajita
or Burrito Tortillas**
\$139

1-lb. Package
**Food Club
Green Split Peas**
99¢

1-lb. Package
**Nestle Pure Life Splash
Flavored Water**
4/\$5

1-lb. Package
**Food Club
Blackeye Peas**
\$129

DELI Holiday Party Favorites! Some items may not be available at all locations.

Oven Roasted or Honey-Smoked
**Jennie-O
Turkey Breast**
\$699
lb.

Assorted Varieties
Bone-In
Chicken Wings
\$399
lb.

**Land O'Lakes
American Cheese**
\$399
lb.

Regular Variety
**Eckrich
Bologna**
\$299
lb.

Celebration Table
Macaroni Salad
\$269
lb.

10-oz. - Assorted Varieties
Sabra Hummus
\$299

With Bacon
**Sweet Bowtie
Pasta Salad**
\$369
lb.

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The drivers are always welcome visitors but need to deliver meals to everyone on their route in a safe and timely manner. ADVOCAP is recruiting Senior Friend volunteers that would be able to meet at the participant's home for lunch and conversation.

Volunteers get to choose how often they visit, who they visit and for how long. They can meet with one person or several

and lunch is provided for both the volunteer and participant.

"Older adults shouldn't be lonely," said Deb Shepro, director of volunteer services at ADVOCAP. "We have the ability, as a community, to take care of this issue. All it takes is a caring individual who is willing to take the time to have lunch.

"Volunteers are going to get as much out of this program as the participants will. I have been having so much fun meeting the participants. They have so many stories to tell and I could stay and visit all day. I leave every visit with a smile on my face."

For more information, contact Shepro at debraj@advocap.org or 920-426-0150.



Submitted photo

Volunteer MaryKay (left) and participant Helen enjoy an ADVOCAP home-delivered meal at Helen's home recently.

City boards looking for some resident advisers

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Mayor Steve Cummings said he is looking for a few good people to serve on city boards and advisory groups.

"This is a great way for people to get involved in their community, make a contribution and make the city a better place to live, work and play," he said.

The city has openings for interested residents on its Library Board, Redevelopment Authority, Long Range Finance Committee, Stormwater Utility Board and Oshkosh Housing Authority.

The mayor said he is also looking at the possibility of creating a Mayor's Youth Council that would provide student input on topics that affect the community.

"This would be an excellent way for

young people to have input as to what is going on," Cummings said.

An example he cited would be what amenities should be in parks and recreation areas. "I want to keep young people staying in the community because they have input," he said.

Those interested can apply online or submit a request to the mayor for a particular board. Cummings said he reviews names with staff and board members and makes a recommendation to the council.

"This is their city," Cummings said in an interview, adding that he would like to see boards and advisory groups to be representative of the city's demographics.

Those interested must be a city resident except for the Library Board, where they can reside in an adjacent township.

Community news briefs

Man makes appearance in death of infant boy

A 34-year-old Oshkosh man was charged in the death of a 10-month-old boy at his Grove Street residence.

Freddy A. Colon made his initial appearance on first-degree reckless homicide charges Dec. 18 in Winnebago County Circuit Court by video and represented by attorney Steven Patrick Smits.

Police were called at 8:34 p.m. Dec. 9 for a medical call involving the infant who was transported to a hospital and then to Milwaukee Children's Hospital via Flight for Life. The child was pronounced dead three days later and an autopsy was performed, where medical officials found evidence of abuse from shaking or slamming.

Court reports state Colon admitted being annoyed with the mother of the child, who was renting a room from him at his

834 Grove St. address. His 4-year-old child told police that Colon spanked the baby when the mom went outside.

Further proceedings were scheduled for 10 a.m. Jan. 10.

High Street apartments damaged by kitchen fire

Oshkosh firefighters were called to a structure fire at 2:45 Thursday morning at a duplex on 221 High Ave. that was blamed on unattended cooking.

Eight residents from the apartment — five children and three adults — escaped unharmed even though there were no working smoke alarms. Fire crews on the scene reported flames visible on the west side of the building and said there was little or no damage to the apartment next door where two residents escaped safely.

The displaced residents are being assisted by the Red Cross.

Grand receives Packers Foundation grant

The Grand Oshkosh was recently selected to receive a community grant from the Green Bay Packers Foundation to support the organization's Community Artreach Series and other collaborative programs.

