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Candidates face off ahead of April 2 vote

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

Incumbent Mayor Steve Cummings and challenger Lori Palmeri, the current deputy mayor, faced off in the second half of a Common Council candidates forum after they emerged from the Feb. 19 primary election that ended Nathan Stiefvater's newcomer bid for the office.

Cummings is seeking his third two-year term and pointed to city accomplishments during his recent term, citing the Oshkosh Corp. headquarters project, Menominee Arena Nation, Riverwalk efforts and other business developments. He said companies do not invest in cities lacking in leadership.

In his opening statement he also acknowledged the ongoing problems of poverty and homelessness, a growing need for free or reduced-price lunches, and an increase in violence aimed at children.

"These are community issues that only the community can solve, but the mayor can bring people together just as I've have done with Unity in Community and other events," he said.

Palmeri, serving her second term as a Common Council member and first as

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Vietnam visit

Despite rain and snow, a large crowd filled the Menasha High fieldhouse Saturday to welcome back 52 Vietnam War veterans from the Fox Valley who took part in the two-week tour sponsored by Old Glory Honor Flight. The crowd waited in silence for the group, including five from Oshkosh, to enter and then broke into thunderous applause as they embraced the veterans that arrived on buses from Chicago after their flight home.

Mystical Arts of Tibet graces the Paine

The Paine Art Center and Gardens and The Grand Oshkosh have partnered to bring Tibetan monks for a weeklong residency March 17-24. During Mystical Arts of Tibet, 10 lamas will create a mandala sand painting and give a performance of music and dance.

The lamas are practicing Buddhist monks from Drepung Loseling Monastery in south India and first established near Lhasa Tibet in 1416.

In addition to the March 23 performance at The Grand, the week will include other programs at the Paine for engaging with the experience.

Mandala sand painting: The process begins and ends with special cere-

monies. The monks will first draw the lines of the mandala and each day will paint it with colorful sand.

Morning meditation: Daily guided meditation will be held around the unfolding mandala. Beginners and practitioners are encouraged to join.

Lecture series: Monks will give lectures on meditation, kindness, healing and death. Michael Baltutis, UW-Oshkosh religion professor, and Constance Kassar, Lawrence University religion professor, will speak about Buddhism, mandalas and related topics.

Interfaith activities: Local faith leaders will share words of welcome to the monks before the opening ceremo-

ny for the mandala. Visitors are also invited to share faith reflections.

Art activities: Visitors can get creative by making prayer flags and artworks inspired by Tibetan culture.

Photo exhibition: "Tibetan Portrait: The Power of Compassion" is on view in the mansion with portraits and stories of Tibetan individuals — from nomads of the remote Himalayas to the Dalai Lama, leader of Tibetan Buddhism.

Sacred Music, Sacred Dance for World Healing, the monks' performance at The Grand, combines multi-phonetic chanting, music and dance with colorful, intricate costumes. Tickets can be purchased through The Grand.



Courtesy of Mystical Arts of Tibet

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Author to speak at wellness event

Mike Veny, author of “Transforming Stigma: How to Become a Mental Wellness Superhero” and one of America’s leading mental health speakers, will speak at 6 p.m. Friday at Webster Stanley Auditorium.

Veny’s perspectives have received national news attention and he has been a regular guest on “The Fresh Outlook” show, a writer for Corporate Wellness Magazine and HealthCentral.com. His TEDx talk “Mental Illness is An Asset” has been used in college classrooms.

“Throughout my childhood my parents

wanted only the best for my brother and me,” Veny said of his troubled childhood. “They were concerned that if people learned about my mental health challenges, then it would have a negative effect on potential job opportunities, friendships, and romantic relationships. At the same time, I saw that the other black boys in my community appeared tough, strong and cool. Having mental health challenges was the opposite of tough, strong and cool. I was terrified of anyone finding out.”

He also will be speaking to Oshkosh Area School District eighth-graders

through a collaboration between Women Who Care-Greater Oshkosh and NAMI Oshkosh.

Through engaging and building relationships among women, Women Who Care’s goal is to contribute at least \$30,000 annually to charities in the Oshkosh area. They have partnered with the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation to create a Giving Circle. NAMI Oshkosh, the local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, offers classes and support groups while seeking to change policy and offer community engagement.



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Drop a note to Herald editor Dan Roherty at editor@oshkoshherald.com with your thoughts. We’re looking forward to supporting the work of this city’s business owners.

Air America pilot to talk about new book

“Flight: An Air America Pilot’s Story of Adventure, Descent and Redemption,” by Oshkosh resident Neil Hansen and Luann Grosscup, will have a book launch at 2 p.m. Sunday at the EAA Aviation Center’s Founders’ Wing Theater.

Hansen began his aviation career as

a pilot for the late Teamster boss Jimmy Hoffa and spent nearly a decade in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War era as a captain for Air America, the CIA’s airline that operated there during the secret war in Laos. The historical aviation narrative was published by History Publishing Co.



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Inspection gap found with charged foster home

County pays for specialized care; licensing is separate

By Miles Maguire
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Oshkosh house that prosecutors say was the site of criminal neglect of three teenage boys appears to have fallen through the regulatory cracks of both state and county child welfare agencies.

The private company that operates the foster home, where the teens were allegedly forced to use buckets for toilets, has a longstanding relationship with Winnebago County's Department of Human Services and has been one of its largest vendors of specialized treatment for troubled youth, earning an estimated \$855,000 over the last five years.

But because of the way that foster care is administered in Wisconsin the residence, on West 11th Avenue, was not the direct responsibility of either state or county agencies. It apparently was never inspected before the abuse complaint surfaced.

The Oshkosh facility was operated by a for-profit company called Macht Village Programs Inc. Macht Village, based in De

Pere, is licensed as a "child placing agency," or CPA, by the state and is empowered to issue licenses to foster homes.

"The Department of Children and Families licensed this CPA agency; however, DCF does not directly license the agency's foster homes," Gina Paige, DCF's deputy communications director, wrote in an email.

While the county does license some foster homes on its own, the Oshkosh home "was not licensed by us, and we have no oversight authority to that home," said Bill Topel, Winnebago County's human services director. "That is the responsibility of the organization that licensed them and the state of Wisconsin."

But the state disclaimed responsibility. "DCF has not visited the (Oshkosh) location as it is licensed by Macht Village Programs and not DCF," Paige said.

A person who answered the phone at Macht Village said no one was immediately available to comment.

According to Paige, the two foster parents at the Oshkosh house had their license revoked by Macht Village on Dec. 28. Eleven days earlier police had visited the house and found the thermostat set

to 57 degrees, a smell "of urine and feces" and evidence that toilet buckets from the house had been emptied out in the yard.

The two foster parents were charged Feb. 27 with three felony counts apiece of chronic neglect.

Over the last five years Winnebago County has paid Macht Village about \$855,000 for "treatment foster care." That term applies "to children who have emotional and behavioral problems," the county says on its website.

