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Expanding IT demand gets more attention

By Nikki Brahm Herald Contributor

A large share of the state's internet technology openings are in this region, according to an IT talent development group's analysis, along with a 10-year growth projection for those jobs.

The Northeast Wisconsin Educational Resource Alliance, based on its 2015



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study, forecast 2,131 openings in the Fox Valley region out of 8,167 in the state, more than 26 percent of the positions. The director of the NEW IT Alliance said there will be about 3,000 openings in the region by 2021 that will be a

challenge to fill locally.

"They also looked at the number of students who are interested in pursuing IT pathways and 86 percent of students are reporting no interest," said Kimberly Iversen. "So we have a valid growing demand but we have a shrinking body of students who are even interested in going into it."

Iversen said the biggest problem is the misinterpretation of what IT is as well as a

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Mayoral candidates talk issues

Feb. 19 primary opponents offer views on city priorities

By Tom Ekvall Herald Contributor

Candidates for the city's mayoral position participated in a forum Thursday dealing with how they would respond to various challenges and issues the city faces, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Winnebago County at a full capacity City Hall meeting.

There were no hotly debated topics, although all candidates favored moving the city forward and being more visible to the public. The primary election is Feb. 19, at which time voters will select the two candidates to appear on the general election ballot.

Participating in the forum were incumbent Mayor Steve Cummings, Deputy



Photo by Tom Ekvall

Mayor Steve Cummings (from left) and challengers Deputy Mayor Lori Palmeri and Nathan Steifvater take part in a League of Women Voters forum at city hall Thursday night.

Mayor Lori Palmeri and Nathan Steifvater, owner of the Barley and Hops Pub and Beer Garden. Moderator Margy Davey, former Mayor Kathy Propp and Oshkosh Northwestern editor Nathaniel Shuda asked questions. Other questions were submitted by the audience and presubmitted from residents.

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Photo by Art Eichmann

A pedestrian makes his way downtown Thursday amid the high snow piles after last's Monday's storm and during the bitter cold snap.

City takes on frigid weather needs

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh City Manager Mark Rohloff had high praise for city staff responding to the needs of residents in the face of frigid weather last week.

Rohloff said that having its Public Works Field Operations Facility at 639 Witzel Ave. helped efforts as snowplows were able to start up right away and work throughout the day by being stored within the garage rather than outside. In the last phase of the construction project, a cold storage building was built at Idaho Street and Witzel Avenue along with a salt dome at Third Avenue and Idaho Street.

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The 150,000-square-foot building was completed in May 2015 at a total cost of \$19.3 million to serve the streets, sanitation and central garage divisions. The previous building, built in 1944 and remodeled in 1964, was 32,000 square feet.

Rohloff also credited water distribution staff who were able to work on several water main breaks in the city under challenging conditions. Also important, he said, was having buses available for those who needed them for safe transportation.

The city is asking residents to clear their stormwater inlets to help increase drainage and prevent pooling — and eventual freezing — of water as temperatures have been rising.

Fire Chief Mike Stanley said the city did not have any reports of fires or ice rescue attempts during that stretch.

The Police Department noted on its Facebook page that an off-duty city firefighter reached out the previous Monday after the snowstorm to offer his services

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City welcomes its financial friends

Monetary gifts for last 3 years close to \$2 million

By Miles Maguire
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

For all those Oshkosh residents who like to complain about local taxes and fees, it may come as a surprise that quite a few people are willingly sending money to City Hall.

Over a three-year period from 2015 to 2017, the city received almost \$2 million in gifts, according to recent reports presented to the Common Council. Cash gifts were the greatest in 2015, at \$701,248, falling to \$537,987 in 2016 and then bouncing back up to \$599,238 in 2017.

The number of cash gifts ranged from a low of about \$250 in 2015 to a high of about \$360 in 2016. These figures do not include the number of small donations, less than \$100, which are typically lumped together, or of in-kind gifts.

The largest single gift was \$65,000 from the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation for the Menominee Park Zoo, a sum that was given on three different occasions. This is the amount that has been pledged on an annual basis by a local couple who set up a special fund at the foundation to provide free admission to the zoo.

Many of the gifts are intended to support quality of life activities in the city, such as city parks, the Oshkosh Public Museum, the Oshkosh Public Library, the old Lakeshore Municipal Golf Course and the Pollock Community Water Park.

City Manager Mark Rohloff said gifts often result from someone's personal sense of passion about a particular subject.

"People recognize that there are certain programs or initiatives that won't necessarily gain widespread support for public financing with tax dollars" and decide to provide private funding, he explained.

The effect can be contagious. When residents step up to donate for a particular activity, "they serve as a great example and effectively become a catalyst for others," Rohloff said.

The Oshkosh Police Department reported that it received \$212,000 over the three-year period. A major chunk of that money, more than \$70,000, was given to support the local canine unit. According to the OPD website, "all costs of the program (with the exception of personnel) are paid for through the generosity of individual citizens, groups and local business owners in our community."

By contrast the Oshkosh Fire Depart-

ment reported less than \$15,000 in gifts.

Some gifts were given to provide for outdoor memorials. Two popular options were park benches, at \$1,500, and trees, at \$300.

The Oshkosh Seniors Center reported separately that it had received \$61,300, almost 10 percent of its 2018 budget, from funds raised through an auxiliary group called the Friends of the Oshkosh Seniors Center.

Some of the reports given to the council identify the source of funds, but in most cases the names of the donors are not available. Finance Director Trena Larson told the council that the missing information is the result of the way that the city has tracked donations.

In previous years, the city "didn't have the necessary forms to give you the detail" about the source of gifts. New forms have been adopted that allow city staff "to gather greater detail," she said.

While certainly helpful, the funds the city receives represent a small part of overall spending. The total Oshkosh budget for 2019 is \$75.6 million, with almost \$40 million coming from property taxes.

Miles Maguire is editor of the Oshkosh Examiner news blog.

Local pair to talk about refugee efforts

Two local women who spent their Christmas holidays helping migrant families who crossed the border from Mexico to Texas seeking asylum will speak at the League of Women Voters Food for Thought lunch Feb. 13 at Primo Restaurant.

Maria Luna and Marijke van Roogen went to the El Paso area planning to pro-

test family separation and children's detention at the largest shelter for migrant children. Upon their arrival they learned that several hundred adults and children from Guatemala had just been brought from a detention facility and dropped off unexpectedly at a downtown bus station. The two women felt a compelling need to help and found a volunteer organization that had arrived to provide food and find shelter for the migrants.

They will share their experiences in the program that begins shortly after noon. No advance registration is necessary but those planning to have lunch are asked to arrive by 11:50 a.m. to place an order. After the presentation questions and discussion are encouraged.

Police Department updates its non-emergency services

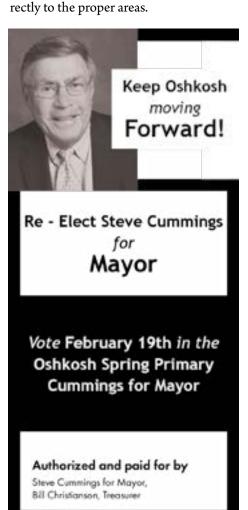
The Oshkosh Police Department has updated its non-emergency phone service where residents will still be able to use the 920-236-5700 number to file a report or speak with an officer but through an auto attendant that will transfer calls more directly to the proper areas.