Built in 1883, The Grand is the state's oldest live performance theater and serves the community by promoting the performing arts through entertainment and education. With the Community Artreach Series, The Grand will extend and expand the arts beyond the stage.

The \$3,000 grant will support upcoming residencies with Alpin Hong, Dipti Mehta and the monks of Drepung Loseling Monastery. Each will share their talents while providing takeaways on subjects including

tolerance, perseverance, equality, creativity, confidence and art.

Hong is a classical pianist, education advocate and inspirational speaker returning for a weeklong residency that reaches audiences unfamiliar with classical music through humorous storytelling and pop culture references. His residency will end with a performance with students at the Menominee Nation Arena in April 2020.

A residency with artist and researcher Mehta will aim to bring a greater awareness to the growing concern of human trafficking in our area. The residency itself will be five days of workshops throughout the community in areas that are consistent with the artist's skills and offerings. A pro-

duction of her one-woman show, "Honour: Confessions of a Mumbai Courtesan," and a talk-back session at The Grand will culminate the residency set for June.

The monks of Drepung Loseling Monastery will bring the mystical arts of Tibet to Oshkosh, a tour that aims to promote world peace and healing by sharing Tibet's rich and sacred performing and visual arts with modern audiences. The weeklong residency is a partnership with the Paine Art Center and Gardens and will include programs with area schools and organizations, Mandala sand painting at the Paine, and a closing "Sacred Music Sacred Dance" performance at the theater in March.

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Dylan Konop helped refurbish this outdoor basketball court for his Eagle Scout project.

Lourdes senior earns Eagle award

Dylan Konop, a senior at Lourdes Academy, has earned the Eagle Scout award from the Boy Scouts of America.

Konop earned more than 50 merit badges, three religious awards and is a member of the Order of the Arrow. He has held troop positions including senior patrol leader and earned the Den Chief award.

Over the summer he helped with National Youth Leadership Training and being a camp counselor at Camp Twin Lakes.

For his award, Konop's project was refurbishing an old basketball concrete surface, painting lines, installing a new in ground basketball hoop and building benches for Father Carr's Place 2B in Oshkosh.

Valley Christian senior gets Tufts scholarship

Diego Griese, a senior at Valley Christian School, is headed to Tufts University on a full-ride scholarship worth more than \$280,000. He has been a part of a program called the National College Match organized by QuestBridge designed for low-income, high-achieving, first-generation college students around the globe.



GRIESE

Griese took part in the group's College Prep Scholar program where he learned about college admissions and the application process. On Oct. 18 when he was notified that he was a finalist for the scholarship he was in Medford, Mass., on the campus of Tufts attending its Voices Fly-In program.

As a finalist he was given the opportunity

to apply to some of the top colleges in the nation. In 10 days he applied to 12, filed financial documents and went through a long process where there were a number of consecutive all-nighters before hearing the results on Dec. 3.

Griese plans to study computer science and electrical engineering at Tufts, where the scholarship will cover tuition, housing, food and some additional costs. He is among 1,043 other students out of 16,500 candidates to receive this scholarship, 13 of whom will also be attending Tufts.

Valley Christian communications coordinator Debbie Wallace said Griese has already been talking with other students at Tufts and is excited to be heading back there to study, to be near Boston and to start the next chapter of his life.

Valley Christian is a private, nondenominational school serving Oshkosh and the Fox Valley since 1974.

Gifts for caregivers that don't cost a dime

By Colleen Harvot
VALLEY VNA IN-HOME CARE DIRECTOR

Family caregivers to seniors are people who step up and help their loved ones live safer, happier and healthier lives. Their roles vary from accompanying aging parents to their doctors' appointments, visiting them regularly for socializing and wellness checks, daily phone calls, all the way to around-the-clock physical caregiving, including dressing, feeding, toileting and socialization.

Those of us who are parents can remember the sense of responsibility we had when our children were young, then away at college, and now out on their own. The situations change, but thoughts and anxieties still linger in our hearts and minds every day. This is aptly called the mental load or emotional load that a caregiver does to keep family members safe, happy and validated.

Caregiving can be rewarding because we have chosen to live our values by caring for a person who is vulnerable and in need of an advocate. At the same time, there are many aspects of caregiving that can be exhausting. It takes hours of time each week, almost always unpaid, and worries about the future do not miraculously evaporate when our heads hit the pillow.