"Treatment foster homes are designed to provide treatment to children who have emotional and behavioral problems," the county says. "The treatment home provides a safe, nurturing and family environment for the child to change behaviors that have created difficulties for the child and the child's family."

Foster parents can receive up to \$2,000 a month for taking in a child with "exceptional" needs, according to the county's website. Topel said further analysis would be necessary to determine how the county's payments to Macht Village were spent and where "service was delivered," he said.

Macht Village may have earned its money for services at a foster home, a day treatment center or a school, Topel explained.

The three boys who were living in the Oshkosh home have been identified in court filings only by their initials, and details about their backgrounds and health conditions are protected by privacy laws.

In 2018 the county expected to pay Macht Village \$180,000, roughly 8 percent of its total budget for child foster homes. That figure comes from a budget proposal, which does not include exact amounts but rather estimates of total

payments for the current year at the time when the spending plan was prepared.

The 2018 estimate was for "treatment foster care," according to the proposed human services budget. The budget document shows Macht Village as the largest of seven outside vendors providing that kind of specialized service.

The 11th Avenue house was licensed as a Level 4 specialized treatment foster home, according to DCF. This designation is for the next-to-highest level of care, requires special training and certification for foster parents and is often intended to deal with the needs of specific groups, such as teen parents, sexually aggressive youth or those on the autism spectrum.

Previously Macht Village has come to the attention of state auditors, but their primary focus was on financial transactions and recordkeeping, not the treatment of foster children. Although the Legislative Audit Bureau found that Macht Village had a relatively large number of licensure violations from 2010 to 2012, DCF records show that its performance has improved since then.

According to a 2013 legislative audit report, the state monitors child placing agencies like Macht Village for adherence to licensure and financial requirements. Child safety issues are reviewed if the state receives a specific complaint.

During the audit period the state received 17 complaints about living conditions with 31 alleged violations for all the child placing agencies in the state. Only five of the complaints were substantiated, and none was deemed serious, the auditors said.

Miles Maguire is editor of the Oshkosh Examiner news blog.

Sex offender move to County Y site nixed

Efforts to place a convicted sex offender at a mobile home location financed by Winnebago County on the north edge of the city fell short as the man will be moved to a rural location in the northwest corner of the county.

Dwight Chouinard, 57, has been in state custody since 1997 under a civil commitment after he served a prison sentence

and will be residing at 9510 Hopi Lane in the Fremont area. A public meeting held Tuesday at the Wolf River Town Hall informed the public as required by state law.

The District Attorney's Office determined that time had run out to prepare the County Y location for Chouinard but the location is expected to be used for future placement of sex offenders.

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Signs of spring bursting with colors and sounds

By Rob Zimmer
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

All around the Oshkosh area, signs of spring are popping up and, despite its seemingly late arrival this year, many of the changes are right on schedule. We've been spoiled the last few years with an extremely early spring beginning in mid-February. This year, spring seems more on track, with a mid-March start that will continue to improve and warm through the end of the month.

The cardinals have been singing for several weeks now, announcing each dawn with their piercing, siren song. Joining them in the morning chorus are colorful house finches, as well as the mourning doves and chickadees, now singing their sweet spring song.

Along open water on our area rivers, common goldeneyes and mergansers are in full-on courtship display. Goldeneyes pump their heads vigorously, then snap their necks back almost parallel to their body before popping it forward with an



Photos by Rob Zimmer

Native red osier dogwood begins to blush a bright red as the sap begins to flow.

eerie clicking grunting sound. Mallard drakes are also busily chasing females, preparing to mate and lay eggs in just a few weeks.

Bald eagles are gathering nesting materials and repairing nest sites for the coming nesting season that is just about underway. Already, great horned owls are nesting in our area.

Trees and shrubs are responding to the coming of the new spring in their own way. Dogwoods blush an even brighter

shade of red as the sap begins to flow. Maple trees are already being tapped in our area as warmer temperatures trigger the flow up the trunks into the canopy overhead. The tips of each branch are loaded with reddish flower buds at this time. Check out your own backyard maples to see this amazing transformation.

On a recent stroll through the Sheldon Nature Area, spring's beautiful first awakenings dominated the snow-covered forest and wetland. The sounds of woodpeckers drumming to establish their territories resounded through the trees and the cheerful chorus of cardinals and house finches filled the air. The crows and blue jays seemed just as happy about this strengthening sun as they filled the trails with their calls and cries.

This week should see the arrival of the first red-winged blackbirds, sandhill cranes and a killdeer to the area, along with increasing numbers of robins, diving ducks along our waterways and the first tundra swans that will be passing through our area between now and the end of the



The first rains of spring begin the thaw.

month.

From there, we close in on ice-out on Lake Winnebago and our rivers, as well as sturgeon migration, the arrival of the first American white pelicans, osprey and purple martins. Spring is here and it's a great time to get out and explore our areas natural wonders.

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Back in the Day



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March 23, 1968

Listen to McCarthy, Newman tells crowd: Famous film star Paul Newman visited Oshkosh on Friday as part of the campaign trail for presidential candidate Eugene McCarthy. Newman, who is actively supporting McCarthy, spoke to a crowd of onlookers in front of the Exclusive Company downtown. Despite warnings from the McCarthy workers and police to stay clear of the squad car and campaign bus, fans poured onto Main Street obstructing traffic. He made a previous appearance at Copps Department Store, speaking to a crowd in front of the store. Newman arrived at the Winnebago County Airport at about 4:45 pm, almost an hour and a half behind his scheduled arrival time. The following week, both Richard Nixon and McCarthy are scheduled to make campaign stops in Oshkosh. Nixon will speak at the Pioneer Inn while McCarthy plans to stop at Standard Kollsman and Oshkosh B'Gosh.

Source: *Oshkosh Daily Northwestern*, March 23, 1968

UWO's Free School day set at Sage

The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh's Student Environmental Action Coalition is holding its fourth Free School from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday at Sage Hall with topics related to sustainability, health, social justice and community building.

The Free School features drop-in tables and rooms this year where attendees can learn from groups such as the UW-Oshkosh Geology Club and Green Bay Aquarium Society.

An "express yourself room" with craft supplies and multiple children's activities will be provided.

Instructors are students, professors and community members donating time and expertise for classes such as Going Zero Waste, Tae Kwon Do and Chilean Culture. The theme of sustainability — environmental concerns, health, community building and justice — governs the day.

Participants are encouraged to use public transit, bike or walk. Free snacks and children's workshops are provided as facilities permit. For more information, contact Samantha Sprenger at seac@uwosh.edu or 920-277-7861, or visit the Free School's Facebook page.

Fox water quality pact signed

The Northeast Wisconsin Water Quality Pact, an agreement among four county executives and the leadership of the Oneida Nation to prioritize improving water quality in their jurisdictions and across the region, was signed March 5 to lead toward the overall reduction of nutrient pollution.

