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Rental oversight process set

Council approves changes to state-guided inspections

By Tom Ekvall
Herald CONTRIBUTOR

The Oshkosh Common Council laid over until its next meeting ordinance changes on short-term rental housing and room tax collection while adopting revisions to the city's rental inspection program at its Jan. 22 meeting.

Council members approved the new

Residential Rental Contact Registration and Inspection Program to meet new state requirements on a vote of 5 to 1 with council member Tom Pech absent. Matt Mugerauer, who is also a member of the Rental Housing Advisory Committee, voted against the new ordinance, saying that it is not strong enough to ensure compliance for rental properties. He pointed to past compliance results under a previous program enacted in 2016 and implemented in 2017.

Mugerauer said the previous program has been "minimally effective" and does

not do enough to improve the quality of housing.

"I would like to have a better inspection program," he said.

Mayor Steve Cummings said some landlords have sent threatening letters to tenants warning them to not allow inspections to be made, which he called "morally wrong."

The city suspended the program in 2018 to develop new procedures to comply with updated state laws. Ordinances

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Skate club fun

Millers Bay is the site for Thursday afternoon meetings of Dr. Eric's Skate Club. Now
in its fifth year, the club is championed by
family physician Dr. Eric Smiltneek in partnership with the school district and funded
in part by the ThedaCare Foundation. The
club has skates and safety helmets available
for elementary and middle school students.
Teachers and volunteers help children find
and fit the right skates. Smiltneek plays
goaltender in a loosely organized hockey
game. Community volunteers and skaters
are welcome from 3 to 5 p.m.

Kidney pairing effort finds right lifesaving combo

By Samantha Strong
Herald Contributor

Before last November, Beth Nemecek and Stephanie Geurts had never met but would soon be linked for life.

Nemecek was suffering from kidney failure for more than six years when she got an email from Geurts stating she thinks she could help. Unfortunately, Geurts wasn't a direct match and couldn't donate her kidney to Nemecek, but Geurts could donate her kidney to the kidney paired donation program in Nemecek's name, which would provide Nemecek a voucher for a new, compatible kidney.

Within one business day of Geurts' kidney donation surgery, Nemecek was added to the transplant list, and within a week after that, a compatible kidney was found for Nemecek and surgery was scheduled.

"I can remember very clearly getting the email from Stephanie," Nemecek said. "I could not fathom that this was really happening to me. I'd won the lottery, I said."

Geurts' initial interest in organ donation came from an article about a young Fond du Lac mother who needed a kidney. After doing some research, Geurts discovered the paired donation program. She was eventually put in touch with



Submitted photo

Stephanie Geurts (right) was able to help Beth Nemecek get a new kidney by donating one of hers to a third-party program that provided Nemecek with a voucher to receive a match.

Nemecek through a professional women's networking group the two are part of, Tempo Fox Valley, after learning the Fond du Lac mother already received a compatible kidney. Nemecek said it wasn't until Geurts actually had the donation surgery and designated her to receive the voucher when the two Oshkosh-area women met in person. "We've gotten to be pretty good friends,"

Donor information

To learn more about the living donation program, visit donatelife wisconsin.org/living-donation.

said Nemecek, who is executive director of Bella Medical Clinic.

The kidney paired donation (KPD) program is still fairly unknown as an alternative to deceased organ donation. There are more than 2,000 people on the waiting list for a kidney transplant in Wisconsin and more than 100,000 across the nation. In a paired exchange, a donor will donate their kidney to another recipient in exchange for a kidney that matches their recipient. KPD is a transplant option for recipients who have a living donor who is medically able but cannot donate to them because they are poorly matched.

Before her research into the topic Geurts said she never heard of the KPD program and Nemecek said she didn't until Geurts offered to begin the process.

"It was an amazing turnaround for someone who was in the end stage of renal failure and was looking at a six- to-eight-

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Public can share in schools planning

The Oshkosh Area School District, in partnership with Oshkosh4Education, is developing the district's Strategic Plan 3.0 with opportunities for community engagement through public discussions and an online survey. Feedback will be used to assist the Board of Education in defining the vision of success and developing priority goals for the plan.

Community members are invited to hourlong focus group sessions between Feb. 11 and 15 with an O4E facilitator to talk about ideas for success and opportunities for improvement. Sessions will be held next week at various times and locations, guided by the same questions. For those unable to attend one of the sessions, a survey will be available on the district website for one week beginning Feb. 11.

Session times and locations:

Feb. 11 – 10:30 a.m. at 20th Street YMCA Feb. 11 – 6 p.m. at Franciscan Courts

Feb. 12 – 10:30 a.m. at Downtown YMCA

Feb. 11 – 6:30 p.m. at 20th Street YMCA

Feb. 13 – 7:30 a.m. at Oshkosh Area Community Foundation

Feb. 13 – 4:15 p.m. at Public Library

Feb. 14 – 10 a.m. at Senior Center

Feb. 15 – 10 a.m. at Boys & Girls Club

The district uses a systems approach for organizational improvement efforts that are monitored and updated.

The plan can be accessed through the district's website. An update to the strategic plan typically occurs every three to five

Herald contributors bring experiences to community

The Oshkosh Herald is able to provide its readers with a diverse mix of community news, sports and entertainment coverage because of its contributing writers and photographers, most with extensive Oshkosh backgrounds. Here is a brief look behind some of the bylines and photo credits.

Michael Cooney

A proud UW-Oshkosh alumnus (B.S. in 1969 and M.B.A. '76), Michael is a photographer, teacher, writer and community service worker. He is a photographer for the Oshkosh United Way, Day by Day Warming Shelter, Boys and Girls Club, Humans of Oshkosh and Wisconsin Public Radio, and chairman of the Oshkosh Farmers Market Board and manager of the markets SNAP incentive program. He is a photography instructor at FVTC.

Randy Domer

Randy is an Oshkosh native with a deep interest in local history. He presides as president of the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society and is member of the board of directors of the Oshkosh Public Museum and the Butte des Morts Historical Preservation Society. He also has written and published three books on Oshkosh history.

Tom Ekvall

Tom is a retired Navy journalist and



has a background as a weekly news editor and award-winning government reporter for the Lincoln, Neb., Star newspaper. He served as a village administrator in Illinois, coordinated neighborhood revitalization activities in Lincoln and retired from ADVOCAP as a grant writer. He is a UW-Oshkosh graduate with a major in political science/public administration and has a master's in community development from the University of Missouri.

Tim Froberg

Tim is a freelance journalist who has worked in print and digital for more than 25 years. An Upper Michigan native and Northern Michigan University graduate, Froberg was a sports reporter for The Post-Crescent, Green Bay News-Chronicle and Marinette Eagle-Herald. Besides high school sports he has covered the Green Bay Packers, Wisconsin Timber Rattlers and UW-Green Bay men's and women's basketball. He has won eight Wisconsin Newspaper Association awards.

Cheryl Hentz

Cheryl is a freelance writer with 35-plus years of experience. Her articles have appeared in local and national publications, and cover many topics such as animal issues, business and economic development, and women's topics. She also volunteers for animal welfare causes.

Amy Knoll-Owen

A UW-Oshkosh alumna and Colorado native, Amy has lived in Oshkosh for the past 14 years. In addition to writing for the Oshkosh Herald, she works as an e-commerce copywriter and enjoys learning about Oshkosh through the stories of its residents.