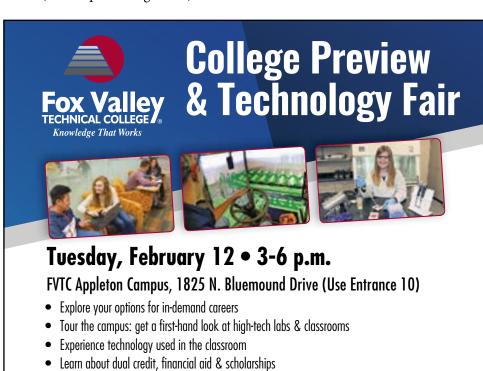
All requests to park overnight on city streets will now be handled online at www.oshkoshpd.com, where there are tabs for additional information: Parking Rules and Regulations, Permit Parking, Parking Ticket Appeals, Pay a Parking Ticket, Look up a Parking Ticket, and Re-

quest for Overnight Parking.

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Warming shelter steps up to protect visitors

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Winter's bitter cold did not stop volunteers and staff from providing for the needs of homeless residents staying at the Day by Day Warming Shelter at 449 High St.

The shelter, which normally provides housing for 25 people during the hours of 6 p.m. to 8 a.m., remained open for 24 hours during last week's frigid weather to provide needed help.

Alicia Mattingly, assistant director at the shelter, said the shelter is a "last resort" for those who are homeless, so long as they behave themselves while there.

"We do not discriminate against anyone," Mattingly said, noting that those with criminal backgrounds, mental health issues, and drinking or drug problems will be served. "It's either us or the streets."

The shelter had up to 37 staying there as the city lifted its temporary use permit to allow additional homeless people to remain there during the cold snap.

During the frigid week, 80 percent were men and 20 percent women. The shelter does not serve families with children, who were helped separately to find another location for the evening.

"The community has been fantastic providing us with needed support, including warm weather clothing, sleeping bags, snacks, food and more," Mattingly said.

Members of the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh track and field team helped sort items brought in. Food vendors such as ZaRoni's also brought in meals.

"There has been an overwhelming response to our situation. People are calling us as to how they can help," Mattingly said, who added that money is also appreciated to support the shelter's work.

The warming shelter had 136 people staying there during 2018, of which 116 left for other housing after having their needs dealt with. Fewer than a dozen came back this year. During a recent survey count of the homeless in Oshkosh in 2016, some 200 people were identified.

Mattingly said the shelter offers case management services but does not require people to participate. "It is up to them," she said.

Common issues often relate to severe mental health problems, criminal backgrounds, and drug and alcohol problems, as well as not having enough money to obtain or maintain permanent housing.

"We treat them with dignity and respect and help them set goals for themselves," she said. "It is about how we can help them get to the next step in their lives."

Those residing there normally visit the Salvation Army for meals and may use the public library for the day unless they are working somewhere. She said more than half of the residents work in the community

Those interested in donating to the shelter or providing volunteer services can visit www.warmingshelter.com.

Mattingly said she will be relieved when the shelter can return to its normal hours of service, expected by last weekend.



Photo by Tom Ekva

Alicia Mattingly, assistant director of the homeless shelter, is shown with Brett, a guest who recently stayed there.

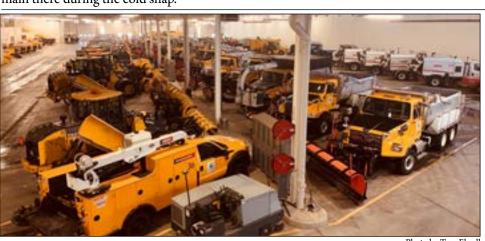


Photo by Tom Ekvall

Snowplows and other public works vehicles fill the city's Field Operations Facility serving the streets, sanitation and central garage divisions.

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to shovel out driveways on his day off and was given the addresses of eight senior citizens who needed the help and expressed their appreciation.

GO Transit stayed on schedule through the week's snow and cold with only minor mechanical issues, and city officials credited the upgraded bus fleet while other transit systems had to close early due to fleet issues and operational challenges.

The Oshkosh Area School District, like

most others in the state, canceled classes last Monday due to the snowstorm, as well as for Wednesday and Thursday amid subzero temperatures and extreme wind chill, and ended school-related activities after 5:30 p.m. Tuesday to keep children and their families safe.

District policy is to consider closing schools when the National Weather Service is forecasting wind chills 35 below or colder for more than an hour.

The district was able to slip in a Board of Education meeting and the Oshko-sh4Education Report to the Community on Tuesday night between the snow and the cold.







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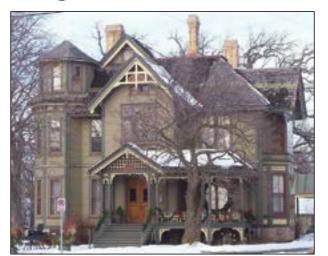
Historical Society celebrating 100 years

The Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society is marking the centennial of its organization this

A group of history-minded residents founded the society Nov. 22, 1919, and have since worked to preserve local history. The society's work has included erecting markers for historic sites, restoring the John Morgan residence in Oshkosh, publishing books and articles on local history, fundraising, and creating educational programs and historical scholarship opportunities, among other projects.

According to society President Randy Domer, plans are being made to commemorate the centennial with details coming soon.

The society welcomes new members and seeks volunteers to join in with activ-



The Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society is based at the John R. Morgan residence near downtown.

ities such as organizing public programs, special events, archival work, placement of historic markers, docent tours and assisting with fundraisers. Membership applications and volunteers can register at www.winnebagocountyhistoricalsociety. org or call 920-267-8007.

Fund keys on animals with special needs

Snickers the cat had spent 18 months at the Oshkosh Area Humane Society waiting for a family to adopt her. The 13-yearold loves lap time, the occasional belly rub and watching the world from a window sill. She also has a digestive condition that requires a special diet and medication.

"People would meet Snickers and fall in love but when they found out about her special food and medicine and the cost of maintaining her care, they would move on," said executive director Joni Geiger.

Two donors who wanted to help animals with special medical needs stepped in and created the Destination Home Fund, which provides a minimum one year of specialty food and medication for animals who require extra care.

Geiger said these types of programs are necessary to help animals that might not otherwise be adopted. The Humane Society celebrated a 97 percent save rate last

Two days after the new program was



Snickers found a home with the help of a new fund to help with special food and medical costs.

announced, Snickers found a new home. "She's the first one to benefit and we are so excited that others will be helped too," Geiger said. "We can't wait to see them all find homes."

Geiger also reminded residents that during subzero conditions it is important to keep pets indoors or in some form of shelter regulated by city ordinance to prevent hypothermia, and to alert law enforcement if an animal is seen left outside in these conditions.

District gains school language funding

The Oshkosh Area School District was recently awarded funds to support continued development of educating English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

The district partnered with the Appleton and Menasha school districts and University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, which collectively received a \$112,422 Wisconsin Fast Forward Teacher Training and Development Grant from the state Department of Workforce Development (DWD) to train up to 20 teachers and paraprofessionals in bilingual education.

"As a district we are committed to meeting the needs of all students. This grant will allow us to further enhance the services we provide to our English-learner students," stated Vickie Cartwright, Oshkosh schools superintendent. "By partnering with area school districts and our local university we are beginning to explore new ways to train our own teachers and attract more interest to this area."

Those who complete the program will receive an ESL license from UW-Oshkosh, which is an approved preparation program of the Department of Public Instruction. Those who pass the fluency test in an additional language and take the Content Area Bilingual Instructions course will receive a license in bilingual education.

The training program begins this summer with tuition expenses covered during non-contract hours. Informational sessions are being held this week and the online application deadline is Feb. 11.

The DWD presented \$3.5 million in grants to 32 school districts to license more than 370 teachers in special education, career and technical education, general education, and STEM training. The list of grant recipients is at http://dwd. wisconsin.gov.