We also ruminate on the past and remember days when we were all younger and more energetic. We tell ourselves to be grateful for what we have while grieving happier or easier times of the past. If we remain open to them, we can discover genuine joy in moments of humor, a compliment, or a "thank you." Consider these ideas to help acknowledge the caregivers

in your life:

1. See them. Caregivers to seniors are some of the most invisible, yet completely indispensable, people in our families and communities. Do you know a young mother who keeps an eye on her elderly next-door neighbor, and perhaps brings over an occasional hot meal or shovels the walk? She's a caregiver – despite her daytime job and family's schedules and demands. Has your mom taken on more responsibilities for your dad now that she has to remind him to take his pills? Perhaps she does a lot more of the driving, too, and feels a little sad about losing her gentleman chauffeur. She is a caregiver. If your brother has a more flexible schedule and goes to doctors' appointments with your parents, he is a caregiver (and a notetaker and follow-up appointment-maker). There is a mental load associated with each of these jobs. A caregiver is always asking "What if?" or "What next?" Many caregivers will say it's not the work that's dispiriting, it's feeling unseen. Think about the caregivers in your life. Take a few minutes to write an e-mail, send a text, or put a card in the mail that says, "I see what you are doing. You are not invisible to me. I am grateful for you."

2. Be patient. Allow planning time. This is especially true for full-time caregivers to aging parents or spouses. Caregivers who attend to the daily needs of dressing, toileting, feeding, and supervision (especially in the case of Alzheimer's, dementia, or mobility concerns) cannot respond to a lunchtime invitation proffered at 10 a.m. the same day. They first need to arrange for coverage while they are gone. Caregivers' friends may call two or three

times with an invitation, but then they get frustrated when the caregiver can never accept. If they stop calling, isolation seeps in and threatens the well-being of both the caregiver and care receiver. Commit to inviting your caregiving friends whenever your group has an outing. Try to afford them ample time to make plans. Do not give up on caregiving friends when they most need your support.

3. Make arrangements for respite care, even if your family doesn't choose to use it. Respite care is when a professional caregiver comes into a person's home while their primary caregiver is away for a relatively short period of time, anywhere from a couple of hours to a couple of weeks. Respite care requires an initial evaluation of the care receiver's needs, including a visit from a nurse to record essential health information. A thoughtful gift for a caregiver is to set up this initial no-charge visit in advance. If a caregiver wants to schedule a getaway, or even convalesce from his or her own illness or surgery, the plans are in place to have helpers at the ready. It's a great stress relief for a caregiver who feels constantly "on the job."

During the holiday season, let's all make a special effort to validate the caregivers in our lives. The most important gifts don't cost a dime, but they are golden.

Back in the Day



Dec 16, 1907

Chicken thieves caught: Two men were arrested Saturday evening by Officer Fitzpatrick and are technically charged with burglary. But the real offense is that of robbing the henhouse of August Luethge of Thirteenth Street last Friday night. The men admitted the offense and also admitted having robbed another belonging to Rudolph Ziebell on Witzel Avenue on Wednesday night. They are charged with stealing 10 to 12 chickens from Mr. Luethge and four geese from Mr. Ziebell. When arrested they were trying to sell chickens and geese to a butcher at 714 South Main St. They eventually agreed to the numbers given by authorities with one exception ... they admitted eating one of the geese on Friday. Both men were arraigned in municipal court and placed under bond at \$600 each.

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Arena

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According to Pierce, roughly 65 percent of ticket sales for Herd games and the various concerts the arena has hosted come from within 15 miles of the building. Although attendance for most events has been good, Pierce said the plan for the building was to have a larger base of regular attendees.

“When we built a model on this, we were looking at the entire region of the 770,000 that live on the west side of the lake between Fond du Lac and Green Bay,” Pierce said. “The problem is, when you’re only covering a small portion of that with your primary ticket buyers it’s hard to sell tickets.”

Pierce acknowledged that the Milwaukee Bucks selecting Oshkosh for their G League team is the reason the arena could be built in the first place while noting it will take more than Herd games for the project to be a success in the long run. Pierce gave examples such as ACW wrestling, roller derby, various concerts and the Harlem Globetrotters as other acts to draw in the crowds.

“The Herd is our foundation, and our relationship with the Bucks is the reason we built the arena,” Pierce said. “But we need everything else to hit on all cylinders to have a privately financed building like this to be able to make a go of it.”

Wisconsin Herd president Steve Brandes said the relationship between the Herd and the arena is strong, and the two groups work together synergistically.