Miles Maguire

Miles is a professor of journalism at UW-Oshkosh where he teaches writing, editing, reporting, media law and film. He has worked on newspapers, magazines and newsletters on the East Coast and in Wisconsin. He has a master's in business administration from Loyola University Maryland and a bachelor's in English from the University of Maryland College Park. He is the author of "Advanced Reporting: Essential Skills for 21st Century Journalism."

Samantha Strong

Originally from Madison but now living in Oshkosh, Samantha is a graduate of UW-Oshkosh with a bachelor's degree in journalism. She began as a full-time reporter for The Reporter newspaper in Fond du Lac and eventually made the jump into digital marketing where she specializes in writing, social media strategy and social media account management.

Emil Vajgrt

Born and raised in Oshkosh, Emil attended West High school and graduated in 2013. Using knowledge obtained from being an athlete for many years and having a passion for amateur and professional sports, he began shooting sports photography in 2015. This eventually led to photo work for UW-Oshkosh and the Wisconsin Herd.

Thomas Willadsen

Tom moved to Oshkosh in 1999 to serve as First Presbyterian Church's pastor. He has been ordained more than 25 years and led congregations in Minnesota and suburban Baltimore. His writing has appeared in Presbyterians Today, Leadership and The Presbyterian Outlook. He has written a humor column for The Cresset since 1996.

Ti Windisch

Ti is an avid basketball fan who graduated from UW-Oshkosh in 2017 and decided he liked the city enough to stay after growing up in Milwaukee. This is Ti's second year covering the Wisconsin Herd for the Herald, in addition to his work writing about the NBA at other outlets.

Alex Wolf

Originally from Little Chute, Alex graduated from UW-Whitewater and worked as a sports reporter at the Northwestern before taking a role with Englewood Marketing Group in De Pere as a digital content coordinator. Alex enjoys his role as sports coordinator because he missed writing about sports, especially in the Oshkosh area.





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UWO center renamed for alumnus Culver

By Miles Maguire
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The currently titled Alumni Welcome and Conference Center will be named after the family that started Wisconsin's favorite fast-food chain under the terms of an agreement that has been signed by the UW-Oshkosh Foundation and the UW System Board of Regents.

The \$6.3 million agreement, which includes naming rights for the Culver Family Welcome Center, is intended to wrap up eight legal disputes that have been underway in state and federal courts.

Almost exactly two years after it asserted that the foundation had engaged in "illegal financial transfers" with university officials, the UW System has accepted terms under which it will pay off the bank debt on the welcome center and on a biodigester that is close to the UW-Oshkosh campus.

In exchange for the payments the system will take title to the 40,000-square-foot welcome center on the Fox River at Wisconsin

Street and Pearl Avenue, and to the biodigester, which is next to the school's facilities management offices on Witzel Avenue.

The UW System said that it would make the required payments out of federal grant overhead that it has accrued. "Federal funds are designated for administrative costs, among other things, for which the settlement is an appropriate use," the system said.

The UW-Oshkosh campus will be on the hook for at least \$3.8 million and have to pay the system almost \$200,000 a year for each of the next 20 years, according to settlement documents.

"The most significant part is that our intent, which has always been there, to see the state have the welcome center and ultimately the Witzel biodigester as an asset of the state" will be accomplished, said foundation chairman Tim Mulloy. "The state will get the assets the foundation always intended them to have."

UW-Oshkosh has also agreed to close

down a new rival fundraising operation and to allow the foundation to retain about \$2 million in pledges from major donors, a sum that will largely cover legal costs the foundation has incurred in its battle with the university.

The largest of the outstanding pledges is from Craig Culver, a 1973 graduate of UW-Oshkosh who went on to found, along with his parents and his wife, the highly successful Culver's restaurant chain. Culver serves on the board of directors of UWO's foundation.

In return for a total gift of \$2 million, some of which has already been paid, "naming rights shall be granted in perpetuity to the existing building, which shall be known as Culver Family Welcome Center or a similar designation as approved by Craig Culver," the newly signed agreement states.

Other outstanding pledges are expected from Neenah-based J. J. Keller and Sodexo, the campus food service contractor.

The broad outline of the agreement was announced Dec. 21, but details were not released pending final settlement on the details by all the parties, which include Wells Fargo Bank, Bank First National, First Business Bank, UW-Oshkosh, the UW regents and the UW-Oshkosh Foundation.

Wells Fargo will get \$1.7 million and Bank First National \$5.1 million. The reported net cost of the agreement was reached by factoring in \$500,000 that First Business Bank has agreed to return to UW-Oshkosh. The bank had originally seized \$1.2 million from the university but has already returned some of that money.

The plan is to combine the UW-Osh-kosh Foundation and new Titan Alumni Foundation with a chief executive hired and compensated by its board of directors. The previous foundation heads had been university employees.

Miles Maguire is editor of the Oshkosh Examiner news blog.

Police staffing review recommends adding four

By Tom Ekvall Herald Contributor

A police staffing study conducted by a national consultant is recommending four new positions within the Police Department this year with a need for an additional two patrol officers over the next five years.

Richard Brady, president of the Matrix Consulting Group out of California, told the Common Council at a recent workshop that his study of operations reveals the need for a new patrol officer and a sergeant in the Patrol Division, a digital evidence technician for the Criminal Investigation Division, and a new records supervisor position for the Administrative Division.

The council has already added \$117,000

to the 2019 budget for police staffing while awaiting the final report from the consultant. City Manager Mark Rohloff said the city needs to look at how the recommended changes would impact the city in 2020 and beyond.

The study started in May was intended to determine current and projected staffing needs and evaluate organizational and management systems. Key focus areas include staffing needs for all functions including analysis of police workloads, operations management including supervisory practices and opportunities for improvement, projected service demands, and personnel needs based on estimated city growth and development.

Brady told council members that the current organization of the Police Department "represents an effective base upon

which to build upon for the near future" and is exemplary in many areas. The city is one of a few police departments in Wisconsin that is accredited by both state and federal services.

Rohloff said the department recently created a Vice and Narcotics Unit that has taken some officers away from other duties.

The report recommends changes in duties for specific personnel, reallocation of certain functions to other staff, and key areas that need to be retained.

Brady said as workloads increase over the next five years another two officers to patrol beyond the number recommended will be required to deal with officer position needs across all three zones.

He said the department had almost 24,000 community-generated calls in 2017 — about 65 a day — and 12,000 proactive activities generated by officers, which he said was high and should be monitored year to year for possible adjustments.









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St. Paul's, Emmaus sharing more than worship space

The Rev. Thomas C. Willadsen

Just off Route 21 there's a church that houses two distinct worshipping communities: St. Paul's United Church of Christ and the Emmaus Ecumenical Catholic Community.

They have been sharing the building at 1250 Leonard Point Road on Sunday mornings since April 2017. St. Paul's used to be on Evans Street but in 1997 decided to make a dramatic move to the west side of 41.

The Emmaus Community began in 2003. They were worshipping at Bella Vista before moving to St. Paul's. RaeAnn Beebe, then pastor at St. Paul's, met Father Mike Bober at a Common Grounds meeting of faith leaders and realized the potential of collaborating.

The Ecumenical Catholic Church split off from the larger Roman Catholic Church and was formally established in 2003. They celebrate the same sacraments and follow the same liturgy but allow married and female priests and bishops.

