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City leaders engaged in growth

Efforts underway to draw young, qualified workforce

By Dan Flannery HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

A time of challenge can lead to a longer time of growth, prosperity and opportunity.

Three leaders with direct influence on how Oshkosh's business community responds to the metro area's challenges believe the future can, and will, be bright and long. Good things are happening, positive discussions are ongoing, and partnerships that didn't exist a few years ago are building a community with strong potential.

The business climate, from the 30,000foot view, is excellent," said Rob Kleman, senior vice president-business development of the Oshkosh Chamber of Com-

"Industrially, our manufacturers are doing very well, and they're growing. Commercially, things are very good. Obviously the Oshkosh Corp. corporate headquarters project is no secret, but what can happen around there is going to drive things for the next one to five years in that area. Vendors and suppliers will probably want to locate close to that corporate headquarters.

"And obviously, the \$500 million that was put into the I-41 transportation corridor is really driving things and helping us."

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Fleeting spiritual art

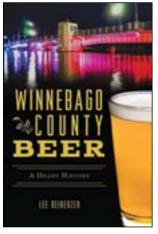
Tibetan lamas in residence at the Paine Art Center conclude a weeklong visit to Oshkosh on Sunday by consecrating their finished sacred mandala sand painting by pouring some of it into the Fox River to symbolize impermanence. The Buddhist monks from Drepung Loseling Monastery in India also gave a performance of music and dance at The Grand on Saturday.

Book release mixes regional history and beers

By Dan Roherty OSHKOSH HERALD

The American beer renaissance that started to build in the 1990s continues its surge with an ever-growing multitude of traditional and fresh styles, but another main ingredient that has connected breweries to their communities is the local history embraced by modern microbrewers.

There are probably no better examples of historical tributes to their locations' storied brewing past than in Oshkosh and Winnebago County, where German immigrants brought that European tradition here more than a century and a half ago.



author Lee Reiherzer's "Winneba-Counτy Α Heady History' chronicles that history and how it flows into

the brewing

scene today.

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Reiherzer, whose Oshkosh Beer blog has chronicled local beer news and history since 2010, previously co-authored "The Breweries of Oshkosh: Their Rise and Fall" with Ron Akin in 2012. "Winnebago County Beer" is having its official book launch at 1 p.m. April 6 at Fox River Brewing Co.

He was approached to write the book as part of a series from History Press publishers called the American Palate, which chronicles locally based drink and food cuisine. While his beer history writing made him an obvious choice, he wasn't initially ready to take on the project.

"I said no at first," Reiherzer said. "I had done a book previously and work full time ... and trying to do a book is murder.

"They got in touch with me again and I weakened and said yes."

Reiherzer grew up just north of Milwaukee in Port Washington and as a young beer-can collector stayed interested in that history when he later moved to Oshkosh with its own rich brewing past. Over time he envisioned a website that would essentially be a tap list to let people know which taverns were carrying what varieties, and later expanded to the history behind the locations and their products.

"I just kind of fell into it from there. I

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City leaders promote participation

By Dan Roherty

City officials in all capacities and many of their community partners shared ongoing programs and initiatives at the annual State of the City presentation March 18 at the Oshkosh Convention Center.

The city's open house event had departments and their staff offering information on city services and ongoing projects before and after presentations on accomplishments and goals for the community.

Mayor Steve Cummings and the Common Council led an information session that emphasized community involvement and the importance of resident participation using a triangle theme of community, council and staff.

"Please consider serving on a board or commission and don't hesitate to talk to city staff, council members, or current board or commission members on how to get involved," he said. City Manager Mark Rohloff delivered the State of the City address that keyed on participation and prepardedness. He promoted the general theme of projects planned that help them respond to the unplanned opportunities and challenges that come along.

He said there would be continued redevelopment of the Sawdust District and the waterfront component that it offers for new business prospects. The Riverwalk effort also continues to have momentum, Rohloff noted, with stretches west of downtown on the Fox River's north shore being completed last year and soon to expand along Lakeshore Park where the city is soliciting ideas for the land adjacent to the new Oshkosh Corp. headquarters.

Other items in the city's strategic plan and on officials' 2019 agenda that were touched on include neighborhood development, affordable housing and continued diversity efforts that can help attract the needed workforce.

Awards were given for community efforts in separate categories.

Millers Bay Neighborhood Association received a Volunteer Recognition Award and the new Sawyer-Paine Neighborhood Association was noted as the 16th group formed in the city.

The first lifetime Environmental Leadership Award went to the late Paul E. Fowler, who died in 2017 after longtime efforts in area conservation and environmental causes.

Robert Vajgrt, who serves on the Police and Fire Commission, was cited for 20 years of continuous service with a Citizen Service Award. Other city employees were recognized for reaching five-, 10- and 15-year milestones.