An estimated 55 home languages are spoken in the district, which immerses English learners into content-driven courses while building cultural awareness. Along with translation and interpreter services, the district employs five assistants fluent in Spanish, Arabic, Hmong, Swahili, Kinyarwanda, Kurdish and Turkish.

Grandfather honored in pursuit of Eagle award

Aiden Gehrke, a senior at Valley Christian School, has earned the Eagle Scout award granted to top-ranked Boy Scouts.

Gehrke, the son of Mark Gehrke and Valerie Cohn-Gehrke, earned 21 merit badges and was in charge for two terms leading and organizing meetings for his Troop 601.

His Eagle project was in memory of his grandfather, who passed away the previous year. Gehrke and his friends built four benches, made educational signs for a park pavilion and assisted in clearing brush off several native American burial mounds at Nitschke Mounds Dodge



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County Park. Valley Christian Bible teacher Andrew Barber and other students helped clear out the mounds.

"I am grateful for all those who have supported me throughout the entire process and I couldn't have done any of it without my

friends and family who came together to support me in pursuit of my goal," Gehrke

Battle on Bago back on Winnebago lakes

Battle on Bago, considered the Midwest's largest ice fishing tournament, returns to lakes Winnebago, Butte des Morts, Winneconne and Poygan on Feb. 22-23 with more than \$275,000 in prizes.

The 12th annual event kicks off with a party Feb. 21 at the Menominee Park tent with a concert by The Presidents.

The fishing begins at 6 a.m. Feb. 22 with ticket sales ending at that time. Scales are open from 4 to 8 p.m. that day, then from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 23. Fish can be taken either with tip-ups or by rod and reel.

The band Road Trip performs that Friday night at the park. The event raises funds for area youth and conservation efforts.





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Tibetan exhibit to open at Paine

The compelling stories of Tibetan individuals, each committed to upholding their unique culture and the practice of compassion in the face of oppression, are told in an upcoming exhibition at the Paine Art Center and Gardens.

"Tibetan Portrait: The Power of Compassion" will be on view in the main gallery starting Saturday and running through May 19.

For the past 25 years, documentary filmmaker and photographer Phil Borges has lived with indigenous and tribal cultures around the world. Beginning in 1994, Borges traveled to Tibet, northern India and Nepal to interview and photograph Tibetans and Tibetan refugees to explore what has happened to them and their culture since China's takeover of the Buddhist nation in 1950.

His book sheds light on individuals from a deeply spiritual culture who have been marginalized and displaced by the occupation. The exhibition features photographs from Borges's "Tibet: Culture on the Edge series" in the Salon Gallery.

The exhibition will be accompanied by the Mystical Arts of Tibet in March. During a weeklong visit, Tibetan monks will create a sacred mandala with millions of grains of colorful sand in the Paine's conservatory.

The event also includes educational programs, a community art project and a performance at The Grand. Community First Credit Union is lead sponsor of the

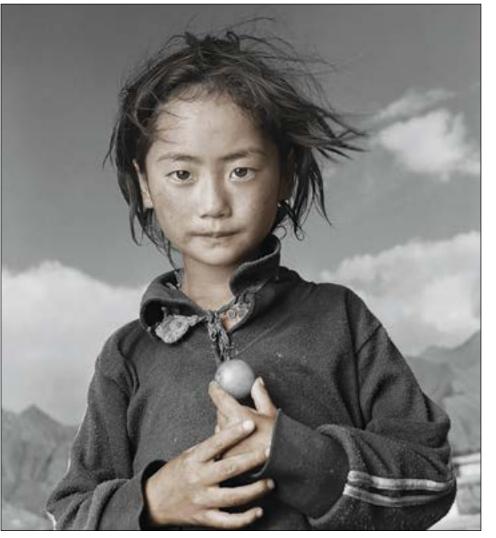


Photo by Phil Borges Productions

The work of documentary filmmaker and photographer Phil Borges will be featured at the Paine Art Center in "Tibetan Portrait: The Power of Compassion."

Groups help Webster school buy monitors for PE classes

Webster Stanley Middle School received a \$3,000 community grant from the Green Bay Packers Foundation to support the purchase of heart rate monitors for its physical education program.

The Packers foundation recently awarded \$800,000 to 230 civic and charitable groups in the state in its annual distribution of grants.

The money will help to fit each student with an IHT Spirit Heart Rate Monitor that they can wear and allow them to learn how to monitor their heart rates and see how their rates change at different levels of activity.

The school was recently awarded an additional \$2,000 grant from the Linda and Tim Dempsey Fund of the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation and another \$1,000 from Dick's Sporting Goods of Oshkosh for purchase of the monitors.

The Packers foundation grant cycle focused on arts and culture, athletics and education causes. This year the focus will be on animal welfare, civic and community, environmental, and health and wellness. The foundation has distributed more than \$10.6 million since it was established in 1986.

Time Theater opens series with 'Love-Sick' magician

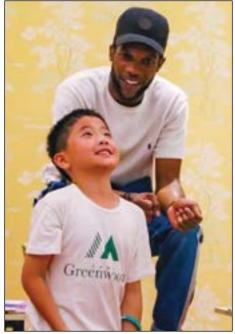
From The Guild PR

The Time Community Theater will debut the first of a series of live productions Feb. 15, a Valentine's adult comedy magic show titled "Love-Sick."

RJ Lynch describes his hourlong comedy magic show as the story of a 22-yearold college student- magician's journey of finding love in the millennial age.

"I'm always talking about how different it was dating in my parents' day," Lynch said. "It is definitely harder today because it is now completely normal to meet online. But as soon as a girl sees that I am a magician, I have to explain that I'm not a weirdo or a clown. So I decided to make this show almost like a therapy session for myself, but also because my failed love stories are hilarious."

A portion of the magic show's proceeds will go to the nonprofit theater's goal of purchasing a new cooler for concession beverages.



RJ Lynch and a team of magicians taught children in Shanghai, China, for 10 weeks last summer.

The Time's Phil Krause recently announced plans to host more special community events. The vaudeville style movie theater doubles as a performance space, featuring vintage red velvet curtains, a spacious risen stage and 400 seats.

Upcoming productions will feature Midwest artists such as Thom Britton of Chicago, who recently gave a TEDx Oshkosh talk in 2018; Caleb Hyatt, who is the magician for the Indy 500 event; and Chris Jones, a hypnotist who became famous for making comedian and notorious germaphobe Howie Mandel shake his hand while under hypnosis.

Lynch is a TEDx Oshkosh speaker, writer and a teacher of magic. He was part of the French Woods Festival of the Performing Arts camp in New York state for three summers where he taught magic to the children of celebrities such as Alicia Keys and Ben Stiller.

Lynch also produces a regular dinner show called Now Serving Magic at restau-



Time Community Theater downtown is planning a series of live events featuring Midwest artists, starting with "Love-Sick" by magician RJ Lynch.

rants in the Fox Cities including Becket's in Oshkosh. Last summer he was hired to start the first summer magic program in Shanghai, China, where he and his staff of magicians were able to teach more than 1,000 children in 10 weeks.

Tickets for the Feb. 15 show are available online at Rjsmagic.com.

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Cummings said he is seeking his third term in office and wants to keep the city on a progressive path and fiscally responsible, noting significant accomplishments made during his present term, citing the Oshkosh Corp. infrastructure, building of the Menominee Nation Arena and other economic developments. He noted that businesses do not invest millions of dollars in cities lacking in leadership.