The day I visited Emmaus about 15 worshippers gathered in the church entryway for announcements and an opening prayer before proceeding into the sanctuary. Father Mike's sermon on the last Sunday in Advent was delivered

WHERE WE WORSHIP

A look at Oshkosh religious congregations

from the pulpit. The theme was grace and the new beginning promised to humanity at the birth of Jesus Christ.

Emmaus practices open communion and they celebrate the sacrament at every service. Both juice and white wine were offered and the bread was dense, chewy and slightly sweet. Father Mike's wife, Cathy, was the song leader.

I visited St. Paul's on Epiphany, the 12th day of Christmas. Steve Davidson, St. Paul interim pastor, set a jovial tone as the service started with announcements. He "outed" me to the congregation, stressing St. Paul's openness, "even to Presbyterians." Visitors are invited to fill out a card, and if they give their address they receive a loaf of bread and a note thanking them for visiting.

During "Star's Light" time Pastor Steve gave worshippers a pop quiz about Epiphany. I was the proud winner of a candy cane along with several other worshippers.

St. Paul's practices open communion and worshippers were served in the pews. Pastor Steve kept some notes in the pulpit



Pastors Mike Bober of Emmaus Ecumenical (left) and Steve Davidson of St. Paul's have their respective congregations in the same facilities on Leonard Point Road.

but delivered his remarks from the front of the chancel. His sermon was about the need for the sense of wonder at the foundation of faith. He also reminded that they are searching for a new pastor and can expect to be surprised by that process.

On the first Sunday in December the congregations worshipped and celebrated the Lord's Supper, something that Pastor

Steve marveled at, after 50 years in ministry. "It was a glorious expression of the unity we have in Christ," he observed.

The sanctuary they share is modern, open and welcoming. The times I worshipped it was decorated for Christmas with a charming nativity scene in a front corner of the sanctuary. There is a screen on which announcements, liturgy and hymn lyrics are projected.

I asked both pastors what they find rewarding about serving their respective congregations. Father Mike said, "It is exciting and rewarding that the St. Paul's community has been so welcoming to Emmaus. We share occasional worship services and do some community projects together already. I hope our communities can do more together in the future."

Pastor Steve added, "We're just delighted to share common ground with our Catholic brothers and sisters. God smiles when reconciliation and unity occur in the body of Christ. That's what's going on out

While both men took different paths to Christian ministry they share a deep commitment to their flocks, and great joy in serving them.

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.

EAA Skiplane Fly-In returns to Pioneer Airport

The annual EAA Skiplane Fly-In will be held Feb. 9 at the Experimental Aircraft Association Aviation Museum's Pioneer Airport.

In past years more than 25 skiplanes have participated, highlighting a special segment of flight that is popular in many parts of North America. The majority of skiplanes will arrive during midmorning and stay until midafternoon. If weather or snow conditions do not permit aircraft arrivals at Pioneer Airport, other activities will continue as planned, including



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A Cessna aircraft lifts off from the snow-covered airstrip at Pioneer Airport during last year's EAA Skiplane Fly-In.

complimentary chili and cookies served at 10:30 a.m., as well as a slideshow highlighting previous skiplane fly-ins.

Children between the ages of 8 and 17 will be eligible to win a free introductory flight in a skiplane during the event as a part of EAA's Young Eagles program.

The fly-in is free and signs will direct visitors to the skiplane area upon arrival to the museum.

Shuttle services from Basler Flight Service for those landing at Wittman Regional Airport will be available.

Top air show performers commit to AirVenture

Some of the world's top air show performers have made their commitments to fly at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2019 as part of the afternoon and night air show lineups.

Those performers include aerobatic champions and longtime Oshkosh favorites for the 67th annual Experimental Aircraft Associaation fly-in convention,

scheduled for July 22-28 at Wittman Regional Airport.

"This is already an outstanding all-star air show lineup and we're just getting started," said Rick Larsen, EAA's vice president of communities and member programs, who coordinates AirVenture features and attractions. "We use the feedback collected each year to bring favorite performers

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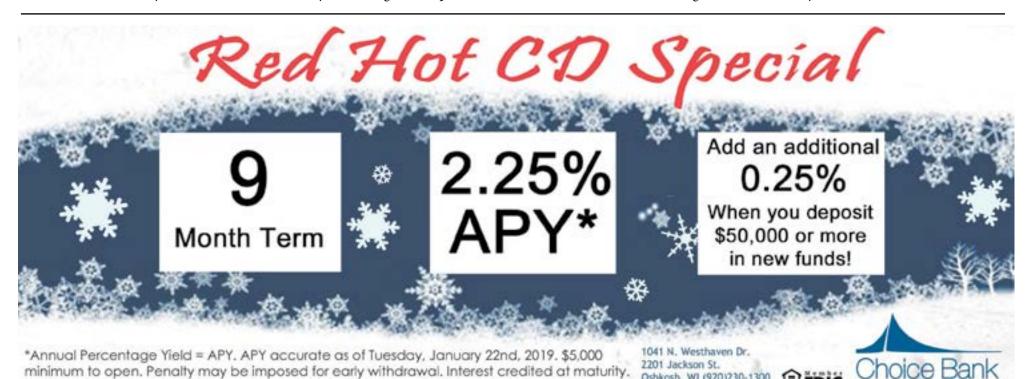
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back to Oshkosh, while adding exciting new acts and air show attractions connected with particular aircraft, events, and anniversaries."

Among the performers and aircraft already planning to appear at Oshkosh in 2019 are longtime favorite Julie Clark, making her farewell air show tour in 2019, and Sean D. Tucker, returning with the

Team Oracle multi-aircraft show. The current performer list can be found at www. eaa.org/airventure.

More performers will be announced, including some only-in-Oshkosh performers and aircraft. Exact days and complete daily air show lineups will be announced as they are finalized.



Kidney pairing

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year wait time on the deceased organ donor list," said Geurts, a partner with Suttner Accounting in Oshkosh. At the time of Nemecek's surgery, her kidneys were functioning below 5 percent. A normal functioning rate for a woman her age at the time of surgery was 80 percent.

Geurts said she has no regrets about the procedure and thinks it's important others know about the KPD program.

"The critical difference is this gives the potential recipient access to the living donor registry, not just the deceased registry, which greatly reduces the wait time," Geurts said. "You don't need to be a match to donate for someone. As long as you're healthy, anyone can participate in the living kidney donation program by donating on behalf of someone in need."

Nemecek's transplant surgery took place in December, but that didn't keep her down long. She said she had an entire house full for the holidays. She learned she would need to make some changes, though, particularly in her diet. During the 10 years she was in kidney failure, Nemecek was not allowed to have any dairy, dark sodas or any other foods with phosphorus. The second day after surgery, she was given a Coke, cheese and yogurt because her phosphorous levels were now so low.

"It didn't taste any better," Nemecek said of the new foods. "The Coke was SO sweet. I made my husband get me a big cup of ice to water it down." In addition to the Coke, her first meal was an omelet with cheese, toast with butter and bacon.

Nemecek has a checkup this week to have a stint put in, but after that she doesn't have to be seen again for three months. By then Nemecek is expected to



Submitted photo

Stephanie Geurts is shown with husband Adam before her kidney donation surgery.

get the OK to do some light exercise and return to life as normal. She has already returned to work.

Geurts said the biggest lesson she learned from this experience was that she doesn't need to figure everything out.

"When something like this happens – helping somebody – you just need to say yes and the Lord will work everything else

out.

Organ donation is a matter of life or death, and Nemecek said the most important thing she has learned is to not say no and remember that if you want something bad enough, there's always a way.