“They couldn’t be better partners as we continue to grow every year,” Brandes said. “Obviously launching a team, launching an arena in such a short period of time, you’re going to have growing pains. Everybody worked through those really well. They’re great partners, and we continually get better all around.”

Brandes, who was named NBA G League executive of the year for his work in creating a successful franchise in Wisconsin’s first season, said the relationship with the arena makes Herd games great experiences for fans.

“I’d say we have one of the best game operations experiences by far in the league,” Brandes said. “We get a lot of kudos from teams that come in and visit, a lot of kudos from league officials who come in and visit. The fandom that is growing and continuing to build is indicative of the experi-



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ence. Our season tickets are up for a sophomore year, which is unheard of. That’s a byproduct of an awesome experience.”

Menominee Nation Arena is a positive in itself and Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corporation CEO Jason White said the building replacing the former Buckstaff factory makes it even better for the city.

“I think it has brought a vibrancy to the south end of the downtown Main Street area, an area that really needed revitalization and reinvestment,” White said. “Thanks to this as a catalyst, we’ve seen other folks emerge and also a vision emerge for that area as well. So we’re excited for what’s to come of that too.”

Creating an entertainment district around the arena has been part of the vision for the area for some time, and Pierce said the sawdust that gives the district its name is actually stalling further development in the area.

“On our site with the Buckstaff property we had three feet of soil that had to get taken off because it was sawdust three feet down,” Pierce said. “That all had to come off, and that was more expensive than anybody first thought. And I think those same issues will be the problem within the entire Sawdust District. It’s not that I don’t think it’s going to happen there, it’s just going to be slow going because we have a number of hurdles to overcome.”

One factor helping any potential developments in the Sawdust District is the creation of an opportunity zone there. Opportunity zones are designated by the state as places where new investments can be eligible for “preferential tax treatment,” according to the IRS.

In April the federal government approved a list of 120 opportunity zones across the state suggested by the governor, including the Sawdust District. The long and the short of that designation is that it offers an attractive development situation for potential investors, according to Pierce.

“What that means is there’s significant tax credits for people who redevelop in those zones, to the point of not having to pay capital gains tax on any gains you make in development,” Pierce said. “That is very attractive.”

With or without further developments, Menominee Nation Arena has offered a wide array of positive experiences to Oshkosh residents, White said.

“There just seems to be something for every person,” White said. “Everybody views entertainment in a different way, and I think the arena has allowed as many people as possible in our community to come through those doors and be able to experience their own excitement.”

Boys & Girls Club welcomes employees

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh has added two coordinators to its staff recently.

Donna Klawitter has been hired as the club’s family support coordinator. She will work with the Hair Program providing hygiene assistance to youth lead the Child and Teen Grief Support Network group, assist medical, dental vision concerns among members, and help with the Adopt a Family Program and Back to School Fair.

Klawitter worked for the state Department of Corrections for 18 years in Iron County and then eight years with the Iron County Sheriff’s Department. She was born and raised in Berlin and graduated from Moraine Park Technical College in Fond du Lac.

Jed Carlson has been named the club’s

graduation and career coordinator to lead the Be Great Graduate program with teen members to ensure they are on track to graduate from high school.

Carlson will also work with recently graduated youth to help them transition to adulthood by finding employment or continuing on with higher education.

Carlson has a bachelor’s degree in psychology and social work from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

during which time he worked with teens in the club’s mentoring program and as a youth mentor for CESA 6 for a year.

After graduation Carlson was a residential youth care worker at Rawhide Boys Ranch, where he helped residents with everyday living skills.

More information on the Boys & Girls Club can be found at www.bgcosh.org or on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



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Town of Algoma

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ed they would like to make significant changes to the preliminary plat and bring it back before the Planning Commission and Town Board for approval at their next meetings. The move delays any opportunity for Winnebago County to consider its actions on the development, as the County Board has final approval on the rezoning and preliminary plat.

Residents appeared in opposition to the rezoning at the meeting that was attended by about 75 people, contending that adding duplexes could not be considered “low density” and that the subdivision development would substantially increase traffic flow on Leonard Point Road, which currently is not budgeted for upgrades to handle the expected jump in use.

At issue is the argument that the developers could put in minimum-size dwelling units to meet the criteria for the number of units per area in the zoning districts.

Developer Eric Hoffmann said his group consistently follows through with their original plan proposals for housing and would do the same for the town proj-

ect, including requirements for builders that they comply with covenants on materials, size and landscaping. He said an architectural review would be conducted if material modifications were needed before they would be approved.