Palmeri, who is serving her second term as a Common Council member, said she wanted to provide a choice for change and wants to see a more approachable government. She said she has a background and degree in ur-

Online

Oshkosh Media's coverage of the forum can be viewed at www. lem-solving oshkoshmedia.org.

ban planning and has spent 25 years probon a variety of

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said while he is a newcomer with a background in small business ownership, he believes more could be done to benefit the small business owners in the city and would be an active participant in the affairs of the city.

Questions asked pertained to how they felt about the present city manager form of government, significant issues facing the community, preferences between a wheel tax or transportation utility fee to replace special assessments, the new rental housing inspection program, a proposed short-term rental housing ordinace, and hiring a dedicated staff person to promote diversity.

Some of the questions and candidates'

What are the significant changes facing the city and how to handle

Cummings: Said much is being accomplished to develop the city, but feels more marketing needs to be done about the city and getting residents involved so that "we build a community our children will call home." He wants to involve more people on city boards, be more inclusive of others, and create a Youth Advisory group. Issues include growing poverty, homelessness and affordable housing that are not just Oshkosh issues but impact other communities and the state.

Palmeri: The issue is accountability so that tax dollars effectively deliver city services, such as safety, refuse collection, snow plowing and more, and willing to ask questions and get results when not done effectively. Also, involve the public more







Stiefvater

through promoting access by the public so that they do not feel left out in major decisions and feel comfortable with changes taking place as attitudes change.

Stiefvater: Stated that the community is moving in the right direction and wants to maintain enthusiasm by people for the positive changes taking place and believes small business owners need to be involved and appreciated for the work they do as leaders in the community.

Support for city manager form of government and at-large council members

Cummings: Supports the present form of government and at-large elections as it provides a professional leader with experience in city government to handle government affairs. Supports his role as being a visionary or cheerleader in looking to the future for the city and helping to set its vision. The mayor, he said, is the face of the city and represents it at various functions in the community.

Palmeri: Supports present form of government but suggested there are other hybrid types of manager-mayor administrations being used and would consider alternatives to the present form. She said that council members are elected at-large to represent all city residents and that the mayor specifically moderates Common Council meetings and needs to make sure the meetings are approachable to resi-

Stiefvater: Supports the city manager form of government and sees the mayoral role as being the liaison to the residents of the community, and also serves as moderator of the Common Council and listens to the people when tough, sometimes unpopular, decisions have to be made. He said the community is small enough so that having at-large council members works for the community.

Support for alternatives to special assessments for street paving

Cummings: Issue is one of fairness and equitable for all, saying that state government is forcing cities to find new ways to support services as a result of state aids being decreased. He added that many homeowners cannot afford the cost of special

Palmeri: Stated that the present coun-

cil is looking into the benefits of a transportation utility fee similar to Neenah (based on impervious street surfaces) and wants more information before deciding the matter as an alternative to special assessments for street resurfacing.

Stiefvater: Stated residents want amenities to be

better but that he is not "anti-tax." He said he is "on the fence" about the topic, adding that present discussions about a fee are too late in the process for planned street improvements.

How to respond to ethnic diversity and hiring a person to encourage diversity

Cummings: Stated he co-chairs a Unity in Community group in the city to encourage diversity open to all interested people and that diversity is accomplished through community events. He said the council has discussed potential for a job position but could not come up with required responsibilities.

Palmeri: Supports hiring a city staff person to help promote the inclusion of diverse voices in the city.

Stiefvater: Stated he would favor it (staff person) if the need for diversity is identified and can be dealt with through such a person.

Role of city in promoting emergency shelter

Cummings: Problem is not exclusive to Oshkosh but for others working together to deal with homelessness. He said Oshkosh Corp. will have empty buildings after moving to its new headquarters and that it would be better to use existing vacant buildings than to provide a new building. He said the entire community needs to be involved to find homelessness solutions.

Palmeri: Does not see need for vacant buildings as "human storage"; prefers instead to use Community Development Block Grant funds and creative ways by the community to take up the needs of homeless people.

Stiefvater: Prefers that the community provide help to homeless people and help get them into permanent housing. Could support more space if needed for Day by Day Warming Shelter to provide services, adding that the present complex is "old and small."

Rental housing inspections and tenant rights

Cummings: States present situation is not ideal with landlords threatening tenants with possible actions; new program comes about as a result of state Legislature's actions, adding that many of them

own rental properties. He said all tenants should live in houses that are safe and

Palmeri: States the city needs to expand the past program and protect tenant rights, and that the new program expands services but needs more study to know what else is needed. She said it gives an opportunity for tenants to allow inspectors in and make sure their places meet requirements.

Stiefvater: States that the demand for government intervention is a "touchy issue" and could be done better, and that landlords should not have to pay for inspection services.

Promoting small business growth over large franchises

Cummings: Believes the small businesses are the backbone of the community with a need for more minority businesses in the city. He said he believes the days of big-box stores are declining in cities, adding that efforts that focus on job retention and expansion along with paying a wage to support a family are needed.

Palmeri: States that a healthy mix of large and small businesses in the city is important with large businesses representing new development in the city, and not an "either/or situation." She said the role of the Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corp. should help small businesses and entrepreneurs grow, adding that they keep their money in the city instead of a different state.

Stiefvater: States he is passionate about the needs of small business owners and believes their efforts should be showcased, although not ignoring the importance of large corporations coming to the city. "They (small businesses) know us by name and help promote each other."

Short-term rental housing program

Cummings: States that the council has laid over the issue to get more information, adding that it is considering the measure as a result of state actions. Key issues, he said, include fairness and the number of days before the short-term rental license would be required.

Palmeri: She agreed that more research is needed so that any council deliberations are not reactionary to the situation and that an issue of fairness exists. She added that there is a shortage of affordable housing in the neighborhoods.

Stiefvater: States that the issue needs to be better explained to the public, adding that those he talked with believe it to be "a money grab" by the city as to why they need to register and charge fees.



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IT demand

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lack of women entering the field.

"We also need to change the paradigm that it's just coding," Iversen said. "There's so much more that can be done in IT."

She said IT includes project managers, business analysts, cyber security and other skill sets, all of which have subspecialties.

The New IT Alliance has worked to inspire students of all ages about the IT field and provide resources to companies and students. The alliance launched an internal job and career fair to connect people looking for a job or internship.

"We've also launched something called Tech Talks, so kind of building off of the TED Talk idea," Iversen said. "So what we're doing there is we're bringing two companies as guest speakers to our local colleges and inviting other companies as well to participate in the networking event."

Iversen said the presentations are on leading technologies: robotics, artificial intelligence, blockchain digital agriculture and social animation. The alliance also works with the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh to have a computer science advisory board composed of alumni and employers to assist students and allow job shadowing.

The alliance's steering committee includes UW-Oshkosh Chancellor Andrew Leavitt, Fox Valley Technical College President Susan May and regional industry leaders from companies that include

J. J. Keller, Oshkosh Corp. and Bemis Co. One IT company in Oshkosh prepared for the demand is Plain Old DevOps.

Chief Marketing Officer Andy Kriz said the two founders of PODO worked together at an IT company in Oshkosh before deciding to start their own.

"We want the good people to stay (in Oshkosh and) for them to realize that you don't have to go to New York or California to do these jobs," Kriz said. "A lot of the things that we do are remote but we chose Oshkosh and the Midwest because of everything that it offers. And we're trying to educate people on that as well."

Another IT company here that is aware of the demand is Change Management Communications Center, which started in 2013

Tina Schuelke, Change Management's founder and executive director, said the



Schuelke

company's goal is to inspire the hearts and minds of others to get what needs to be done.