Community Partnership Awards went to the Experimental Aircraft Association as it nears its 50th AirVenture in July, Watco Cos. and its southside transload facility, and the state Department of Transportation for its help on the transload project.

Diocese to visit parishes on healing mission

Green Bay Catholic Diocese Bishop David L. Ricken and the Rev. Ubald Rugirangoga will celebrate Masses for Healing with Adoration as part of five, two-day parish missions around the diocese next week. Ubald, a Catholic priest and survivor of the Rwandan genocide, speaks around the world with a message of healing and forgiveness.

A screening of the documentary "Forgiveness: The Secret of Peace" will be

Jake

shown on the first day of the visits followed by discussion. Ricken and Rugirangoga will celebrate Mass on the second day followed by prayers for healing and opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

They will visit Most Blessed Sacrament Parish's St. Peter location in Oshkosh at 6:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, For additional information, visit www.gbdioc.org/

Four people held in Sunday shooting

Four people were arrested in the shooting of a 28-year-old man Sunday night in the 500 block of Grand Street, according to Oshkosh police.

Officers responded to the incident at 11:16 p.m. and found the man with a bullet wound in his chest. He was transported to a hospital with a non-life threatening injury.

Police were assisted by the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department and Wisconsin State Patrol. They said they are not looking for further suspects at this time.



My name is Jake Krause and I am asking for your support and vote for re-election to the Oshkosh City Council on April 2nd. I was first elected in spring of 2017. I was humbled and excited to have the chance to serve the city of Oshkosh, and I still feel the same way today. I am a 20 year resident of Oshkosh and married With 3 young children. I have been employed at Oshkosh Corporation for the past 15 years. I'm also a proud member of the United Auto Workers Local Union 578. If given the opportunity to earn your vote to serve Oshkosh once again. I Will continue to work hard to make Oshkosh a more inclusive city that truly works and supports the people no matter what their economic, social or ethnic background may be. We all deserve a voice and seat at the table. Oshkosh is a great city, and it's success and future depend on all of us working together. Thank you.



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Campus continues to encounter bias issues

By Miles Maguire
Herald Contributor

Last October the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh commemorated the 50th anniversary of Black Thursday, a low point in race relations on campus when 94 black students were arrested after occupying offices in the school's main administration building. The subsequent expulsion of most of them left a lasting impression of Oshkosh as an unwelcoming environment for minorities.

Over the years the school has worked to change its reputation and by some measures has made significant progress. At its February meeting, the UW System Board of Regents honored UW-Oshkosh with a special diversity award for an initiative to attract more students from underrepresented groups. The school was cited for boosting enrollment among students of color by more than 4 percentage points from 2013 to 2018.

But on March 18 roughly 200 students filled the ballroom in Reeve Student Union to call out the school and its leaders for "homophobia, racism and other forms of discrimination on campus and in our community." After hearing from roughly two dozen students and staff, who described violence and threats of violence but also some encouraging signs of progress, the four student organizers presented a list of demands for the university to deal with.

Looking them over, Chancellor Andrew Leavitt acknowledged that many of the demands were similar to the ones that students had made 50 years ago, including hiring more faculty and staff from minority groups and changing the curriculum to

foster a sense of inclusion.

The list of demands and the open forum to discuss campus climate came about in response to an incident in which a derogatory statement about student government candidates was posted on social media. According to multiple accounts, the statement read, "UWO Vote for these guys unless you want a lesbian or Hmong to win."

The words were superimposed on a picture of two white males who were running for office — and who went on to win the election, according to preliminary results.

All six of the students running for the top positions in the Oshkosh Student Association issued a joint statement decrying the social media message. "We all commit to standing together today to acknowledge that our campus has racism and homophobia among many other issues," the statement said.

One of the candidates, Alicia Obermeier, said she had to withdraw from a different university because of sexual harassment and had been reluctant to be identified as lesbian in part because of concerns about her future employability.

"In over 20 states in the United States, I can get fired for my sexuality alone," she said. "Now that I am out to the world, my name is now attached to this. That puts me at risk. That puts my safety at risk."

Federal statistics show only half a dozen hate crimes reported on the campus over a recent three-year period, the most common being vandalism. But speakers at the open forum said these numbers vastly understate the degree to which minority students are subject to bias and harassment.

Among the students' demands is that the university expand its reporting of bias

incidents, which may include verbal abuse or other acts motivated by intolerance but not rising to the level of a crime. The students want to see timely notification when a bias event occurs, an annual accounting of the university's responses to such incidents and an email to students each semester describing how to report problems when they occur.

At the top of list of student demands was a call to "hold individuals responsible," referring to the student who posted the offending message on social media. The student's identity is widely known on campus and the school is conducting an investigation.

But responding to the incident will take the university into a murky area where the constitutional guarantee of freedom of speech comes up against a university policy of promoting an environment "free from ... harassment, disruption and intimidation."