Town resident Jeff Salchert said Algoma is a progressive, rural community and that the proposal is not in keeping with the rural nature of the area. He said the development will increase road traffic by more than 1,000 vehicles a day on Leonard Point Road.

Board member Chris Wright said although skeptical of the proposal at first, he drove around other areas that had similar developments such as in Appleton and felt that the change could be a good thing for the area.

Ed Haedt said in a correspondence to fellow town residents that the awareness brought to the development plan that removed apartment complexes from the plan, highlighted water drainage and shoreland concerns, and the developer’s expressed commitment to an attractive and beneficial housing project should be seen as an overall positive result for the community’s concerns at this point in the process.

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Scoring in traffic

Lourdes Academy forward Raechel Russo drives for a layup against Wild Rose in a nonconference home game Dec. 18 that the Lady Knights won 60-56. The team followed up two days later with a 69-55 Trailways East Conference victory over Horicon to improve their record to 4-5 overall.

Deadline didn't allow weekend sports results

Our early holiday print deadlines prevented us from providing high school and other sports results from last weekend, which will also be the case for our Jan. 2 issue.

Results from Oshkosh sporting events in general can be sent to submit@oshkoshherald.com and we will print those as space allows.

Titans men to play Concordia at arena

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh men's basketball team is taking a short road trip for its Sunday game against Concordia University Wisconsin when it plays for the first time at Menominee Nation Arena.

The game begins at 2 p.m. and tickets are \$12 for courtside general admission, \$10 for arena bowl general admission and \$5 for students, and available at the arena box office or on its website.

School repairs

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many regarding the study.

"We want to make sure that our community is aware of these conversations and that everybody is on the same page," said Cartwright. "We may not have answers just yet because that was the very first conversation."

The district's condition assessment inspected the architectural structures, building systems, Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility and maintenance of facilities for each public school building. That information was used to calculate the facility study budget.

The architectural and site analysis surveyed buildings and sites as a whole while the engineering building study inspected the plumbing, heating, ventilation and electrical systems. The ADA portion of the study focused on areas that don't give those with disabilities the same opportunity as those without.

The study does not recommend which upgrades should have priority, evaluate a school's educational capacity or estimate how long an existing material or system may last if well maintained.

Cartwright said the facility study budget will be revisited by the school board on a quarterly basis. "We are bringing information back to the school board so they are updated and ensure that our community is aware of what we are discovering as we do this facilities study," she said.

The state does not mandate a facilities study assessment but James Fochs, director of buildings and grounds, initiated this review in 2017 with Bray Architects.

"It's a good practice for school districts to participate in," said Cartwright, "especially as you have facilities that are starting to age."

She said it is important to leverage funding in the most strategic way possible because eventually facilities age out.

"For an educational facility, the average lifespan for ... educational purposes is between 40 and 60 years old, and that's usually about it," said Cartwright. "Over half of our facilities are well beyond that at this time."

The school board will need to decide whether rebuilding is more beneficial than repairing for some facilities.

"The child in the classroom comes first,

Report online

The facilities assessment study cost breakdown can be found at www.oshkosh.k12.wi.us and clicking on District/Business Services/Maintenance.

so meeting those educational needs is always a priority," said Sue Schnorr, executive director of business services for the district. "Whatever is left is split up between maintenance and technology and transportation, and all the other things that the district operates."

She said only a small portion of the budget is normally allocated toward maintenance and repairs.

Cartwright said school facilities are currently safe for educational use and Fochs noted that the summary reported on facility systems and projects in need of repair but not due to safety hazards.

"Our buildings are aging and they will continue to age," said Fochs. "So the longer we delay that conversation the more problems we develop internally with hot and cold running water, with being able to have good flushable toilets, being able to have good reliable power."

Cartwright said students are able to learn and apply new skills when they have access to a flexible environment, pointing to Oaklawn Elementary School as an example where classrooms have removable walls that allow classes to work side by side and develop team-based skills.

With decisions surrounding the summary still being discussed, the community's response to the budget will need to be gauged. In the past five years, Oshkosh voters approved two referendums. The first was for an estimated \$28 million raised over seven years, primarily for technology upgrades. The second was an additional \$28 million for security upgrades and operations, also raised over seven years.

"Right now the board has to decide how they want to proceed," said Cartwright, "hence I am not stating that this is the direction that we may or may not be pursuing."