"We're here to get things done on time, under budget and help change be lasting and effective," Schuelke

She said Oshkosh is

a growing area for IT companies, which she has identified from her involvement with Amplify Oshkosh.

"Amplify Oshkosh is all about connecting people and amplifying their companies, their businesses, their education and their careers, bringing tech-minded

people together, large and small players," Schuelke said. "The cool thing is IT lives here, so there are all the resources and all the talent and everything available to create the Wisconsin or Midwest version of Silicon Valley.

"There are technology startups and startup activity — and support for that — so there is great innovation and ideas coming right out of Oshkosh, Wisconsin."

Schuelke said she believes IT is that critical part of the local economy that people are becoming more aware of.

"We've made it our mission — Amplify's mission — to grow that awareness and connect people," she said, pointing to 2012 when a Chamber of Commerce-sponsored economic study was conducted by North Star Consulting in Madison.

The study identified a local focus on economic development and industry clusters such as manufacturing, aviation, health care and education.

"But the biggest industry concentration in Oshkosh and the surrounding area was in information technology," Schuelke said. "That surprised everyone that held the report in their hands."

She said technology continues to advance at an exponential rate.

"We're partway, about six years, into a 12-year fourth industrial revolution, and that means that the pace of technology change is growing and increasing, and it's going to impact every area of our lives," Schuelke said. "We can't even fathom what's going to be three years down the line or let alone six years down the line."

Valley Christian students plan Peru mission

Valley Christian School is sending a group of 30 people to serve vulnerable children in the jungles of Peru this spring in a partnership with a global nonprofit organization.

The mission of Kids Alive International (KAI) is to rescue orphans and other forgotten children around the world from poverty and exploitation, and from March 22 to April 6 some 27 Valley Christian students and three chaperones will travel to the South American country, where an estimated 50 percent of the population lives on less than \$2 a day.

The group will serve impoverished children in Pucallpa, a city in the rainforests of the Amazon River Basin. The team is expecting to have bare-minimum accommodations for which the students have trained with a preparatory "plunge" in the outlying areas of North Carolina.

The team traveled to the training area where they stayed out in the elements with no electricity or technology, slept in hammocks, and cooked on wood stoves. They learned about working with indigenous people and how to reach people in places around the world that have no Bible available to them in their native language.

The team will be assisting with building projects on the KAI ministry site situated there but most of their time will be focused on the children who reside and are schooled there.

Led by trip coordinator and high school teacher Nadine Mohline, the students give after-school tutoring, organize sports and music programs, and implement a Bible program that teaches through skits, music, art and storytelling.

"The team will show these children God's love, by just loving on them, so the kids may come to understand that they are valued and loved, and that they belong," Mohline said.

The mission trip takes place over spring break and is part of the school's four-year high school mission program. Students have previously partnered with organizations in South Africa, the Dominican Republic and Panama, and served with Samaritan's Purse in Houston to offer support for those with damaged or lost homes after Hurricane Harvey.

Students are required to raise \$3,500 each by Feb. 22. Fundraisers have been ongoing, including Saturday at the Oshkosh Farmers Market where they will be selling Threads of Hope bracelets. More information is available through choltz@vcoshkosh.com.

Learning in Retirement calendar

Learning in Retirement (LIR), affiliated with the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh's Division of Online and Continuing Education, is accepting spring semester enrollments for \$50 (uwosh.edu/lir). Annual membership is \$100. February's schedule:

Feb 10: Wisconsin Herd Basketball: Herd vs. Canton Charge.

Feb. 11: Tailwinds Across America: R.J. Kinderman talks about he and a friend chasing their dream of bicycling across America in 1981 with \$475 between them.

Feb. 12: Morning Matinee: "Raiders of the Lost Ark" at Evergreen.

Feb. 13: LGBTQ Issues in a Changing Society: Contemporary issues most affecting the community. Presenter is Liz Cannon, director of LGBTQ Center and senior lecturer for Women & Gender Studies.

Feb. 14: Chef's Choice: State of the City of Oshkosh: Hear what the city plans

to do in 2019 from the person in charge— City Manager Mark Rohloff. Lunch at 12:15, presentation to follow.

Feb. 15: Meet Mike Stanley, Oshkosh's New Fire Chief: Stanley will detail priorities for the Fire Department.

Feb. 18: Inside a Sheriff's Department: Sheriff John Matz will provide an update on what is happening in the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department.

Feb 19: Flying Pioneers: This is the first of three presentations on early pioneers from the emerging field of aviation. Presenter is Bill Mattes.

Feb. 20: Finding Healing after Art: Stories from an Infertility and Reproductive Loss Exhibit: Stories and artwork created by individuals suffering from infertility and other forms of reproductive loss. Presenter is Maria Novotny, associate professor of English.

Feb. 22: Criminal Law Topics in the News: Attorney Mary Colleen Olson will address police power, statute of lim-

itations, selective prosecution, probable cause for search warrants and the Second Amendment.

Feb. 24: Matinee at the March: "Moon Over Buffalo: Lunch and a pre-theater talk by UW-Oshkosh Theater Department staff at the Roxy restaurant before a student production of "Moon Over Buffalo" at the Fredric March Theater.

Feb. 25: Passport into the Watershed: This presentation will focus on the importance of freshwater resources and environmental impacts affecting water quality. Presenter is Kelly Reyer, outreach coordinator for Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance.

Feb. 28: North Korea Crisis: This program aims to explain the origins of the current situation pursued by North Korea and other countries in the region and the likely future developments. Presenter is Michael Jasinski, professor of political science.

LIR is also hosting a motor coach trip Feb. 26 to the Milwaukee Art Museum. \$49 for members and \$54 for nonmembers.



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Prep sports roundup

WRESTLING

Oshkosh West finishes second in conference

The Oshkosh West wrestling team finished second in the Fox Valley Association Tournament on Saturday, getting three first-place finishes.

Kaukauna won its 14th straight FVA title – its 20th in 21 years – while Oshkosh North was eighth.

Alec Hunter (106 pounds), Edgar Heredia (170) and Avery Martel (285) all finished first for the Wildcats while Connor Collins (152) was second.

Finishing third was Max Carlin (113), Logan Grota (132) and Blake Framke (195) while Kyle Fournier (160), Roman Martell (182) and Justin Oppermann (220) were fifth.

For the Spartans, Travon Lee (145) was third after taking down Logan Naker of Fond du Lac, 3-1, in the third-place match.

Lourdes team eighth in Trailways competition

The Lourdes wrestling team finished eighth out of 13 teams in Saturday's Trailways Conference Championship.

Lourdes finished with 66 points, while Johnson Creek won with 180 points. Dodgeland was second with 166 points followed by Horicon who had 140.

Camron Kelly was fourth for the Knights at 132 points after losing the third-place match on a close 3-1 decision. Keagan Stelzer was second at 195 pounds after being pinned in the championship match.

SWIMMING

North/Lourdes finishes third in conference meet

The Oshkosh North/Lourdes boys swimming team finished third in the Fox



Oshkosh West's Tony Lancaste defends against Appleton East in Friday's loss to the Terrors in Fox Valley Conference play.

Valley Association Conference Championships Saturday, finishing with 331

Appleton North/East ended Neenah's streak of four straight titles finishing with 571 points, while Neenah had 538.

Oshkosh West was fifth while Fondy was sixth.

Capturing two first-place finishes for North/Lourdes was Eddie Hansen, who won the 100 breast and 50 free. He finished those races in 1 minute, 2.44 seconds and 21.99.