As recently as 2017 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that offensive language, even hate speech, enjoys constitutional protection. The ruling referred specifically to "speech that demeans on the basis of race, ethnicity, gender, religion, age, disability or any other similar ground."

"Speech may not be banned on the ground that it expresses ideas that offend," the court said on behalf of an Asian-American band called The Slants. The group had gone to court to win trademark protection for its name, which the federal government had blocked on the grounds that the term was a racial slur.

Leavitt said there is not much the university can do about the student exercising his First Amendment right to express an opinion about a candidate for office. But "what we want to do is carefully assess what has happened to see if other policies may have been violated," the chancellor said.

Leavitt said his focus is on "where free speech and safe spaces intersect on college campuses."

People should be able "to challenge conservative or liberal ideologies in a mixed group," he said. "It just has to be done in such a way that you are not targeting an individual and accusing them based on that attribute (that is perceived to be a) defect," he said.

Leavitt's goal is "to create the kind of institution where a person can come and be themselves and feel safe in being themselves but still be able to engage on controversial issues where it is not necessarily about their identity."

At UW-Oshkosh it is not just minority students who say they do not feel comfortable speaking out. Because many undergraduates and instructors hold progressive views, conservative-leaning students sometimes say they feel silenced in the classroom.

The student who made the post has been publicly rebuked, but not by the university. In a statement published on its Facebook page, the UW-Oshkosh College Republicans said they had kicked him out of their organization.

"Oshkosh College Republicans have zero tolerance for racism, bigotry and any form of discrimination," the group said. Members "are in full support of him facing the greatest consequences."

Miles Maguire is editor of the Oshkosh Examiner news blog.





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Community honors efforts at Celebrate Education

County, Aurora offer chronic pain classes

More than \$53,000 was awarded during the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation's annual Celebrate Education event March 19 to recognize and honor educators, administrators and volunteers.

Forty-five educators from public and private schools were presented with classroom and professional development grants, along with other leaders and volunteers recognized for innovative contributions to education.

Educators and schools submitted more than \$70,000 in grant proposals to the foundation.

Devon Hudak of ARC Contracting received the Oshkosh Area School District's Spirit of Education Award presented for exceptional service to the school and

community that inspires others and serves as a role model for school and community partnerships.

Oshkosh Corp. received the Dr. Stanley Spanbauer Education and Leadership Award from Lourdes Academy. The award recognizes a long-term commitment to Lourdes and its mission. Oshkosh Corp. also received the Chamber of Commerce's Educational Leadership Award for its support of initiatives in the community.

Jim and Rosanne Keller received the Valley Christian School's Friends of Education Award.

Rudoy Awards for Teaching Excellence, established in 1996, support teachers' efforts to provide the best possible education. Recipients included Jeff Erdmann,

Perry Tipler Middle School; Tara Lipinski, South Park Middle School; Debbie Heinen, South Park; Melanie Wroblewski, Carl Traeger Middle School; Erin Tedesco, Carl Traeger; Jamie Horn, Charter School; Beckie Lehman, Valley Christian School; Sarah Warren, Webster Stanley Middle School; Margie Metcalf, Webster Stanley; and Bill Scheuermann, Webster Stanley.

South Park received the Edward and Belle Rudoy Fund Technology Grant to purchase 30 virtual and augmented reality devices for social studies, sciences and other disciplines. A 360-degree camera will also be purchased for teachers to create their own virtual experiences.

Celebrate Education grants also were

awarded, funded by the Mid-Morning Kiwanis Club of Oshkosh, Mildred M. and Edward W. Baar Youth & Education Fund, Elizabeth J. Rasmussen School Program Fund and the Oshkosh Area School District Education Foundation. The list of recipients can be found at www.oshkoshareacf.org under News & Events.

The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh College of Education and Human Services awarded grants for classroom enhancement or professional development to Alyssa Rumlow at Jefferson Elementary School and April Davis at Lakeside Elementary School.

Health curriculum

The Oshkosh Area School District will have a parent information and preview meeting on the grades 4 and 5 human growth and development curriculum at 6 p.m. April 16 in the board room at the Ad-

education students wanting to view the modified curriculum will meet at the end of the parent session for additional information. Parents who cannot attend should

Youth Symphony plays at Howard

present An Evening at The Howard beginning at 6 p.m. April 18 featuring the symphony's Chamber Program and collaborative Strings Program from the Boys



ministration Office, 215 S. Eagle St. Parents of cognitively disabled special

contact their elementary school principal.

The Oshkosh Youth Symphony will & Girls Club of Oshkosh.

Complimentary light appetizers and a cash bar will be offered as patrons will have the opportunity to get to know the musicians before the performance. Tickets can be purchased at oshkoshyouthsymphony. org, or at the door, with proceeds benefiting Youth Symphony programs.