"I'm a walking miracle," Nemecek said. "The people who played a role, I just thank them so much."

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

Jan. 3, 1930

Kline store to have new home on Main Street: Work has begun of tearing out the interior of the Clifton Hotel building at 92-98 Main St. to permit construction of a new, modern, two-story store for Kline's. The building will offer the newest ideas in modern store architecture. The store front will be equipped with adequate display windows arranged in arcade fashion. Interior trim will be of oak. C.R. Meyer has been awarded the construction contract. Plans for the new store were drawn up by Oshkosh architect J. F. Dreger. This will be the third location for the Kline store which opened here in April 1924 on the east side of Main St. just north of Washington Blvd. Kline's moved to their present location at 125-127 Main St. in 1926, enabling the First National Bank to acquire the property for use as a bank site. The Oshkosh Kline store is part of a national chain of Kline stores first opened in Philadelphia in 1874 by Nathan Kline, father of Julius, Sidney and Herman Kline who now are in charge of the business.

> Source: Oshkosh Daily Northwestern, Jan. 3, 1930

Police Department welcomes officers, cadets; Fowler retires

The Oshkosh Police Department reently welcomed two new officers and two called

Officer Jack Rew was an officer for the Village of North Fond du Lac Police Department for the past four years and earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice and psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He also served eight years in the U.S. Army Reserves.

Officer Adam Wachowiak graduated from UW- Stevens Point with a degree in resource management law enforcement. He served as an officer for the UW-Stevens Point Police Department.

Cadet Stephen Schulde served with the

Oshkosh Police Department as a community service officer and obtained a degree in criminal justice from UW-Oshkosh. He also served seven years in the U.S. Marine Corps, completing two deployments to Afghanistan.

Cadet Miguel Nunez received a degree in criminal justice from the University of Indiana-Northwest and worked as an account sales associate.

The department also celebrated the retirement of William Fowler after 18 years as a city officer. Fowler served on the Honor Guard Team for 11 years, the Crisis Negotiator Team and as a K9 officer partnered with K9 Aik.









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Photo by Michael Cooney

On the horizon

Oshkosh Corp.'s new global headquarters along the Fox River has progressed from the structural framework to building its exterior enclosure. The interior buildout phase is scheduled to begin next month. The 190,000-square-foot, four-story home base for the Fortune 500 vehicle manufacturer is expected to be ready for occupancy by October.

Oshkosh Corp. on Fortune's Most Admired Companies list

Oshkosh Corp. has been recognized as one of Fortune's World's Most Admired Companies, one of 330 to achieve the honor determined by industry peers.

Oshkosh Corp. ranked fifth in the Construction and Farm Machinery category, the second time it has received this award and one of five Wisconsin-based companies named.

"We're humbled to achieve this recognition for the second consecutive year," said Wilson R. Jones, president and chief executive officer. "It's an exciting time for Oshkosh Corporation as we continue to grow our People First culture and deliver value for our customers and shareholders."

Fortune collaborated with Korn Ferry on the survey of corporate reputation and began with about 1,500 candidates including the 1,000 largest U.S. companies ranked by revenue, and non-U.S. companies from Fortune's Global 500 database that have revenues of \$10 billion or more. The top-rated companies were picked from a pool of 680 by executives who work at companies in that group.

Korn Ferry asked executives, directors and analysts to rate enterprises in their own industry on nine criteria, from investment value and quality of management and products to social responsibility and ability to attract talent.

LWV to hold mayoral forum Thursday

Three candidates running for the post of Oshkosh mayor will participate in a Winnebago County League of Women Voters Candidates Forum at 5 p.m. Thursday at Oshkosh City Hall.

Incumbent Mayor Steve Cummings, Oshkosh Deputy Mayor Lori Palmeri and Barley and Hops Pub owner Nathan Stiefvater are seeking to be one of the two with the most votes in the primary election Feb. 19 and advance to the April 2 election ballot.

Audience questions are encouraged. Public policy questions may also be submitted in advance to forum moderator Margy Davey at wcLWVinfo@gmail.com or 920-233-5055. The forum is co-sponsored by Oshkosh Media and will be broadcast live on Oshkosh Media TV and on radio WOCT 101.9 FM, and rebroadcast several times before the election. Find video streaming at www.oshkoshmedia. org and on the Oshkosh Media YouTube channel.

Public Library calendar

Feb. 1: Smart Starts Play Stations, 9 to 11 a.m.

Tech Open Lab, 1 to 4 p.m. Teen Book Club: "Truly Devious" by Maureen Johnson, 4:30 p.m.

Feb. 2: World Culture Series: Chinese New Year, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Kids

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 1 to

Feb. 4: Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m. Tech Open Lab, 3 to 6 p.m.

Read to a Dog, 4 p.m. 236-5208 to

Homework Helpdesk, 5 to 7 p.m. **Feb. 5:** High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m. Ages 3 and under

World Culture Series: Chinese New Year, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Kids and families Online Anytime Book Club, 7 p.m.,

library Facebook page **Feb. 6:** High Hopes Early Literacy

Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m. Ages 3 and under

Wonderlab: Tie Dye T-Shirts, 6 p.m. 236-5208 to register. Ages 6 to 9. Evening Book Club (adults), 6 p.m. Tech Open Lab, 1 to 4 p.m.

Feb. 7: Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m. LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Harry Potter Book Night, 5 p.m. Register at www.oshkoshpubliclibrary. org or call 236-5203. All ages

Homework Helpdesk, 5 to 7 p.m. LEGO Wall Open Build, 5 to 7 p.m. Ages 16 and older

Feb. 9: LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Life-Sized Candyland, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Register at www.oshkoshpubliclibrary.org or 236-5208. All ages

Feb. 10: Sunday Movie Matinee, 2 p.m. All ages

Feb. 11: Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m. Maker Mondays for Families: Tinkercad, 4:30 p.m. 236-5208 to register

Read to a Dog, 4 p.m. 236-5208 to

Homework Helpdesk, 5 to 7 p.m. **Feb. 12:** High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m. Ages 3 and under

Tweens Create: Sock Snowman, 4:30 p.m. Grades 4 to 7.

Considerations: Love Your Neighbors, 6 p.m. Adults

Feb. 13: High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m. Ages 3 and under

Memory Cafe, 1 p.m. Learn to Love, 4 p.m. Teens

What's Cooking Book Club: Soup, 6 p.m. Adults

Feb. 14: Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m.

Afternoon Book Club, 1:30 p.m. Adults

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

What's New in Genealogy Resources,

Feb. 15: Library closed. Staff Development Day

Feb. 16: How-To Festival, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Adults and teens

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 1 to

Feb. 18: Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m. Monday Movie Matinee, 12:30 p.m.

Read to a Dog, 4 p.m. 236-5208 to register

Homework Helpdesk, 5 to 7 p.m. **Feb. 19:** High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m. Ages 3 and under

Free Legal Assistance Clinic, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Techy Tuesdays: TinkerCad, 6 p.m. 236-5205 to register. Adults

Feb. 20: High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m. Ages 3 and under

Tech Open Lab, 1 to 4 p.m. Wonderlab: Ozobots, 6 p.m. Ages 6 to 9. 236-5208 to register

Feb. 21: Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m. Morning Book Club, 10 a.m. 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

Feb. 22: Teen DIY: Perler Bead earbud case, 4:30 p.m. Grades 6 to 12. **Feb. 23:** Think Spring!, 10 a.m. to

noon, Adults LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 1 to

2:30 p.m. **Feb. 25:** Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m.