Adding top 10 finishes was Trey Pecore, who was third in the 500 free (5:16.57) and fifth in the 200 IM (2:19.95) while Pierce Pecore was fourth in the 500 free (5:17.60). Chase Pecore added a fifth and sixth place finish in the 500 free and 200

For the Wildcats, Andrew Groth was first in the 200 free and 500 free, finishing those races in 1:50.05 and 5:02.56. Cameron Kumbier was fifth in the 50 free with a time of 23.52 while Ryan Bal was sixth in the 100 breast (1:10.27).

GIRLS HOCKEY

Warbirds win conference tournament game 1-0

The Fond du Lac/Beaver Dam/Oshkosh girls hockey team won a close 1-0 game over Fox Cities in the Eastern Shores Conference Tournament Championship on Saturday.

Morgan Brown scored the game-winning goal for the top-ranked Warbirds (18-2, 8-0 ESC) while Abby Okon had 21

BOYS BASKETBALL

Wildcats fall to Terrors

The Oshkosh West boys basketball team

lost its fourth straight game, falling 81-66 against Appleton East in a Fox Valley Association contest played Friday.

Karter Thomas and Jacquez Overstreet led the Wildcats (7-10, 5-8 FVA) with 13 points each while Tony Lancaste and Caleb Fuller each added 12.

Eli Vogel had 25 points for Appleton West while Spencer Melberg had 22.

Spartans rally past FDL

The Oshkosh North boys basketball team outscored Fond du Lac 41-32 in the second half en route to a 67-57 Fox Valley Association win on Friday night.

No additional statistics were available.

Knights stay perfect in conference play

The Lourdes boys basketball team cruised to another dominating Trailways-East Conference win over Horicon Friday, winning 85-48.

Henry Noone had a game-high 23 points while dishing out six assists for Lourdes (13-1, 9-0 Trailways-East). Noone was 8 for 10 shooting and was 5 for 8 from deep.

Preston Ruedinger added 19 points for Lourdes while Hayden Jones added 17. Lourdes shot 13 for 27 from 3-point range while going 33 for 58 (57-percent) from the field.

Valley Christian falls to Wayland Academy

The Valley Christian boys basketball team was outscored 42-25 in the second half in a 67-44 loss against Wayland Academy Friday night.

Isaiah Wade led the Warriors with 17 points and 13 rebounds while Jaden Francis added 15 points.

David Curtis chipped in six points.

Boots tops 1,500 points in Titans' win over UW-Stout

By Alex Wolf HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh senior Ben Boots scored his 1,500th point Saturday in the Titans' 88-62 win over

UW-Stout, becoming the ninth player in program history to do so.

as the fourth-ranked Titans improved to 19-1 on the season with a perfect 9-0 in

UW-Oshkosh held UW-Stout to just 30 percent from the field as the Titans shot over 51 percent. Connor Duax led the way with 21 points while Brett Wittchow added 14 points and seven rebounds. Adam Fravert had nine points, 10 rebounds and

five assists.

The Titans led 49-36 at the half and held Stout to just 26 points in the second half. UWO has five games left in the regular season before the WIAC tournament starts Feb. 19.

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WIAC play.

UW-Oshkosh women beat Stout to go 18-2 The UW-Oshkosh women's basketball The 12th-ranked Titans (18-2, 8-1 WIAC) were tied going into the second

team completed a season series sweep over UW-Stout on Saturday, picking up an 81-67 win.

quarter but outscored the Blue Devils 18-7 in the second half to help pick up the



Leah Porath led the Titans with 16 points and grabbed six rebounds while Jessie Rabas had 15 points. Olivia Campbell added 13 points while Nikki Arneson chipped in 11.

The Titans shot 47.3 percent from the field and were effective from 3-point land, where they went 8 for 20 (40 percent).

UW-Oshkosh has five games left in the regular season before the WIAC tournament starts Feb. 20.



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Wildcat girls fall at home to Appleton West

By Brad Hartmann

Despite a 4-13 record the Oshkosh West girls basketball team relies on its motto of a never-quit attitude. In Saturday's Fox Valley Association conference meeting with Appleton West the Wildcats' pregame jitters continued before finishing strong in a 58-47 home loss on Steven L. Randall Court.

"From day one this team's attitude of never quit has impressed me. Every week we talk to these girls about believing in themselves and we have continued to see their confidence grow and it shows on the court," said Wildcats coach Kenisha Phillips. "I think there are things in this game we did very well and things we definitely need to get cleaned up going into the final two weeks of the regular season."

The Terrors (10-7) (7-6 in FVA) gained the early advantage with a 12-2 run that

featured 6 foot 6 junior forward Taylor Lauterbach making an early impact with a two-point basket, a block and an assist in the first seven minutes of action.

"(My height) gives me a great advantage. I can see my teammates. It's not always the best advantage because refs try to target me," said Lauterbach. "I can thank my teammates because they obviously feed me the ball. If you go inside-out you're going to have an opening."

The Wildcats junior guard Callista Rochon-Baker, who had 19 points and seven rebounds, didn't wait to let the game come to her. Instead she scored nine consecutive points to cut the deficit to 12-9 with 8:07 left after hitting a three-point basket.

"I really want this team to win. Usually my points come off a good screen or good pass," Lauterbach said.

The Terrors would extend their lead to 17-9 before the Wildcats cut it to within five at 19-14 and ended the half trailing

27-16

Ending a three-game losing streak looked promising as the Wildcats started the second half on an 8-1 run. Hammonds converted on two key baskets along with a heads-up steal by Rochon-Baker.

"(Rochon-Baker) is a good athlete. I am glad I got to compete against her. We been playing against each other for a couple years now. She always puts up a good performance and a competitor," said Terrors junior guard Christy Fortune. "Our game plan going into the second half was to shut her down."

Due to a prior commitment and missing practice the Wildcats were without the services of 6 foot 2 sophomore Kiersten McNulty for the first half but she stepped in for 13 points in the second.

"She knew what we needed by being another offensive threat to hang with them and she did exactly that, which is awesome," said Rochon-Baker.

The Wildcats would make one last run as McNulty knocked down back-to-back two- and three-pointers to get within five with 6:55 remaining.

"Coach always tells us if you are open take the points. I just like to shoot when I am open," McNulty said. "I was trying to get the team going and get back in the game. I feel Calli (Rochon-Baker) gets the team going and makes me want to strive to try to get the lead. We were running a five out screen. It really pushes me harder to play on defense."

One positive note for the Wildcats defensively was holding the Terrors to 1 for 7 from the three-point line, but the downfall was allowing the Terrors to convert on 25 of 33 free-throw attempts while the Wildcats converted 11 of 15 from the line.

The Wildcats (4-13) (2-11 FVA) have now dropped six straight to the Terrors including a 53-40 defeat Dec. 18. The Wildcats hope to finish the season strong with three of its five remaining games against winning teams with home games Tuesday against Appleton East (13-3) and Friday against Hortonville (13-4) before heading to Neenah on Saturday (4-13).

"There are no easy games in the FVA, which is why I enjoy this conference so much," said Phillips. "But for the last five games of the season we are going to continue to improve on the little things that we have control over. Crashing the boards, turnovers — which have been a struggle for us — and confidence. The season isn't over for us yet."