The pact signing was held at the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance's 20th Annual Watershed Conference at Lambeau Field

in Green Bay. Brown County Executive Troy Streckenbach, Outagamie County Executive Thomas Nelson, Winnebago County Executive Mark Harris, Fond du Lac County Executive Allen Buechel and Oneida Nation Vice Chairman Brandon Stevens attended.

The elected executives and Oneida leader put forth a shared vision for clean water that they said can help improve the quality of life in northeast Wisconsin.

Caring for Caregiver Conference set

The Aging and Disability Resource Center, along with the Long Term Support Division of Winnebago County, is holding its annual Caring for the Caregiver Conference on April 1 at the Oshkosh Convention Center.

There will be resources and a day of support to individuals who have a role in caring for people of all ages in the county. Food will be available along with vendor booths and door prizes.

The event features sessions by Parent

Connections, Three Waves Health Clinic and Oshkosh Wellness Center from 9 to 11:30 a.m., keynote speaker Vivian Hazell at 11:30 a.m., speaker Gail Renderman during lunch hour, and presentations from the Alzheimer's Association and sessions on evidence-based classes and tai chi from 1 to 3 p.m.

Registration deadline is Monday by contacting 877-886-2372 or adrc@co.winnebago.wi.us.

Write Now! Series presented at library

Aspiring and experienced writers are invited to sharpen their skills during the Write Now! Series at the Oshkosh Public Library from March 20 to May 10.

The free 90-minute sessions are open to adults and teens and registration is not re-

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Area United Way raises \$1.3M with campaign

Oshkosh Area United Way announced a 2018 fundraising total of more than \$1.3 million, the most ever collected in support of almost 40 local programs.

At its Community Celebration on Feb. 28 campaign co-chairs Paul and Peg Larson continued to challenge the community to fund unmet local needs related to mental health, steps to a living wage and early childhood learning. The funds raised will support partner programs as determined by an allocations committee composed of community members.

“Together we’ve been able to make a difference to the thousands of people who rely on United Way services each year,” said Paul Larson. “This has been an extremely rewarding experience — one that my wife and I are extremely humbled by and grateful for.”

During the event several awards were presented to community champions.

Bill Wyman of the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation was honored as a top performing campaign at an organization with fewer than 150 employees with 100 percent employee participation for the last two years. Also nominated in this category were Mei Bloechl and team (Bank First N.A.), Dale Glen (CliftonLarson-Allen LLC), Janet Budd and Kim Cihlar (Powergrid Solutions) and Melissa Moua (SNC Manufacturing Co.)

John and Tim Bergstrom of Bergstrom Automotive were honored as the top performing campaign champions at an organization with 151-499 employees. Bergstrom Automotive increased its overall Oshkosh campaign by more than 16 per-

cent and increased participation by sponsoring a sweepstakes car every year since 2013. Also nominated in this category were Karen Kryzaniak (Experimental Aircraft Association), Julie Hoyt (Hoffmaster Group), Casey Hintz and Dave Richter (Silver Star Brands) and Joe Perz (UPS).

Clint Herrick and Jodie Larsen of Oshkosh Corp. were honored as a top performer at an organization with 500 or more employees. Oshkosh Corp. ran an engaging and informative campaign that provided a notable 43 percent increase in employee giving. Also nominated were Carol Bredesen and Kim Wetzel (Bemis Co.), Al Wenig and the OASD team (Oshkosh Area School District), James Chitwood, Alex Hummel and Mandy Potts (University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Staff and Retirees), and Kay Guyant, Shannon Losinske, Robin Patzlaff, Renea Paulick and Emma Schroeder (U.S. Bank Oshkosh).

The 20 Years of Service Award went to Anne Hauch of Oshkosh Area United Way.

The Sue Panek Community Impact Award was presented to Lori Fields and Ruth Mauritz for their work with the Community Back to School Fair. The fair provides 1,000 low-income students with backpacks, school supplies, new clothing and hygiene items. This event also hosts a fair for students and families to learn about community resources.

A 2018 Ford EcoSport sweepstakes car donated by Bergstrom was won by Laura Tlachac (Evergreen Retirement Community). Runner-up prizes were sponsored by Jet Stream Car Wash.

Youth of the Year Dinner to recognize club members

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh is holding its Youth of the Year Dinner at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Convention Center to celebrate Myrya Mueller, its 2019 winner,

along with the accomplishments of other club members in the past year.

Teens, Radford Center members, After School Care program children and summer program youth also will be recognized.



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Rescue craft donated

The Otter Street Fishing Club and Battle on Bago Foundation teamed up to donate \$10,000 to the Oshkosh Fire Department for new ice rescue equipment to be used anywhere on the Winnebago system. At Thursday’s Otter Street membership meeting, fire department personnel demonstrated the new Rapid Deployment Craft and described its versatility and usefulness in many rescue situations.

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Council forum elicits candidates' views

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh voters had an opportunity to hear policy viewpoints among Common Council candidates in Thursday's forum at City Hall ahead of the April 2 election.

The first section of the forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Winnebago County, which was followed by the mayoral candidates, focused on the five Common Council hopefuls. There are three incumbents vying for three at-large positions. Current members up for re-election are Deb Allison-Aasby, Tom Pech Jr. and Jake Krause, who are being challenged by Bob Poeschl and Robert Wilcox.

All candidates were asked to briefly define the city's most challenging issues and what their priorities would be for the next two years if elected.

Allison-Aasby, first voted to the council in 2011, said budget management drives the feasibility of any city project or goal and needs to be the top priority in balance with overall debt. She said state and federal dollars that help fund those efforts are always crucial and require steady dialogue with legislators.

Pech, also on the council for the past eight years, agreed that whatever services the city provides have to be paid for in some way, and emphasized financial collaborations with other organizations that have worked. He noted his recent push for a resolution on public-private partnerships where the city would put in 50 cents for every private dollar raised up to a set amount.

Krause, elected to the council in 2017, keyed on social issues such as expanded public transit and more resources "for



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Common Council candidates take questions at a Thursday night forum at City Hall ahead of the April 2 election to select three of the five for seats.

those who can't help themselves," along with successful initiatives he promoted during his term such as early voter access for last year's midterm elections and helping form guidelines for smoke-free parks.

Poeschl is a former council member and currently on the school district's Board of Education, a position he would retain if elected. He said the city's main priority should be on the services it provides, finding ways to make them stretch and be accessible to as many residents as possible. He also wants to see more critical conversations about changes needed. "This isn't a business meeting; it's a community meeting," he said of council proceedings.

Wilcox, a longtime Oshkosh resident and property manager who graduated from UW-Oshkosh with accounting and finance degrees, promoted more balanced spending that reduces city debt along with expanded unsubsidized housing options

in the city as his two priorities. He said he would "vote for budgets that will move us from borrowing to having no borrowing," eliminating the need for special assessments for street work and other unfunded projects.

Submitted questions asked for general views on diversity efforts, the city manager and at-large council formats, expansion of park space, more transit options and public expansion of free internet zones.