Homework Helpdesk, 5 to 7 p.m. **Feb. 26:** High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m. Ages 3 and under

Tech Open Lab, 3 to 6 p.m. No Homework Book Club: "Circle Unbroken," 4:30 p.m. Grades 3 to 5 **Feb. 27:** High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m. Ages 3 and under

Creating Your Digital Time Machine: Photo Scanning, 6 to 7 p.m. Adults **Feb. 28:** Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m. LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3:30 to 5 p.m.

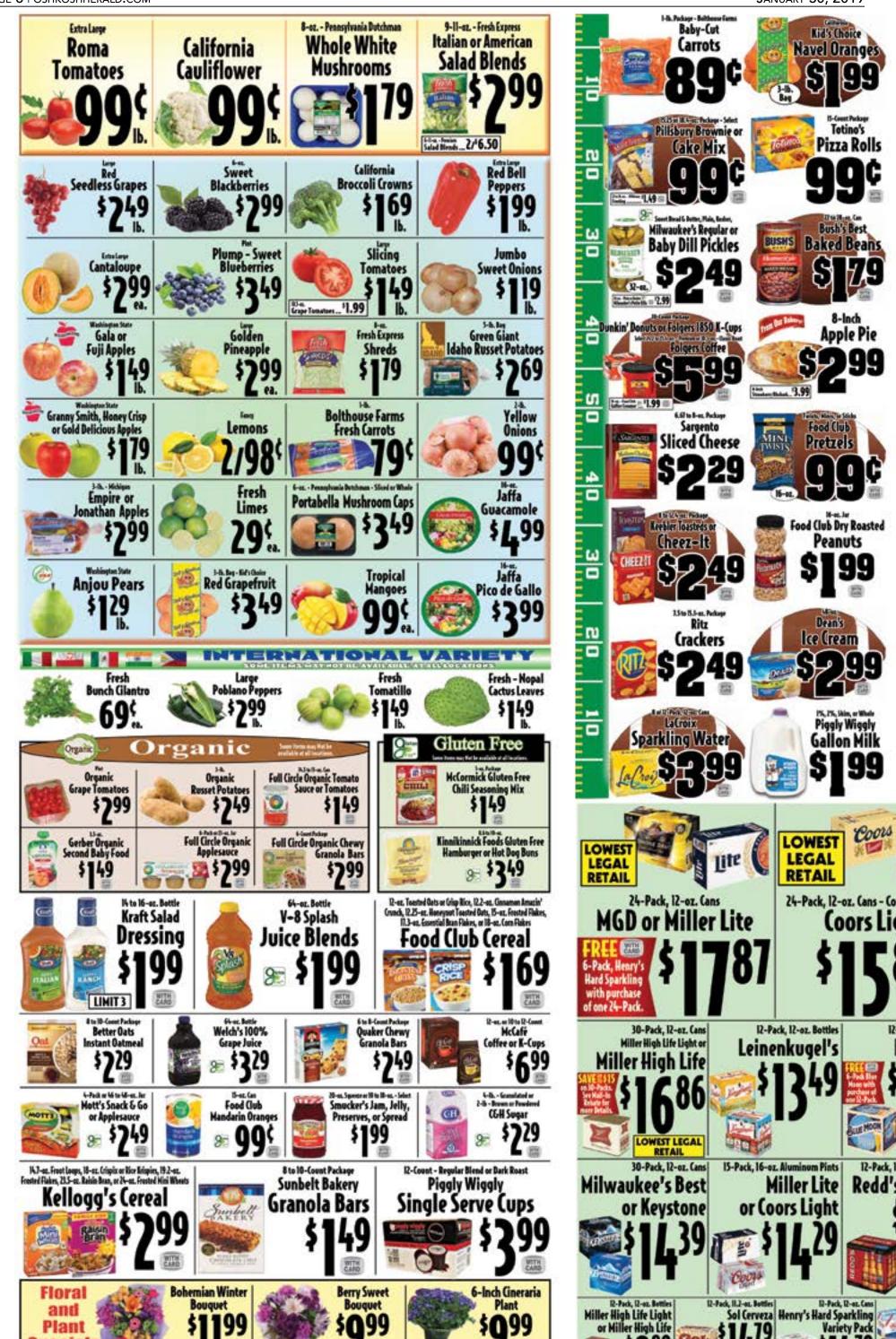
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Rental oversight

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dealing with mapping the new areas to be inspected as well as fee changes will come later before the council. State law now allows a city to select neighborhoods in which the inspections will be performed and limit fees for inspection purposes.

Under the new ordinance, rental units within a designated Neighborhood Stabilization and Enhancement District will be inspected providing a tenant requests the inspection and is present, or has another adult present, for the inspection. No exterior-only inspections will be made as part of the program.

City officials said the goal behind the ordinance is to encourage owners of residential rental housing to exercise their responsibility to ensure rules governing the condition and maintenance of properties are followed to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public and prevent blighted conditions in neighborhoods.

No fees are charged for the initial inspection to correct conditions but the city can charge fees for any subsequent inspection to ensure violations are corrected.

The city has allocated \$25,000 in this year's budget for inspections to be performed as part of a five-year program cycle with at least 20 percent of the known rental units in the adopted districts receiving letters from the city. The results of 2019 efforts will be used by the city to better gauge budget needs for 2020 and beyond.

Room tax ordinance

On the separate issue of a proposed room tax ordinance, the council concurred with a recommendation by City Manager Mark Rohloff to hold off action while the city looks into different options. Rohloff said the city already requires room taxes to be paid by those renting out a room but has not been vigorously enforced.

The council also delayed action on the short-term rental ordinance until the full matter can be taken up with the room tax ordinance.

Room tax vs. short-term rental permits

Room tax ordinance

Property owners renting out a home for one or more days need a separate permit at no cost from the city to remit room tax revenues on a monthly basis. A 10 percent room tax fee goes to the city and a 5 percent fee to the state.

Short-Term Rental Ordinance

The state defines a short-term rental as a "residential dwelling that is offered for rent for a fee and for fewer than 29 consecutive days." The city's Short-Term Rental Ordinance would require

Questions came up as to the number of days a homeowner can rent out their home to another party, such as those attending EAA AirVenture or similar events. The proposed short-term rental ordinance puts the number of consecutive days at 11. Some residents have suggested a higher number such as 16 days to accommodate extended EAA rentals.

The ordinance requires homeowners to obtain a room tax permit, state sales tax permit and provide an inspection report from the Winnebago County Department of Health that confirms the property meets public health and safety requirements. The city's Community Development Department would then issue a short-term permit to a property owner to rent out their home.

Several council members raised questions as to what will happen in other communities regarding the state requirements such as those in the towns of Algoma or Black Wolf who may want to rent out their home for AirVenture.

Rohloff said it was his impression that the towns may not regulate it at all, adding that the city must follow state law.

The room tax ordinance, which requires those renting a home for one or more days to obtain a separate permit, adds some teeth to present procedures to ensure the taxes are paid, which amount to 10 perthose renting rooms or homes for a more than 10 nights annually to obtain a permit from the Community Development Department.

Each short-term rental would need a Winnebago County Tourist Rooming House License or a Winnebago County Bed and Breakfast License through its Health Department, a seller's permit from the state Department of Revenue, a room tax permit and an inspection compliance for public health and safety by the county's Health Department.

cent of the charges to the city as well as 5 percent to the state.