Boys gymnastics

The Oshkosh Gymnastics boys team competed Jan. 5 at Swiss Turner Gymnastics. The following medaled:

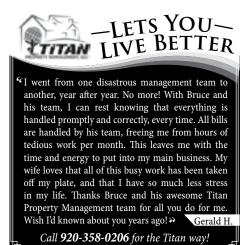
Declan Deppiesse (Level 4) first on Floor and Vault, Owen Schmitz (Level 5 – 9-10 yrs.) first on Pommel (11.10), PBars, High Bar, second on Floor, third on Vault and first in the All-Around (AA), Tiernan Deppiesse (Level 5 – 11+) first on Floor, Pommel (10.90), PBars, High Bar, second on Rings and Vault and first in the AA (57.60), Oliver White (Level 6 – 10-11) third on Vault and AA, Guner Schira (Level 6 – 12+) won all events, Ian Simmons (Level 6 – 8-9) first on Rings, Vault, PBars and second in the AA, Alex Reichenberger (Level 7 – 12+) won all events, Spencer Merritt (Level 10 - 17-19) took first on Floor (12.30), Pommel, High Bar and first in the AA with a 64.30. The Level 5 team took third place out of seven while down a gymnast. The Level 6 Team took second.

The team also had a Jan. 12 meet in West Allis. These gymnasts placed: Declan Deppiesse (Level 4 – 7-8 yrs.) won Rings and High Bar, Owen Schmitz (Level 5, Div. 1 – 9-10) won Floor, Pommel (10.90) and High Bar and the All Around with a score

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of 57.60 (out of 15 gymnasts), Nigel Lusk (Level 5, Div. 2 - 9-10) won Floor, Rings and tied for first on Vault and took third in the AA, Tiernan Deppiesse (Level 5, Div. 1 – 11+) won Floor, Pommel (10.80), PBars, tied for first on High Bar and took second on Vault and first in the AA with a 59.50 out of 19 gymnasts, Moritz Deegen (Level 5, Div. 1 - 11+) tied for first on High Bar, second on PBars, third on Pommel and took third in Vault and second in the AA with a 55.50, Ian Simmons (Level 6, Div. 1 – 8-9) took third on Floor, Pommel, Rings, PBars and tied for third in the AA, Guner Schira (Level 6, Div. 1 – 12+) took second on Rings and tied for second on High Bar, Oliver White (Level 6, Div. 2 – 10-11) won or tied all of the events and won the AA, Josh Paterson (Level 6, Div. 2 - 12+) won the Pommel, Rings, High Bar, tied for first on the Vault and took second in the AA, Alex Reichenberger (Level 7, Div. 1 – 12-13) took first on Vault and PBars, second in Pommel, Rings, High Bar and the AA, Charlie Richards (Level J1 – 12+) won High Bar and took second in the AA, Spencer Merritt (Level 10 – 17-18) took second in High Bar. The Level 5 team took first place.





Interactive Beatles Experience at arena

Menominee Nation Arena will present "Yesterday and Today: The Interactive Beatles Experience," an innovative show using the works of the Beatles, starting at 7:30 p.m. March 9.

Anchored by brothers Billy, Matthew and Ryan McGuigan, the event does away with the tribute format and focuses on the song choices picked by the audience and

Eagle count on the Fox

Winnebago Audubon Society invites the public to a field trip at 9 a.m. Feb. 16 starting in the former Lakeshore Municipal Golf Course parking lot, where scopes and binoculars will be used to check for eagles near the open water near the Butte des Morts bridge and later along the river through Rainbow Park.

Open water in winter attracts bald eagles, gulls and other waterfowl. Common mergansers and goldeneyes along with mallards are also a possibility.

The Great Backyard Bird Count runs Feb. 15 through 18, and the outing will be used to submit data to this international citizen-science project.

Participants are asked to bring binoculars if they have them.

reasons behind the song choices, which make up the narrative for the evening.

Tickets go on sale to the general public at 11 a.m. Friday and can be purchased at www.ticketstaronline.com or at the Menominee Nation Arena box office. General admission is \$28, with \$78 tickets including a special experience that includes "sound check by request" with the band, a meet-and-greet, light buffet in the Verve lounge, and seating in the first few rows of the concert.

Kareem event canceled

The Feb. 16 appearance by basketball legend Kareem Abdul-Jabbar at Menominee Nation Arena has been canceled due to scheduling conflicts and will not be rescheduled.

Patrons who hold tickets to "Becoming Kareem" will be entitled to a full refund. Anyone who purchased a ticket with a credit card will be refunded automatically with a credit to their account. Anyone who purchased a hard ticket will need to bring those to the arena box office or send them to Menominee Nation Arena, 1212 S. Main St., Oshkosh, WI 54902.



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Community events

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 St.

Oshkosh 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

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Around the World in 80 Bites food-tasting fundraiser, 5 p.m., La Sure's Banquet Hall, 3125 S. Washburn St.

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.

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

Tibetan Portrait: The Power of Compassion Exhibit Opening, 11 a.m., Paine Art Center and Gardens

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

Oshkosh North High School presents "Mary Poppins," 2 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

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

Monday, Feb. 11

Oshkosh Area United Way Open House, 11 a.m., Oshkosh Area United Way, 21 W. New York Ave.

Wednesday, Feb. 13

Feed the Need Fundraiser, 4 p.m., Zaronis, 2407 Jackson St.

Thursday, Feb. 14

Children's Concert: Around the World, 9:30 a.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium, 375 N. Eagle St.

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

Some Enchanted Evening, 5:30 p.m., The Howard, 405 Washington Ave.

Water City Racket Fest, 8 p.m., Fletch's Tap House, 566 N. Main St.

Friday, Feb. 15

Oshkosh Gun Show, 3 p.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Water City Racket Fest, 5:15 p.m. at Manila, 7 p.m. at Algoma Club, 10 p.m. at Peabody's

Polar Plunge, 5:30 p.m., Miller's Bay in Menominee Park

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

Some Enchanted Evening, 5:30 p.m., The Howard, 405 Washington Ave.

A Red and White Paint Evening, Hilton Garden Inn, 1355 W. 20th Ave.

Dueling Pianos, 7 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co., 1501 Arboretum Drive

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

Saturday, Feb. 16

Water City Racket Fest, All day, various locations

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

Oshkosh Gun Show, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Freezin' for a Reason 5k, 10 a.m., Miller's Bay in Menominee Park

Polar Plunge, Noon, Millers Bay in Menominee Park

Some Enchanted Evening, 5:30 p.m., The Howard, 405 Washington Ave.

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

Sunday, Feb. 17

Oshkosh Gun Show, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

36th Annual Coin Show, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

Skate the Bay with Dr. Eric, 1 p.m., Millers Bay in Menominee Park

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological

Feb. 9, 1849

Oshkosh's first weekly news-

paper debuts: James Densmore founded the first weekly newspaper in Oshkosh, the Oshkosh True Democrat. Densmore was founder and editor until 1853. In 1854 Densmore met Christopher Sholes, inventor of the typewriter. He collaborated with Sholes on two newspapers in southeast Wisconsin before moving to Pennsylvania in the 1860s. In 1867 Densmore returned to Wisconsin where he purchased a quarter interest in Sholes' invention. He assumed leadership of the enterprise and is credited with coining the name "typewriter." Densmore secured patents, tested models, and from 1870 to 1872 manufactured the machines in Milwaukee. In 1873 he negotiated a contract with E. Remington and Sons of Ilion, N.Y., for the manufacture of typewriters, and with several partners organized a New York firm to wholesale them. After losing control of the business to the Remingtons, he tried, with the aid of Sholes and other inventors, to develop a competing machine. Gradually acquiring the patent interests of Sholes and others, he sold his rights to the Remingtons' successors shortly before his death, realizing a for-

Source: Oshkosh Aflame – Traumas and Triumphs of Its Sawdust Citizens (A History) by James I. Metz; Wisconsin History.org