Ongoing efforts between the school district and city to cover gaps in student transportation with some form of subsidy came up in a general question that drew overall support but pointed out financial considerations.

Allison-Aasby noted that overall transit costs are high and growing, including

the projected cost of assuring free school transportation, without help from the state or elsewhere.

"It's not just our children," she said. "It impacts our disabled, it impacts our elderly, it also impacts those who may not have kids but are still trying to get to work."

Pech echoed those concerns about finding the funding while saying he offered a recent solution that has not yet been advanced in council. Poeschl equally supported finding a workable solution from his position on the Board of Education.

Krause promoted a more inclusive goal for bus transit services that would add daily hours and Sundays for residents that need work transportation during off-hours, along with the free student busing.

"Daily stresses for students are hard enough," he said. "In my opinion the basic rights of a safe and reliable way to get to school and to get home shouldn't be one of them."

Wilcox said that with budgetary decisions that need to be made, he would want to limit free student transportation to those who couldn't afford it.

Other ongoing city topics that came up in questions included job retention and expansion, the strategic planning process established and followed by the council, and finding ways for more resident involvement. The full discussion is available through Oshkosh Media's video streaming of the forums at www.oshkoshmedia.org and on its YouTube channel. Radio WOCT 101.9 FM also intends to rebroadcast it several times before the election.

Middle School students' artwork on display at library

The compelling artwork of Oshkosh middle school students is on display in the Oshkosh Public Library's lower level through March 29, featuring winning entries in the annual Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest sponsored by the GFWC-Oshkosh Women's Arts Club.

The contest honors Mears, a sculptor (1871-1916) from Oshkosh whose works are in the U.S. Capitol, Smithsonian, state Capitol, museums and public spaces.

Nine schools in Oshkosh participated and winners continue to district competition in Princeton, where three pieces in each category are selected to move on to state competition in Eau Claire. Three students will receive the Legislator Award from Oshkosh area legislators who have chosen the artwork for their offices in Madison.

In Class A (schools with an art teacher) the top three in the two-dimensional art category were Zymarie Franklin, South Park; Aidan Kropidowski, South Park;

and Kyle Hipple, Lourdes. For three-dimensional art (sculpture) the top three were Tristan Johnknecht, Carl Traeger; Marz Thyges, Merrill; and Juali Vang, South Park.

In Class B, the top three in two-dimensional art were Abby Yanacek, Grace Lutheran; Samantha Kempinger, Martin Luther; and Alexis Appleton, Martin Luther. For three-dimensional art the top three were Janelle Selenka, Jessica J. Laridaen and Kara Wilke, all from Martin Luther.

Honorable mentions went to Grace Rolston and Joslyn Harvey from Valley Christian; Carter Portman, Madelyn Myrick, Abigail Stevens, Hannah Shaffer, Mikayla Erickson and Hannah Bruss from Perry A. Tipler; Khlazhijah Chapman of South Park; Pa Chee Xiong and Bianca Harris from Webster Stanley; and Lara Funnell, Carl Traeger.

An awards reception will be held from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Sunday at the library.

City candidates

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deputy mayor, said she is offering an alternative to leadership and wants to see a more approachable government. She pointed to her community background and degree in urban planning with 25 years of problem-solving on urban planning issues.

Calling herself the "choice for real change," Palmeri said "we need the face of Oshkosh to lead in accountability, that is, timely and accurate information from city government with measurable results for tax dollars."

The format allowed Cummings and Palmeri to pose questions to each other and respond in kind. Neighborhood revitalization was an early topic that showed different perspectives.

Palmeri has pushed for more diversity and openness on boards and commissions such as Greater Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods on which the mayor is a member. She said the neighborhood groups Cummings points to as successful aren't comparable to others that have greater financial challenges and more rental concentration that could benefit from more tenant and landlord representation.

Cummings said the city continually finds it difficult to get a diverse mix of people to serve on boards and commissions in general, and said the neighborhood group welcomes new voices. Palmeri said she would like to see more examples of inclusion in the public committees that help decide development projects.

"We do have more voices coming to the table and they are appreciative of some of those brick-and-mortar accomplishments," Palmeri said, "but they really want to part of the process. It's our job to include them."

One question asked whether the city should take a bigger role in leading efforts



Cummings



Palmeri

for solutions to poverty, with an accompanying statistic from the school district that found 41 percent of its students fall beneath federal poverty level, 210 of them homeless.

"Some organization has to take the lead, and I think probably the most visible is the city," Cummings said, with the inclusion of service organizations, schools, the county and other groups.

"It's not a new issue, it's a growing issue. It's not strictly an Oshkosh issue."

Palmeri said a few years ago there were council efforts with the school district and the health department's shift to the county level that may have given the city some complacency.

"We kind of lost sight of what public health in this city was really about, especially when it comes to equity and health in more of our policies," she said.

"I do believe we need to reach across many agency lines and break down those silos and do more" with the working poor.

Both candidates shared concerns over the lack of affordable housing in the city.

In response to a question that suggested there was limited public park space in the city, Palmeri said she wanted to see more smaller neighborhood parks and green spaces while the mayor said the criteria for parks designation needed to be considered as much as adding to the overall acreage.

The forum can be seen on Oshkosh Media's website and YouTube channel, and will re-air on Gov TV frequently before the April 2 election.

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Community invited to honor its educators

Nearly \$55,000 in grants will be awarded during Celebrate Education, an evening that recognizes and honors educators, administrators and volunteers who enrich the lives of students in the community.

The free public event will be held from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Monday at the Oshkosh Convention Center. The awards presentation will begin at 5 p.m. Call 920-426-3993 to reserve a seat or visit www.OshkoshAreaCF.org for more information.

Forty-seven educators from public and private schools will be recognized with

classroom and professional development grants, along with other leaders and volunteers for their innovative contributions. One school will be presented with a technology grant.

The event is sponsored by the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, Oshkosh Area School District, Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce, Mid-Morning Kiwanis Club of Oshkosh, the Edward and Bell Ruddy Endowment Fund, Wisconsin Public Service Foundation, and UWOC College of Education and Human Services.



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UW-Oshkosh Radio TV Film students earn honors

Radio TV Film students from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh came away with 16 of the 74 awards for student media work at the annual conference of the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association in Middleton on March 2.

UWO's Titan TV swept the TV category for general entertainment program with first place going to an episode of "Curtain Call," second place to an episode of "Wired Up" and third to an entry from the series "UWO in 30."

Titan TV also took first and third place for TV sports play by play. First place went to a football broadcast vs. UW-Stout and third to a volleyball matchup against UW-Stevens Point.

The station also took first and third for TV public service announcements or commercials with first going to the informational piece "The Radio TV Film Story" and third to a segment promoting the website for the "Curtain Call" program.

UWO's WRST-FM also took first and second place in the radio category for long-form non-news production. First place was for the segment "Rich the Barber," a profile of an area barber who's an ex-con and second went to "The Motherhood Affidavits," a conversation with an Oshkosh author.