Street fee discussion

Council members also informally discussed a proposal by the Long Range Finance Committee to have all property owners pay street and sidewalk special assessments for road construction, using a procedure that charges for the amount of impervious surface in front of a property. The city had previously discussed a vehicle registration fee or "wheel tax" to pay for special assessment costs.

The proposed street fee procedure is being used in Neenah starting this year where all properties will be charged a fee on their monthly utility bill for assessments, rather than having adjacent property owners along the street pay for the special assessments.

Cummings noted that those along the street will still pay special assessments for utility work below the street surface, such as sanitary and storm sewer lines.

"This will not make the cost of special assessments go away," he said.

Mugerauer said this new proposal, if implemented, would give the city control over the process by which street improvements would be paid for and potentially reduce the borrowing debt used to pay for street work.

Rohloff said his staff will work on ordinances and policy options to bring back to the council. Possible options include how to charge those having multiple properties and how to handle those recently charged for special street assessments.

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City manager to-do list

The council established performance goals for Rohloff to accomplish this year as part of its favorable review of his performance during 2018.

Deputy Mayor Lori Palmeri said the "city manager continues to work in the best interests of the city of Oshkosh and its citizens, remaining focused on details and the strategic plan for the city."

Palmeri said a few notable accomplishments include the recently passed, professionally prepared budget, release of the new city website, significant street, sewer and stormwater infrastructure improvements, exceptional customer service from multiple departments, and an award-winning geographic information system project.

She also cited projects such as the transload facility, Menominee Nation Arena, Oshkosh Corp. headquarters, Oshkosh Avenue developments and other significant development opportunities that were unanticipated.

"Moving these projects forward, while maintaining basic services and continued implementation of strategic priorities, the city manager diligently contributes to serve the council and the city with a high level of professional administration," Palmeri said.

Rohloff received a pay increase in 2019 bringing his annual salary to \$154,000, which was based on a recent market survey of peer community administrations.

City manager goals set for 2019 include:

- Update the debt management plan and recommend to the council a new long-term general obligation debt goal.
- Evaluate the city's emergency preparedness plan and conduct training for all department heads and other appropriate personnel as it relates to activation of the Emergency Operations Center by Sept. 30.
- Develop a policy for acquiring real estate, including blighted properties, and develop a policy by which city and RDA-owned properties may eventually be conveyed back to private ownership for development/redevelopment or affordable infill housing by June 1.
- Sustain ongoing collaboration with Unity in Community organizers in their annual celebration, involving city departments as needed to ensure a successful event. Also continue to collaborate with the Oshkosh Community Success Coalition in advancing diversity goals and inclusion with updates by June 1 and Dec. 1.

FVTC calendar

Feb. 7: Explore Starting a Business, 5:30-8:30 p.m. An inside look at what it takes to launch a small business (www. fvtc.edu/SmallBiz)

Feb. 26: Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) completion assistance

Walk-ins: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. (Room 101)

Feb. 26: Dangers of Social Media, 6 p.m. Sexting laws and why children engage in this behavior, popular apps among youth.





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Community events

Thursday, Jan. 31

Oshkosh Business Expo, noon, Oshkosh Convention Center

Business After Hours: A Taste of Oshkosh, 5 p.m., Oshkosh Convention

Friday, Feb. 1

Otter Street Winter Fisheree, Millers Bay and Lake Winnebago

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

Brandan's Bash, 6 p.m., Millers Bay in Menominee Park

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

Saturday, Feb. 2

Otter Street Winter Fisheree, Menominee Park and Lake Winnebago Winter Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Menominee Nation Arena

Wedding Cake Tasting, 9 a.m., Tamara's Cake Guru, 2271 Westowne Ave. Fall in Love with Handmade Urban Craft Fair, 10 a.m., Becket's Atrium, 2 Jackson St.

Fox Cities Roller Derby, 6 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

Men Who Cook, 5:30 p.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

Oshkosh Gallery Walk, 6 p.m., down-

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

Monday, Feb. 4

Women in Sports Night, 4:15 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

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

Wednesday, Feb. 6

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

Thursday, Feb. 7

Ducks Unlimited Oshkosh Chapter Annual Fundraiser Banquet, 5 p.m., La Sure's Banquet Hall, 3125 S. Washburn

North High School presents "Mary Poppins," 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

Friday, Feb. 8

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

North High School presents "Mary Poppins," 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

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

Saturday, Feb. 9

EAA Skiplane Fly-In, 10 a.m., Pioneer Airport at EAA, 1603 Goyke Ave.

North High School presents "Mary Poppins," 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

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

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

Sunday, Feb. 10

Heart of Winter Celebration, 11 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

North High School presents "Mary Poppins," 2 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh,

Wisconsin Herd vs. Canton, 2:30 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

100 High Ave.

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United Way launches Dine Out for a Cause

The Oshkosh Area United Way has a new way to support the Oshkosh area community fund with its Feed the Need fundraisers that offers a delicious way to eat out for a great cause.

Each month a restaurant will offer special components, such as menus, raffles, discounts on food and beverages, and other prizes.

"When the team started with United Way, we looked for fun opportunities to get the whole community involved because this is our community too. These

events are an easy way to give back to the place we work, live, and raise our families in," said Mary Ann L. Dilling, United Way president. "We actually hosted our first event in November of 2018. The event was an enormous success and we knew we could offer something the community really enjoys doing."

Upcoming events include Johnny Rockets from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Za-Ronis from 4 to 8 p.m. Feb. 13. Details can be found at www.facebook.com/ oshkoshunitedway.





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Spartan boys fall short against Appleton East

By Brad Hartmann
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Coming off a thrilling down-to-thewire road victory over Neenah, the Oshkosh North boys basketball team hoped to carry that momentum home into Friday's Fox Valley Association conference showdown with Appleton East, but it was East's second-half adjustments that led to a 53-45 victory.

"If you are writing a movie this would have been the perfect case where you hit the ground running, but life doesn't play out like movies. The nice thing is that we get to write our own script," said Spartans coach Brad Weber. "There are some things that we need to clean up and we are very capable of fixing them."

Trailing 26-23 at the half, the Patriots' (8-7) (6-6) defense held the Spartans (8-8) (5-7) scoreless for seven minutes in the second half while many Spartans felt like that was an eternity as the Patriots went on a 11-0 run to lead 34-26.

"This is a tough place to play at. We have battled with these guys the past few years. They have had really talented players," said Patriots forward Jed Leisner. "We had a little drought and needed someone to step up. That big run was huge. It was great execution of our game plan. Once we get rolling it's hard to stop us."

The Spartans cut the Patriots' lead to 37-36 with 4:08 remaining as senior forward Matt Hickey converted on several key buckets with seven of his 13 points in the second half.

"Nothing was really said to each other. It



Photo by Emil Vajgr

Oshkosh North's Josh Dilling looks for an opening against Appleton East in the Spartans' game against the Patriots on Friday night in Oshkosh.

was more of the touches and the eye contact," said Hickey. "I see Matt Berger sitting at the top of the key in the 1-3-1. I tell him keep working and give him a high five as I go by or tell him good work Bergs. It's more of a communicating thing."

The Patriots would regroup and take control of the final four minutes, outscoring the Spartans 16-9 including a wide-open baseball pass for a layup from Kaden Clark to Lucas Kotarek with 1:27 remain-

ing to lead 45-38.