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Obituaries

Carroll D. Duer

Carroll D. Duer, age 73, of Waterford and Oshkosh WI; passed away SaturdayJanuary 26th, 2019 surrounded by



her beloved family. Carroll was born November 24th, 1945 in Manitowoc, WI. She married Ernie "Doc" Duer in Waupun, WI. He preceded her in death on November 8th, 1986. Carroll was

an avid Packer fan and she truly enjoyed watching and cheering on her grandson's sports and activities. Carroll is survived by daughters Shari (Dan) McCormick of Waterford, WI and Karin (Kevin) Nieubuurt of Waupaca, WI. Beloved grandsons; Derrick Nourse of Oshkosh; Jonathan, Matthew, and Jack Ryan Mc-Cormick of Waterford, WI. Stepchildren include Doug Duer, Debbie Opperman, and Tammy Duer. She is further survived by her sister Terry (Paul) Pineault and nieces Amber and Brandi of High Point, NC and several cousins in Richmond,

VA. A celebration of Carroll's life will be held February 9th, 2019 in Oshkosh and her final resting spot will be at Cattaragus Cemetery in Waupun, WI. Memorials are suggested to the Aurora Cancer Care Facility in Burlington, WI. Services Entrusted to:

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Elizabeth (Beth) Ruth Heuer

Elizabeth (Beth) Ruth Heuer was born in Ontonagon MI, and grew up in Mellen WI. Throughout her life, Beth had a pas-



sion for learning and development. She was valedictorian at Mellen High School, and earned her BBA and MBA degrees at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. Following her uni-

versity education, she worked more than 40 years for UW Oshkosh.

Those who worked closely with Beth

describe her as a warm and genuine person who willingly shared the wisdom she had gained through overcoming much adversity in her life. Beth felt strongly that sharing what you learn in life is a vital part of the human experience. After retirement 10 years ago, she continued sharing her wisdom by publishing 6 books and designing jewelry and other artistic creations. Beth generously donated all proceeds from her books and creations to local charities.

Beth enjoyed the outdoors, especially hiking in Sedona AZ where many of the ideas for her books originated. She also enjoyed bicycling and dancing. During her last 10 months of life, she "danced with cancer," indicative of her positive and courageous attitude. Beth is survived by her husband Steve, son Jason and daughter-in-law Abby, step-son David, grandchildren Berkeley and Sloane, and extended families. Preceding her in death are son Brian, father Florian and mother Ruth. A celebration of Beth's life will be held in Oshkosh at a later date. Memorial contributions can be made to the Community Restorative Justice Fund of the Madison Community Foundation (fund number 3031273 at madisongives.org).

Business notes

Your CBD Store, which sells cannabidiol (CBD) oil products from hemp, has opened an Oshkosh location at 300 S. Koeller St. Owner Morgan Trone also has stores in Wausau and Waupaca. CBD products are made by diluting pure hemp oil into an alcohol or other natural oil base that come in forms of oils, skin treatments, edibles and tinctures that target specific ailments.

Eroding Winds Record Shop is moving from its 605 S. Main St. location to a larger space at 436 N. Main next to Oblio's Lounge with a March 22 reopening announced. The vinyl-only record store opened in 2015.

The Oshkosh Public Museum has added Emily Rock to its staff as a registrar. She has a master's degree in history from UW-Milwaukee and for the past six years was a curator at the History Museum at the Castle in Appleton. She brings experience with the Past Perfect collection database and has been a frequent contributor to Voyageur magazine.

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Fit Oshkosh gets national recognition

Fit Oshkosh has been honored by the national organization Everyday Democracy for its efforts in working with the Oshkosh community to foster a healthy and vibrant democracy.

The group was selected as a Promising Practice of the 2018 Paul and Joyce Aicher Leadership in Democracy Award competition, which measures leadership development, including all voices, and understanding and dealing with structural racism.

Fit Oshkosh has provided racial literacy conversations and programs to more than 3,800 community members in the last three years through its Color-Brave Community Conversations, Reads Program and Traveling Photo Exhibit. It also organizes an annual basketball game with the Oshkosh Police Department and youth to create conversation among youth people and the police. This year's game is scheduled for March 2 at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Albee Gymnasium.



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Husband-and-wife authors create children's OCD tale

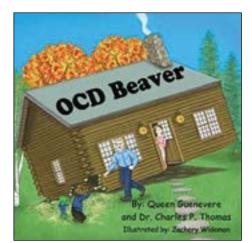
A former University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh professor and his wife, a UW-Oshkosh alumna, collaborated on a book to help children with obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) and help their peers better understand the disorder.

Charles P. Thomas, UWO professor emeritus of Spanish, and Gwen (Coleman) Tatera's publication "OCD Beaver," is a children's book about a beaver who is compelled to gnaw way beyond what is normal for a beaver.

One in 40 children suffer from OCD and it can affect school behavior and cause stress and anxiety. The anxiety that many OCD patients experience is now thought to be a secondary effect of their condition.

Tatera, a retired elementary education teacher, taught at Southern Door and the Oneida Nation Elementary School and previously self-published "Tales from the Teacher Patrol" in 2004. She also published "Piggy Pie's Pickle Problem" in 2014.

Thomas taught Spanish for 30 years and collaborated with Tatera on "OCD Beaver." The professor emeritus is a noted translator of Latin American theater.



Thomas and Tatera started writing "OCD Beaver" three years ago.

"It was a true work of heart," Tatera said.
"Children love animals and we felt this would be the best way to present the topic in a manner that would evoke compassion and understanding."

A discussion sheet is provided for parents to use. Zachery Wideman brought the story to life visually and the first five pages of the story has been illustrated on YouTube. The book is sold at the UWO Bookstore and Blue Moon Emporium.

19th century Oshkosh life recounted in book

"A World of Partings: Excerpts from the Diary of Nancy Chandler Derby (1857-1869)," recounts daily life in Oshkosh during the late 1850s and 1860s. Ginny Gross, author and research assistant at the Oshkosh Public Museum, edited and interpreted the experiences and lifestyle that Derby relates from that era.

"A World of Partings" is now available at the museum store, made possible in part by memorials given by the friends of the late Oshkosh historian and author Clarence "Inky" Jungwirth.

The diary features Nancy's account of a journey to Alabama where she lived for two years on the eve of the Civil War, and her record of life in Oshkosh throughout the war enables readers to become part of the Derby household during that time in history.





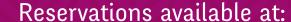
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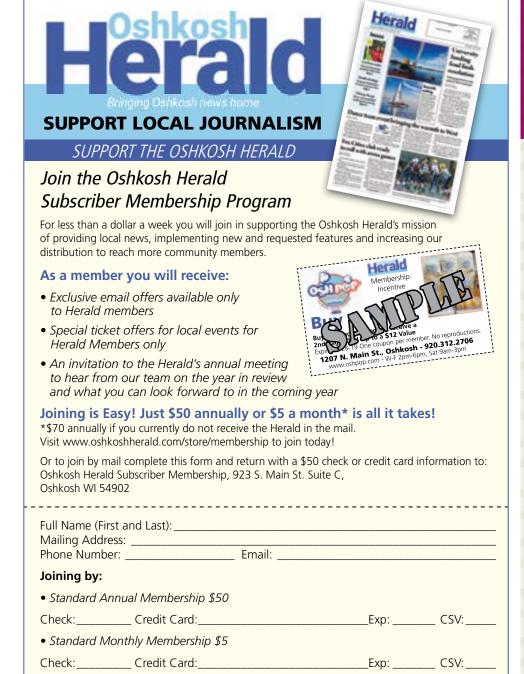


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