UWO has won 142 WBA awards since the contest began in 2004.

Hygiene help

Altrusa International of Oshkosh teamed up with the global network Days for Girls on March 2 at the J.P. Coughlin Center to sew menstrual care kits specially tailored to the culture, environmental and physical needs of the women and girls who receive them. More than 1 million females in more than 125 countries have been given the hygiene solutions that help them miss fewer days of school. Each kit has a cloth drawstring bag holding shields, liners, underwear, a washcloth, bar of soap, bags for washing and storage, and a care and use sheet. Shown working on the kits are (from left) Sharon Roeske, Jean Thierman and Deb Butch.

Public library schedule

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| <p>March 13
High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m. Ages 3 and under
Memory Cafe: '50s Party featuring "Elvis," 1 p.m.
What's Cooking Book Club: Dessert Bars, 6 p.m. Adults</p> <p>March 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.
LEGO Wall Open Build for Ages 16 and older, 5 to 7 p.m.
World Culture Series: Ireland, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Kids and families
Winnebagoland Genealogical Society Meeting, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>March 15
Tech Open Lab, 1 to 4 p.m.
Teen DIY: Emoji Pillows, 4:30 p.m. Grades 6 to 12</p> <p>March 16
Oshkosh Area Writers Club, 10 a.m. Adults
World Culture Series: Ireland, 11 to 12:30 p.m. Kids and families
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 1 to</p> | <p>2:30 p.m.</p> <p>March 17
Brave, Bold & Beautiful, 2 p.m. Grades 3 to 8</p> <p>March 18
Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m.
Monday Movie Matinee, 12:30 p.m. Adults
Read to a Dog, 4 p.m. 236-5208 to register
Homework Helpdesk, 5 to 7 p.m.</p> <p>March 19
High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m. Ages 3 and under
Legal Assistance Clinic, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Chess Club, 5 to 7 p.m.
Techy Tuesdays: Checking out e-materials from home, 6 p.m. Adults</p> <p>March 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: Internet of the World, 6 p.m. Ages 6 to 9. 236-5208 to register
The Prose and Poetry of Twitter and Other Social Media, 6 p.m.</p> |
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'Little Mermaid' staged at Lourdes

Lourdes Academy High School presents its rendition of Disney's "The Little Mermaid" this weekend at The Grand Oshkosh.

The cast and pit orchestra have been working since January and inside The Grand since last week preparing for opening night.

In the musical, Ariel defies her father,

King Triton, and gives up her voice to the Sea Witch Ursula in exchange for a pair of legs and the chance to find her prince. Ariel's friends work to help Ariel win over Prince Eric before she loses her voice forever.

Shows are at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are available at The Grand or online.

EAA Museum schedule

Sunday, 2 p.m. — Neil Hansen/Luann Grosscup with "Flight: An Air America Pilot's Story of Adventure, Descent and Redemption"

March 21, 7 p.m. — Jon Bernstein and flying the AH-64 Apache

April 4, 6:30 p.m. — Movie: "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo"

April 5, 6 p.m. — Chris Henry and World War II nose art

April 18, 7 p.m. — Jeff Duford and the restoration of Memphis Belle

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Lourdes boys on to state after thrilling win

By Brad Hartmann
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

His name is Hayden Jones; his teammates refer to him as Jonesey. You might as well call him Mr. Oshkosh as Jones delivered the biggest block in Lourdes Academy history sending the Knights back to the Kohl Center in Madison with aspirations of capturing the program's first WIAA state championship.

"It was the best moment of my life. Seeing the students storming the court felt amazing," said Jones. "I saw him wide open and I knew I had to close out really hard on him. I just jumped as high and as far as I could. I managed to get a couple fingers on it."

The top-seeded Knights (25-1) went on the road and escaped the Neillsville Fieldhouse with a 72-71 WIAA D4 sectional finals victory over Marathon (21-5) Saturday afternoon sporting its black and red uniforms.

"It was a physical game. They are a great basketball team. They only lost once for a reason," said Red Raiders senior Carter Hanke. "I am proud of the way we played. We gave it all out there for our team. We gave ourselves a chance to go to state and win the game. All you can ask for is an opportunity. I just wish them the best of luck at state."

With 18.9 seconds remaining in a down-to-the-wire battle, Marathon's Mitchell Kurtz swung the ball to Cameron Schilling (22 points) for the three as the Knights' 10-point lead was down to one.

The Red Raiders had an opportunity to tie the game with 5.6 seconds remaining as Schilling fouled but missed the free throw. Jones snagged the rebound and was sent to the charity stripe but didn't convert. Hanke secured the rebound and found freshman Jaden Koeller for a game-winning attempt but Jones came away with the block as time expired.

"We have scenarios like this that we have in practice that helps set us up in that type of moment," said Jones, who had 15 points, seven rebounds and three blocks. "I just tried flying by him. I didn't want to get too close to him. I knew if I didn't do that there would have been a pretty good chance he would have made that since he is a pretty good three-point shooter."

Jones spent last season on the JV squad at Neenah before moving closer to his father and transferring to Lourdes.

"I am so happy that we gave him this opportunity," said Knights coach Brad Clark. "He comes from a great family. With him missing those free throws most kids would have pouted and dropped their head. The kid makes the play of the game. That says a lot about him. He is a gamer. He never gets tired, rattled or fatigued."

The Knights won their opening sectional game Thursday night 71-51 against Iola-Scandinavia (22-2) in Waupaca, where



Photos by Andy Ratchman

Hayden Jones of the Knights shoots a runner against the Marathon defense in Saturday's WIAA sectional final win at Neillsville. Lourdes players and fans (below) celebrate the victory that put them into the Division 4 semifinal against Osseo-Fairchild in Madison on Thursday.



sharpshooter Henry Noone was held scoreless for the first time this season. He scored 14 of his 18 points against Marathon in the first half.

"If you are a gambling person you don't bet against him, especially the next night," said Clark. "I know people made a big deal of the game he didn't score. For him he'd rather score no points and win to have an opportunity to play at the Kohl Center."

Defensively, Ben Huizenga was the glue for the Knights while coming back from injuring his patella last season and having his knee scoped five weeks ago.

"I tried to do my best to get stops defensively when I am not playing well offensively," said Huizenga. "Today I did my

best to get the loose balls and grab some rebounds. You got to go out there and play 100 percent or you're not going to be yourself again."

The play of the first half came down to a buzzer beater as Caden Chier would connect with Noone and with two dribbles knocked down a three-pointer as they headed into the locker room with the game tied at 36.

"It was a great feeling," said Noone. "That was probably the biggest three of my career and hopefully there is more Thursday as we keep going in state."

The Knights' goal is always to find the hot hand and keep feeding it, and in the second half Preston Ruedinger was that

guy with 18 of his 25 points on 8-for-9 shooting and converting five of seven free throws. One of his key plays was a heads-up steal and layup for a 46-43 lead and then hitting a three-point bucket on the following possession. Dennis Ruedinger, who coached the Knights for 16 seasons and three WIAA state appearances, was in the front row clapping with pleasure for his son and the team.