"I said to him nice pass Aaron Rodgers. I love those types of passes it was a dime right on the money. It was a great pass," said Leisner.

Garang Deng may have had the toughest assignment for the Spartans trying to contain Clark, who averages 19.4 points, by holding him to eight. Deng was able to use his quickness defensively, coming away with a steal and a layup that gave the Spar-

tans a 19-12 lead with 6:01 in the first half.

"Coaches told me use my long arms to my advantage. I just tried to go out there defending the best I could by hustling and trying to get stops," said Deng. "I was trying to rebound the best that I could. I didn't want to leave them with any second-chance points.

"Offensively I was trying to create plays for my teammates by circle pivots and looking for my big man (Matt) Hickey."

Entering play the Spartans had won 13 consecutive games against the Patriots and 26 of the last 35 meetings, including a 64-52 victory Dec. 14.

"I think that is just a testament to the teams that we have had. We do a really good job on developing guys," said Weber. "Tonight wasn't characteristic on how we been playing this year and how we have been getting better. Hiccups are going to happen in a season, especially in this conference, and these guys are learning from them."

On the bright side, the possibility of the Spartans returning to the postseason with the possibility of a high seed and aspirations of repeating as D1 state champions looks promising. Four of their remaining six games are against teams with a losing record, starting Tuesday at Hortonville (6-8) and Friday at Fond du Lac (1-15).

"Anyone can beat anyone in this conference," said Weber. "An example is Appleton North who beat Oshkosh West twice and West beat Kimberly. Record-wise we beat up on each other. It's about who can execute in the final three minutes that will decide who wins that night."

Prep sports roundup

GIRLS HOCKEY

Warbirds win pair over Western and Lakeland

The third-ranked Fond du Lac/Beaver Dam/Oshkosh girls hockey team picked up two wins on Saturday, defeating No. 5 Western Wisconsin 3-2 and Lakeland 6-1.

In the game one win, Dayna Jones, Alyssa Heim and Claire Bresser picked up goals and got 21 saves from Abby Okon.

In game two, Heim and Jones scored goals along with Morgan Brown, Tori Schmidt, Jenna Kirschbaum and Maike Zipp.

Hattie Verstegen added an assist in the win. Okon had 13 saves in the second win.

WRESTLING

North, Lourdes compete in Door County Classic

The Oshkosh North boys finished 13th and Lourdes was 14th out of 19 teams Saturday in the Dirk Sorenson Door County Classic

Finishing with top-five finishes included Oshkosh North's Cade Schmitz at 126 pounds, who was pinned in this third-place match.

Lourdes' Camron Kelly (132) and Keagan Stelzer (195) were fourth. Kelly was pinned in the third-place match while Stelzer lost because of injury while Jack Reinardy (170) was fifth.

North's Landon Spanbauer (145) was sixth; Knights' Tim Kaull (182) was sixth.

Spartans lose FVA dual

The Oshkosh North wrestling team lost to Neenah 48-24 on Thursday in a Fox Valley Association dual.

Picking up wins for the Spartans included Spanbauer (145) who had a pin, Travon Lee (160) who won on a 9-7 decision, A.J. Besaw (285) who won on a 10-4 decision and Carly Ochoa (113) and Schmitz (126) who earned forfeits.

West tops Hortonville

The Oshkosh West wrestling team won an exciting 34-33 Fox Valley Association dual on Thursday night over Hortonville.

Picking up wins for the Wildcats included Roman Martell (182) who had a pin, Blake Framke (195) who won a close 4-2 decision, Justin Oppermann (220) who won on a 13-10 decision, Avery Martell (285) who picked up a pin, Wilton Brown (106) who also had a pin, Alec Hunter (120) by pin and Connor Collins (152) who won a 11-3 major decision.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Early deficit hurts West in loss to Kaukauna

The Oshkosh West boys basketball team saw itself down 17 points in the first half and could never claw its way back in a 78-63 Fox Valley Association loss against Kaukauna on Friday night.

Karter Thomas led the Wildcats (7-9, 5-7 FVA) with 19 points while Caleb Fuller added 13. Riley Frey added 12 points for West – which made 11 3-pointers. Frey made four while Thomas had three of them.

Donovan Ivory and Logan Jedwabny combined for 41 for the Ghosts, who are second in the FVA behind Kimberly.

Lourdes stays hot, crushes Oakfield

The Lourdes boys basketball team picked up its seventh straight win in a

big 83-48 win over Oakfield in a Trailways-East Conference game played on the road Thursday.

The Knights (12-1, 8-0 Trailways East) led by 31 at half in the win. No additional stats were available.

Warriors lose conference game against Montello

The Valley Christian boys basketball team couldn't cut the single-digit deficit in a 73-63 loss to Montello in a Trailways-East Conference game on Friday.

Isaiah Wade had a team-high 16 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for Valley Christian while Jaden Francis and Yianni Giannopoulos each added 13 points.

Giannopoulos added six rebounds and five assists.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

North loses tight game against Appleton East

The Oshkosh North girls basketball team lost a close Fox Valley Association contest Friday night, falling 52-46 against Appleton East.

Leading 24-21 at halftime, East outscored the Spartans (10-6, 6-6 FVA) 31-22 in the second half.

Ashley Wissink and Elle Lieder led North with 12 points each while Wissink added four steals. Brie Gauthier chipped in 10 points and six rebounds while Brooke Ellestad had six points and six steals.

Emily LaChapell led East with 20 points.

Lourdes cruises past Wayland Academy

The Lourdes girls basketball team held

Wayland to just seven points in the first half as it picked up a crushing 80-34 Trailways-East Conference win on Thursday.

Lourdes (9-7, 6-2 Trailways East) led 48-7 at the half and remains in first in the conference, tied with Hustisford.

Alexis Rolph led the Knights with 15 points while Marley Wesenberg had 14. Hope Burns chipped in 13 while Paige Droessler had 10.

Kaukauna tops Wildcats in FVA conference game

The Oshkosh West girls basketball team kept it within single digits for most of the game but couldn't get over the hump in a 73-59 Fox Valley Association loss to Kaukauna on Friday night.

Callista Rochon-Baker had a team-high 21 points for the Wildcats (4-12, 2-10 FVA) while Kiersten McNulty had 14. Lauren Olejnik and Anelise Hammonds added six points in the loss.

Chloe Van Zeeland had a game-high 25 points and 10 rebounds for the Ghosts.

BOYS SWIMMING

North/Lourdes loses dual against Appleton

The Oshkosh North/Lourdes swim team lost against Appleton North/East on Thursday, falling 119-51.

Picking up wins was Eddie Hansen in the 50 free with a time of 22.53 and the 100 free with a time of 49.08. Finishing second included Chase Pecore in the 200 free (2:02.66) and in the 200 IM (2:18.60), Trey Pecore in the 500 free (5:19.82) while the 400 free relay team (Hansen, Pierce Pecore, Chase Pecore and Trey Pecore) was also runner-up with a time of 3:37.39.

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Herd wins four straight after roster shuffle

By Ti Windisch HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Wisconsin Herd is on a season-high four-game winning streak after a series of transactions that shook up Wisconsin's roster over the last two weeks, with Milwaukee Bucks assignee Christian Wood continuing to be Wisconsin's best player.

Wood averaged 31.7 points, 16.7 rebounds, 2.3 assists, 1.0 steals and 2.0 blocks over the three games the Herd played this week. The big man was second in the G League in points per game and third in rebounds per game after Wisconsin's 119-115 win on the road Sunday against the Erie Bayhawks.