"This is a conversation where we want community involvement. As we learn information, we want to keep the community informed and answer questions that they may have. The conversations will assist the school board and district in determining what next steps need to be taken."

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Jan. 8: Considerations: My Fair Share, 6 p.m.
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 Tech Open Lab, 1 to 4 p.m.
 What's Cooking Cookbook Club: Super Bowl, 6 p.m. New members welcome.
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 Homework Helpdesk, 5 to 7 p.m.
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Jan. 14: Winter Wonderland Storytime, 9:30 a.m.

Maker Mondays for Families: 3D Printing, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
 Homework Helpdesk, 5 to 7 p.m.
Jan. 15: Legal Assistance Clinic, 4:30 p.m.
 Techy Tuesdays: 3D Printing, 6 p.m. Adults
Jan. 17: Morning Book Club, 10 a.m. Adults
 Oshkosh Area 4K Family Night, 4 to 6 p.m.
 Homework Helpdesk, 5 to 7 p.m.
Jan. 18: Tech Open Lab, 1 to 4 p.m.
 Teen DIY: Faux Stained Glass Windows, 4:30 p.m. Grades 6 - 12.
Jan. 20: Big "Kid" Build, 1:30 to 4 p.m. Ages 16 and older
Jan. 21: Winter Wonderland Storytime, 9:30 a.m.
 Movie Matinee, 12:30 p.m. Adults
 Homework Helpdesk, 5 to 7 p.m.
Jan. 22: No Homework Book Club, 4:30 p.m.
 Tax Season 2018: Crack the Code, 6 p.m.
 Adult DIY: Mason Jar Pin Cushion Sew-

ing Kit, 6 p.m. Call 236-5205 to register.
Jan. 23: Tech Open Lab, 1 to 4 p.m.
 Smartphone Smarts, 1:30 to 3 p.m.
Jan. 24: LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3:30 to 5 p.m.
 Homework Helpdesk, 5 to 7 p.m.
 LEGO Wall Open Build, 5 to 7 p.m. Ages 16 and older.
Jan. 26: Explorers Grove Community Open House, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 1 to 2:30 p.m.
Jan. 28: Winter Wonderland Storytime, 9:30 a.m.
 Homework Helpdesk, 5 to 7 p.m.
Jan. 29: Tech Open Lab, 3 to 6 p.m.
Jan. 31: LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3:30 to 5 p.m.
 LEGO Wall Open Build, 5 to 7 p.m. Ages 16 and older
 Homework Helpdesk, 5 to 7 p.m.

WHBA names three winners of scholarship

The Winnegamie Home Builders Association has announced three recipients of its 2018 scholarship program from the Fox Valley Technical College construction and residential building program. They are Colton Kaszuba, Noah Burton and Cade Lentz. The scholarship program was launched in 1993 as one answer to the workforce shortage in the building industry and has provided more than \$72,000 to 80 individuals serving in the field. Kris Villars of RE/MAX On the Water serves as scholarship committee chairperson for WHBA, which was formed in 1990. For more information on the scholarship fund, call 920-235-2962.

ArtsCore group donates gifts

Participants at the ArtsCore Holiday Bonanza held earlier this month at the Paine Art Center and Gardens donated tie blankets, decorated Christmas cards and cookies, and crafted dog and cat toys to be donated to various organizations in the city. Co-sponsors of the event were the National Association for Music Educators, Kappa Delta Pi and the National Society of Leadership and Success, all organizations from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. The three tie blankets were donated to Miravida Living and the pet toys were donated to the Oshkosh Area Humane Society. The 100 decorated cookies went to the Oshkosh police and firefighters, and to the Christine Anne Center. The Christmas cards were divided among donation sites and the nonperishable goods brought to the event were also donated to the Christine Anne Center.

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

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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

Monday, Dec. 31

New Year's Eve party with Rising Phoenix band, 9 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co.

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Tuesday, Jan. 1

Harlem Globetrotters, 2 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena
 Oshkosh YMCA New Year's Day Community Open House, 11 a.m., Oshkosh Community YMCA Downtown

Friday, Jan. 4

Marine Corps League Bingo, 5:30 p.m., Marine Corps League
 Comedy Improv Show, 9 p.m., Backlot Comedy House, 424 N. Main St.

Saturday, Jan. 5

Winter Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Menominee Nation Arena
 Oshkosh Gallery Walk, 6 p.m.
 Fox Cities Roller Derby, 6 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena
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