"No nervousness. It's more excitement that he is cheering me on," said Ruedinger. "I always look up to him. I try to play my game and he helps me on the floor, but I try to listen to my coaches."

After the game coach Clark shared an emotional hug with his 13-year-old son Steven, who was named after his grandfather Steven L. Randall, who coached at Oshkosh West.

"He loves it. It's been tough for him this year but he loves the game," said Clark of his son. "It's like when Ben (Huizenga) had Jack and Benny. You get that sense of what it really means. He has grown up with coaching his whole life and it's very special and I am glad he was able to experience it."

This will mark the Knights' fourth state tournament appearance as they will match up with Osseo-Fairchild (25-1) at 8:15 p.m. Thursday. The winner advances to the championship game against the winner of New Glarus (24-2) and Manitowoc Roncalli (26-0) Saturday at 12:45 p.m.

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UW-Oshkosh men fight way back to Final Four

By Alex Wolf
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh men's basketball team is headed back to the Final Four.

The Titans (27-3) picked up two wins over the weekend, beating Loras College on Friday in the Sweet 16 86-75 and topping Guilford College on Saturday, 82-79.

Fourth-ranked UWO will face Wheaton College on Friday in Fort Wayne, Ind. This is the second NCAA Final Four appearance for the Titans after making it to the national championship game a season ago.

The Titans jumped out to a big lead early Saturday, leading 20-6 as Guilford struggled to shoot the ball early. UW-Oshkosh eventually increased its lead to 31-15 late in the first half and led by 10 at the half.

Guilford cut it to one point with just eight minutes left in the game – 68-67 – but an Adam Fravert 3-pointer a few possessions later gave UWO a 75-69 lead with three minutes left. UWO made it 79-71 with just under two minutes left but turn-

overs allowed Guilford to get back in the game – but by then it was too late.

Fravert led UWO with 26 points and added nine rebounds and was hot from beyond the arc. Fravert shot 10 of 11 and was 6 of 7 on 3-pointers. The Titans shot nearly 51 percent and made 11 3's but had a season-high 17 turnovers.

Jack Flynn chipped in 14 points and had 10 rebounds while Connor Duax had 11 points. Brett Wittchow and Eric Peterson chipped in 10 points in the win.

Kyler Gregory led Guilford College with 31 points. Guilford shot poorly from the field at 38 percent, while going 35 percent from the 3-point line.

In Friday's win Duax had a career-high 26 points as the Titans never trailed against Loras.

Duax was 9 of 14 from the field and added six rebounds in just 25 minutes. Ben Boots added 15 points for the Titans while Fravert had 12 points, seven rebounds and four assists. Wittchow added nine points, five rebounds and four assists while Flynn had nine points and 13 rebounds.



Photo by Steve Frommell

Titans senior guard Brett Wittchow drives against Guilford College in their game at the Kolf Sports Center on Saturday that sent them to the NCAA Division III's Final Four.

Season ends for Titans women against Wartburg

By Alex Wolf
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh women's basketball team's season came to

an end Friday, losing 70-57 to Wartburg College in an NCAA Division III Elite 8 game.

The Titans (26-4) got behind early,

trailing 20-11 after the first quarter but made their way back into the game, outscoring Wartburg 35-29 in the next two quarters as they trailed by three going into the final quarter.

However, Wartburg went 9 of 10 from the free throw line in the final two minutes to help pick up the win as it outscored the Titans 21-11 in the final quarter.

UWO struggled from 3-point land, making just 5 of 31 (16 percent) while Wartburg shot 43 percent (9 of 21).

Leah Porath led the Titans in scoring with 18 while Melanie Schneider added 12 points. Nikki Arneson chipped in seven points while Brooklyn Bull had six.

Kaitlyn Volesky led Wartburg with 14 points while Ally Conrad had 13.

UWO wrestler takes 3rd in nationals

University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh's Mark Choinski took third place in the 165-pound weight class for his third straight All-America award in the NCAA Division III National Championships last weekend in Roanoke, Va.

Choinski, who won the previous two All-America honors in the 157-pound weight class, ended the year with a 38-4 record and his career with a record of 103-19. Choinski defeated Anthony Arroyo

(Baldwin Wallace) in the preliminary round and Brad Kerkhoff (Buena Vista) in round 1 by major decision before losing 15-7 to Nicholas Bonomo of UW-White-water.

He came back in the consolation round with wins over Jared Walker (Washington and Jefferson), Taylor Shay (Roger Williams), Kyle Hatch (Wabash) and won the third-place match over Eddie Smith (Loras) by a 6-3 decision.

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Herd loses pair of games; more see Bucks action

By Ti Windisch
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Wisconsin Herd lost both of its games played in the past week, starting with a 107-92 loss to the Santa Cruz Warriors at home Wednesday and finishing up on the wrong end of a tight 119-116 game at the hands of the Canton Charge on the road Saturday night.

Christian Wood was with Wisconsin for both games and continued to dominate the G League competition in his minutes. Wood posted 23 points, 13 rebounds, five assists and a steal and block against Santa Cruz, and followed up with 39 points, 17 rebounds, an assist, two steals and four blocks in Canton.

Wood cherishes the minutes he gets, even on the G League level. He could be seen protesting being taken out of the Warriors game in the second quarter, although he acknowledged after the game that head coach Jordan Brady makes the calls necessary for the team.

"I'm always hungry," Wood said. "If I could play the whole game I would, but he wouldn't allow me to. Coach knows how hungry I am to stay in the game, I just have to wait my time and give other guys a chance, and go with what coach says."

Brady said that especially after Wood had been with the Bucks and not playing heavy minutes, he knew he needed to monitor Wood's workload.



Photo by Emil Vajgrt

Christian Wood, shown against the Clippers on Feb. 22, continues to put up big numbers for the Herd as he scored 62 and had 30 rebounds in two games against Santa Cruz and Canton.

"Christian, he's a competitor," Brady said. "He wants to be on the floor. We do have to keep an eye on his minutes, especially when it's been a while since he played in a full game. We don't want him to get beat up. He wants to stay in there."

Wood was not the only Bucks center to have a strong week. Shevon Thompson followed up some quality minutes as the starting center with some efficient ones

as Wood's backup, scoring a total of 24 points on 11-for-12 shooting and grabbing 16 combined rebounds across the two games.

Thompson said his goal continues to be playing within himself and helping the Herd win.

"Everything is good; I just need to keep going, stay locked in and focus on playing my game the best I can," Thompson said.

Bonzie Colson was back with the Herd after being with the NBA club during the Milwaukee Bucks' recent road trip. Colson got to notch his first NBA minutes in Chicago with his family there, which he said was a special moment.