After Wisconsin's 118-109 home win over the Windy City Bulls on Wednesday, Wood said his goal is to dominate whoever lines up from him every night he takes the floor for the Herd.

"I just got to keep killing, kill everybody, stay focused, keep going, stay patient," Wood said. "I know my time is going to come; like I always keep saying, I just have to stay ready."

Roster moves

Before last week, the Herd saw familiar faces in Jaylen Morris, Travis Trice and



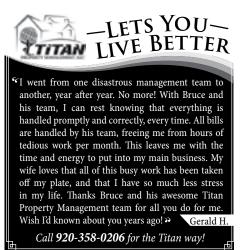


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Herd point guard Nick Johnson takes it high to the basket against the Windy City Bulls last Wednesday at the Menominee Nation Arena.

James Young all depart for different reasons — Morris was released from a twoway deal by the Bucks, Trice was traded, and Young was released by the Herd. Wisconsin GM Dave Dean wasn't quite done dealing as Vander Blue was traded to the Texas Legends this week for the rights to Damon Lynn and a second-round draft

Blue became the G League's second-leading scorer with the Herd after he was acquired in November, although he never managed to return to his 2017 D-League MVP form in Wisconsin.

In the place of those four, the Herd added Nick Johnson, Andre Spight and Elijah Stewart, with the Bucks adding Bonzie Colson in Morris' old two-way spot. Those four players have gotten plenty of run lately, as they combined to play more than 40 percent of Wisconsin's 240 minutes in Sunday's contest.

Johnson, who came in and immediately became Wisconsin's starting point guard, is averaging 11.0 points, 5.8 assists and 3.5 rebounds with the Herd. The reigning G League Finals MVP said he has no problem being a vocal leader even though he hasn't been on the team for long.

"I'm a really vocal guy, and they respect me," Johnson said. "They know what I've done in the game. I've been to where they want to be, so I think I can pull anybody

Johnson's contributions on both ends have a lot to do with Wisconsin being 4-0 in his time as a starter. Herd head coach Jordan Brady said his effect on the team has been obvious from the jump.

"I like the way that he plays," Brady said. "He's got a good, strong body on him. He's a physical defender, he's a physical offensive player. He gets into the body, he's really good at manipulating the defender on pick and roll. The leadership and organization that he's brought to our team since he's been with us is very noticable. He's playing great for us."

Brady said the addition of these new faces in the locker room has helped the Herd put together multiple wins in a row for the first time this season.

"Credit to Dave Dean and his team, I think that they did a really good job of getting some pieces in here," Brady said. "I'm not going to say better pieces, they're just different, and sometimes you just need something different to get things going. The guys have responded really well."

The Herd gets nearly a week off before taking the floor Saturday in Portland, Maine, to take on the Red Claws. Wisconsin then returns to Menominee Nation Arena for two games Monday and Wednesday.

Women in Sports Night event returns to arena

The Wisconsin Herd is sponsoring its second annual Women in Sports Night at 4:30 p.m. Monday before the Herd game vs. Grand Rapids at the Menominee Nation Arena. This event is designed for young women that aspire to work in the sports industry or are in the industry and looking to make more connections.

A panel of women in the sports industry will give insights about what they do and

answer related questions. NBC sports anchor Kelly Price, UW-Oshkosh assistant athletic director Victoria Stimac, Milwaukee Brewers vice president of community relations Katina Shaw, Herd coaching assistant Sidney Dobner, Bucks senior vice president of ticket sales Jamie Morningstar and Big Top Baseball vice president Liz

Kern are scheduled to comprise the panel.

After a question-and-answer period there will be a networking session, then everyone is invited to the game.

The deadline for purchasing tickets for \$20 is Thursday. For questions contact Delaney Werner at dwerner@wisconsinherd.com or 920-744-0284.



Ducks Unlimited to hold banquet

Ducks Unlimited's Oshkosh chapter is holding its 54th annual banquet Feb. 7 at La Sure's Banquet Hall.

The event raises money for the conservation organization, which focuses on preservation of wetlands and habitats that increases waterfowl populations, filters water and prevents flooding. The most recent state projects have been in the Mukwonago and Fox River watersheds, Green Bay waters, Rush Lake, Horicon Marsh and Crex Meadows Wildlife Area.

Working with others, Ducks Unlimited

has restored and enhanced 107,782 areas of state wetlands and adjacent habitat.

Ducks Unlimited began in 1937 and the Oshkosh chapter held its first annual dinner in 1966, which has continued with the help of Oshkosh area businesses. There are various levels of becoming an individual and business sponsor. A special raffle will be held to benefit a local food pantry.

Doors open at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6:30. Advance tickets are available through duoshkosh@yahoo.com. There will be a limited number of walk-ins available.

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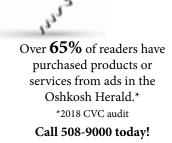
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Saturday's events include the Pre-Battle Fishing Challenge, ATV, 4x4 and motorcycle races, and raffle prizes.

The fishing contest costs \$10 per ticket with cash payouts per category, and \$1,000 grand prize and \$500 runner-up prizes chosen randomly.

Youth Academies programs slated

Signups are beginning for University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Summer 2019 Youth Academies hosted by the Division of Online and Continuing Education.

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Trivia Night event to benefit district

The school district's Education Foundation is hosting its sixth annual Trivia Night Fundraiser on Friday at Becket's restaurant featuring team competition at 7 p.m., 50/50 and gift basket raffles, along with other prizes.

The cost of trivia is \$80 per team with an eight-person maximum. Preregistration is preferred but walk-ins are welcome.

Additional information, including the Trivia Night brochure, and rules and registration form, is available at oshkosh.k12. wi.us.

Prizes will be awarded to the top teams and a prize given to the best team theme. All proceeds benefit the Education Foundation to enhance the educational experience for students and staff in the district.

First Congregational's Tuesday series returns

The concert series First Tuesday at First Congregational returns at noon Feb. 5 featuring the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Piano Trio performing the first movement from Tchaikovsky's Piano Trio in A Minor and Beethoven's "Kreutzer" Violin Sonata No. 9.

Joanne Peterson, organist/choir director, said the Kreutzer sonata and the piano trio are virtuoso pieces played by Eli Kalman, piano; Yuliya Smead, violin; and Katherine Decker, cello.

Peterson said that in the 1930s people would motor up from Milwaukee to attend concerts at the church played on the 1911 Casavant pipe organ and 1906 Steinway concert grand piano. The church served as the community's meeting house and auditorium until Alberta Kimball Hall was built in the 1960s.

First Tuesday at First Congregational, in its 15th year, accepts free-will donations for the public concerts. An accompanying lunch will return to the series in April after the Fellowship Hall renovation is completed. In the meantime, nearby restaurants offer a 10 percent discount for audience members.

State of Community Address set Thursday

The Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce and Propel Oshkosh will be host to a State of the Community Address at 8 a.m. Thursday at the Oshkosh Convention Center's K.M. Hutchinson Room.

The address will feature Mark Harris, Winnebago County executive; City Manager Mark Rohloff; Vickie Cartwright, superintendent of schools; Melissa Kohn, director at Fox Valley Technical College; and Andrew Leavitt, chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

Call 920-303-2266 or Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce members can reserve seats online at www.oshkoshchamber. com/event-calendar.

Public Museum's online photo archives expand

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