"I just tried to do what I've been taught with the Bucks," Colson said. "I went to the corners, catch-and-shoot, and just defend as best I can. It was great, it was definitely a blessing, and hopefully there are more of those to come. When you keep working hard and you keep God first, great things happen. I'm blessed, I just need to keep working hard, shooting the ball and doing what I do."

Colson said the time he, Wood and fellow Bucks two-way player Trevon Duval spends with Milwaukee is good for their growth as basketball players.

"Just being out there, being around the guys is something special," Colson said. "You've got to take what you learn up there and try to bring it down here. That's what we all do, so we're just trying to take advantage of our opportunities up there, try to bring it down here, try to lead and play like it's our last game."

The Herd's actual last game is coming up March 23 as a year-end road trip comes to a close. This week contains the last home games as Wisconsin takes on the Delaware Blue Coats on Wednesday and the Lakeland Magic on Friday. The Herd has been eliminated from postseason contention.

Boys gymnastics


The Oshkosh Gymnastics Boys team traveled to West Allis the weekend of March 1 to compete.

In Level 4, Division 2 Declan Deppiesse tied for second in PBars, and took third in Floor, Pommel and Rings and Mason Clark tied for first Floor, took first in Rings, High Bar and All Around, second in Pommel and tied for second in Vault and PBars. In Level 5, Division 2 Nigel Lusk won Floor, Rings, tied for first in PBars and won the All Around. He also tied for

second in High Bar. In Division 1 Tiernan Deppiesse took first in Floor, Pommel (with an 11.2 out of 11.7), and HBar and the AA with a 60.2 and second in PBars; Moritz Deegen took first in PBars, second on Pommel, Vault, HBar and the AA and third in Rings and Floor; Owen Schmitz won the Floor, Pommel (tying the gym record with an 11.4), PBars, High Bar and the AA, second in Vault and third in rings. In Level 6, Division 1 Ian Simmons took sixth in Rings. Josh Paterson took fourth

in Rings and 7th in AA, Guner Schira took third in High Bar and fourth in Vault. In Level 7, Alex Reichenberger took first in Pommel, Vault, third in Floor, fourth in PBars and the AA. In Level 10, Spencer Merritt took sixth in the High Bar, 7th in Floor and the AA. In the J1 Division, Charlie Richards took first in Vault and third in Pommel. The Level 5 team took third and had the highest score out of the Wisconsin teams.

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Updates will be provided on the walleye reward tag study and potential regulation changes. The meetings from 6 to 8 p.m. will include a question-and-answer session.

The Oshkosh meeting is today at Alberta Kimball Auditorium, 375 N. Eagle St. The Chilton meeting is March 18 and in New London on March 21. For more information visit dnr.wi.gov.

Comedians at arena lounge

The Wisconsin Comedy Tour featuring Rob Brackenridge, Jake Schoen and Stevie Randle comes to the Menominee Nation Arena's Verve Lounge on March 22.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m.; tickets are \$10 online and \$15 at the door. A pair of VIP tickets are \$25.

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Obituaries

Donald M. Tritt

Donald "Don" M. Tritt, age 71, of Omro passed away Saturday, March 9, 2019, after a brief battle with cancer. He was born April 30, 1947, in Oshkosh to the late Harold and Evelyn (Collins) Tritt. Don was a 1965 graduate of Omro High School. From March of 1966 until January of 1970 Don was in the U.S Air Force, serving in Vietnam from June '68 to July '69 with the 820th Detached Unit/Red Horse. On October 21, 1978, he married Judith Thull in Berlin. Don was employed by Hoffmaster, in Oshkosh for 32 years, until his retirement.

He enjoyed sturgeon spearing, hunting and fishing trips up north with Phil and Jim, and making maple syrup in the spring. Don was a member of the American Legion; Daugherty-Hamilton Post 234 in Omro; and proudly served on the legion honor guard. He was also a founding member of the Eureka Belt Busters Snowmobile Club, and was a member of a group that shot off the annual fireworks at Soo Lake in Phillips. Don was a past winner of the Crandon Brush Run, and was named the Post Crescent Master Angler for King Chinook Salmon.

Don is survived by his wife of 40 years, Judith Tritt, of Omro; daughter and son-in-law, Shannon Tritt-Coulthurst and

Matt Coulthurst, of Neenah; a sister, Judy Tritt Richey, of Oshkosh; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Tom and Paula Tritt, of Eureka; Jerry and Linda Tritt, of Borth; in-laws, Jean Knoblauch, of Oshkosh; Jane and Barry Dieser, of Reno, Nevada; Jaci Thull, of Oshkosh; and several nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Along with his parents, Don was also preceded in death by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Jim and Ellie Thull; and a niece, Amy Knoblauch.

A visitation for family and friends will be on Friday, March 15, 2019, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Mueller Funeral Home 904 E. Main St. Winneconne. A funeral service will be held on Friday at 4:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Following the service burial with military honors will be held at the Oak Hill Cemetery, Poygan.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established. If you wish please submit online condolences to muellerfh.net.

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Community Band in concert Saturday at Alberta Kimball

The Oshkosh Area Community Band will present its Spring Classics concert at 7 p.m. Saturday in Alberta Kimball Auditorium. Directors are David Berndt of the Concert Band and Jon Basten, who will lead the Stage Band and Dixieland Band.

The Dixieland Band will perform "In a Shanty in Old Shanty Town," "St. James Infirmary" and "Hello Dolly" before the concert.

The Concert Band will perform "Fanfare for the Common Man" by Aaron Copland; "The Florentiner Italian Grand March" by Julius Fucik; "With Each Sunset" by Richard L. Saucedo; Suite from "Lincolnshire Posy" by Percy Aldridge Grainger; and the world premiere of "A

Waltz" from "Evening Harmony" by Daniel Seibel.

Other selections are "The Imperial March," "Selections from '1776,'" "I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen," "The Liberty Bell" and "The Humors of Drinagh" performed by a piccolo quartet.

"A Rhapsody of Reruns," arranged by Paul Jennings, will be presented as a tribute to Terry and Amy Hathaway. Terry retired as director of the band in December after 32 years.

The Stage Band will perform "Here's Johnny," "Turtles," "Again and Again" and "All's Well in Wellington."

Admission is free but a free-will offering will be accepted.

UW-Oshkosh fundraiser launched

The inaugural University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Evening of Black and Gold will be held from 5 to 11 p.m. March 30 at the Alumni Welcome and Conference Center and presented by Oshkosh Corp.

The evening will feature cocktails, dinner, entertainment and casino games in

support of scholarships for UW-Oshkosh students.

Tickets are \$125 or \$1,500 per corporate table, and there are sponsorship opportunities with details available by contacting 920-424-2428 or klemanl@uwosh.edu.

Business notes

The Cellar homebrew shop owner **Dave Koepke** has plans to start a micro-brewery, according to the Oshkosh Beer blogspot, and has decided to put the shop up for sale that he has operated in Oshkosh for the last three years at 1921 S. Washburn St.

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Tibetan Portrait: The Power of Compassion, through May 19, Paine Art Center and Gardens

Dressed to Play Exhibit, through May 19, Oshkosh Public Museum

Wednesday, March 13

Wisconsin Herd Job Fair, 1 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

Wisconsin Herd vs. Delaware, 7 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

Thursday, March 14

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

SOAR Gala, 5:30 p.m., Paine Art Center and Gardens, 1410 Algoma Blvd.

Master Gardener-Don Brill, 6:30 p.m., Evergreen Retirement Community, 1130 N. Westfield St.

Friday, March 15

O'Marro's Public House St. Paddy Weekend, 2211 Oregon St.

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

March Ladies Night, 6 p.m., Fire Es-

cape, 428 N. Main St.

Wisconsin Herd vs. Lakeland, 7 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

Lourdes Academy presents "The Little Mermaid," 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

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

Saturday, March 16

O'Marro's Public House St. Paddy Weekend, 2211 Oregon St.

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

Shamrock Shuffle 5k, 10 a.m., UWO Student Rec and Wellness Center, 735 Pearl Ave.

Dublin's Irish Pub St. Patrick's Day Bash, 2 p.m., 2070 W. 9th Ave.

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Blue Collar, 7 p.m., Manila Resto, 107 Algoma Blvd.

Sly Joe and the Smooth Operators, 8:30 p.m., Becket's, 2 Jackson St.

Sunday, March 17

O'Marro's Public House St. Paddy Weekend, 2211 Oregon St.

The Mystical Arts of Tibet Mandala Sand Painting, 11 a.m., Paine Art Center and Gardens

St. Paddy's Family Bingo, 1 p.m. Oshkosh Senior Center, 234 N. Campbell Road

Lourdes Academy presents "The Little Mermaid," 2 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

Monday, March 18

The Mystical Arts of Tibet Mandala Sand Painting, 11 a.m., Paine Art Center and Gardens

Water City Speakers, 5:30 p.m., Fox Valley Technical College, 3601 Oregon St.

Tuesday, March 19

The Mystical Arts of Tibet Mandala Sand Painting, 11 a.m., Paine Art Center and Gardens

Youth of the Year Dinner, 6 p.m., Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel, 1 N. Main St.

Wednesday, March 20

The Mystical Arts of Tibet Mandala Sand Painting, 10 a.m., Paine Art Center and Gardens

Thursday, March 21

The Mystical Arts of Tibet Mandala

Sand Painting, 10 a.m., Paine Art Center and Gardens

Aviation Adventure Speaker Series, 7 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum, 3000 Poberzyny Road

Friday, March 22

NCGA Gymnastics Championships, Kolf Sports Center, 785 High Ave.

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

The Mystical Arts of Tibet Mandala Sand Painting, 10 a.m., Paine Art Center and Gardens

Wisconsin Comedy Tour, 7 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

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

Saturday, March 23

NCGA Gymnastics Championships, Kolf Sports Center, 785 High Ave.

The Mystical Arts of Tibet Mandala Sand Painting, 9 a.m., Paine Art Center and Gardens

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

The Mystical Arts of Tibet Sacred Music, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

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

Sunday, March 24

The Mystical Arts of Tibet Mandala Sand Painting, 9 a.m., Paine Art Center and Gardens



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Saturday league winners

The Ball In team won both the Saturday High School Basketball League and March 2 single-elimination tourney. Members of the team are Elias Davila, Teagan Patton, Isaiah Palmquist, Lucas Pinkerton, Braden Christie, Avery Winchell, Dylan Krumrei, Colby Snell, Ethan Tessmer and Josh Hoffman. The Oshkosh Recreation Department praised players, coaches, parents, spectators and staff for a season that displayed respect and sportsmanlike play.

'Cocktail Hour' offers entertaining mix

"Cocktail Hour: The Show," by New York City-based company Ballets with a Twist, will make its Wisconsin debut at The Grand Oshkosh at 7:30 p.m. March 30.

Created by artistic director and choreographer Marilyn Klaus, "Cocktail Hour" reinvents the glamour and excitement of classic entertainment with an innovative mix of choreography, music and exquisite costume design. This pop-infused experience combines the magnetism of Hollywood's Golden Age with a sleek 21st-century sensibility in a series of witty vignettes.

Program highlights:

- "Brandy Alexander" — In the wake of

a bold marching band reveille, the Great One arrives with loyal troops in tow, ready to conquer the dance floor.

- "Manhattan" — After a big-city evening, a socialite steps out with her dearest companion. As they stroll past each lamppost on Park Avenue, a jazz trumpet echoes the mood of the changing skyline.

- "Rum Runner" — A spicy night in Cuba, a promenade through Puerto Rico, a samba in Brazil.

The Grand will host Cocktails for a Cause, an interactive benefit featuring a tasting tour of cocktails and mocktails from the March 30 program, at 7 p.m. March 28. The event provides an opportunity to meet the dancing cocktails up close

Timber Mill presents murder mystery dinner

Timber Mill Theatre's immersive murder mystery dinner experience "A Night at the Speakeasy" comes to the Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel on April 6.

Guests are given a password and guided to a room with live music from a local jazz trio and lounge singers to enjoy a cocktail hour featuring specially themed drinks. Actors are planted inconspicuously among them, revealing themselves throughout the night, and drop clues about their roles and connections with other actors, all of which can be documented by the audience on clue cards placed at their seat.

After the murder occurs, an interrogation is led by a detective who will depend on interaction with the audience to help put the pieces together. A vote will be taken and the murderer convicted, resulting in a passionate confession and resolution that justice has been served.

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"A Night at the Speakeasy" comes to the Best Western for a night of murder mystery theater presented by Timber Mill Theatre.

al improvisation actors out of Milwaukee and Chicago, as well as musicians and vocalists in the Fox Valley.

Dance and cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m., dinner and show at 7. Tickets are \$70 and available at www.timbermilltheatre.com or 920-203-5643

Altrusa donation helps get camera for OPD

Officer Tracey Grubofski recently approached Altrusa of Oshkosh with an opportunity to assist her division of the Oshkosh Police Department. She requested assistance with the purchase of a high-quality digital camera that would enable better collection of photographic evidence and crime scene preservation.

Photographs taken with this high-quality camera could be used as evidence in court cases.

The members of Altrusa unanimously voted to support this need with a \$5,500 donation, and with the knowledge and assistance of Camera Casino the department was able to purchase the necessary equipment for immediate use.

while sampling the drinks they represent, and to participate in a discussion with the company's directors. Proceeds will benefit Community ARTreach programing at The Grand.

"Ballets with a Twist will bring New York City entertainment to our boutique theater," said Joseph Ferlo, director of The Grand. "And what an opportunity for our audience to see behind the scenes at the Cocktails for a Cause event."

Tickets for "Cocktail Hour: The Show" start at \$25. Discounts are available for seniors, students, youth (12 and under) and groups of 10 or more. For more information go to thegrandoshkosh.org, call 920-424-2350.