Two Oshkosh Area School District seniors will receive 2019 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Excellence Scholarships and one of its teachers earned a Teacher Fellowship.

Megan Best at Oshkosh West and Miranda Leggett at North were selected for exceptional scholarship, leadership, citizenship, and school and community involvement. Best enjoys science and Spanish and is enrolled in a Spanish CAPP class through a partnership with the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. She is also a member of the O'Neil National Honor Society and the West Student Athlete Volunteer Expedition and spends free time volunteering. She plans to attend UW-Eau Claire and continue participating in track and field.

Leggett enjoys choir, Spanish, English and biology, is a member of the Polaris National Honor Society, Hispanic Honor Society, North Choir Council, acapella clubs, and regularly participates in plays and musicals. Leggett also volunteers for the Special Olympics and Salvation Army and is a swim coach for the YMCA Swim Team. She plans to attend the Georgia Institute of Technology to study biochemistry and Spanish, and hopes to attend medical school.

The Winnebago County Health Depart-

ment and Aurora Medical Center are of-

fering a Healthy Living with Chronic Pain

The new class is designed for adults deal-

ing with ongoing pain who will be able to

connect with two certified leaders provid-

workshop beginning Tuesday.

Best and Legget will each receive a \$10,000 award and be honored at a regional luncheon along with 186 other Herb Kohl scholarship and award recipients this spring.

Alexandra Griffith, an English teacher at Oshkosh West, was named a Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Teacher Fellow. She will receive a \$6,000 grant and West High will receive a matching \$6,000 grant.

The Kohl Foundation program was established by Herb Kohl, philanthropist, U.S. senator and businessman, in 1990 and has awarded \$17.8 million to state educators, principals, students and schools.

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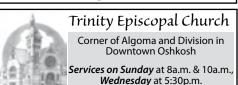
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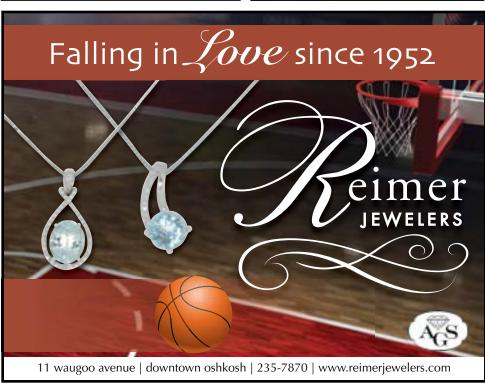
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Concert brings message of self-esteem

Musical performer Stuart Jacobson will bring his educational message April 4 to students at the Jacob Shapiro STEM Academy to talk about youth depression, suicide and bullying with his brand of superhero training.

Jacobson calls himself a superhero instructor who for the past five years has developed and performed an interactive school assembly, library and camp program — Be Kind Be Positive and Read that inspires and empowers children.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's 2017 Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System reported that 19 percent of students in grades 9-12 said they were bullied on school property in the 12 months prior, and 14.9 percent said they were cyberbullied.

He describes the 40-minute show as a cross between Shel Silverstein meets Art Linkletter sung by Bob Dylan planting the seed that being kind makes you popular, being positive lets you achieve your goals



Stuart Jacobson performs at Washington Elementary School in Oshkosh two years ago.

and reading makes you smart.

Jacobsen will be at New Moon Coffee Shop, 401 N. Main St., at 4 p.m. after the show to discuss his work. His first children's book, "I Like to Be Liked," will be available this spring.

Community news briefs

Chamber hosts final debate before April 2 vote

Mayor Steve Cummings and Deputy Mayor Lori Palmeri will take part in a mayoral candidate forum sponsored by the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Hilton Garden Inn.

The forum ahead of next Tuesday's election for the two-year position features a meet-and-greet with the candidates from 7:30 to 8, followed by a debate from about 8 to 9 a.m. The debate will be broadcast live on WOSH and moderated by Bob Burnell.

The format will include opening and closing comments by Cummings and Palmeri, followed by a series of questions for response and rebuttal from members of the chamber.

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There are also three Common Council at-large positions on the spring election ballot. Deb Allison-Aasby, Tom Pech Jr. and Jake Krause are being challenged by Bob Poeschl and Robert Wilcox.

District panel recommends vendor to upgrade website

The Oshkosh Area School District's website is nearing an overhaul after a committee's four-month review project has recommended a new vendor to redesign

A panel composed of internal and external users, with input from a website survey, identified the shortcomings of the existing site in its content management systems, limited search functionality and lack of mobile design. At the Board of Education's Wednesday meeting the committee

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recommended a contract with Finalsite, a global provider of school marketing and communications software and services, from among 10 vendor proposals.

Developing a communications infrastructure and continuing to enhance the OASD website had been identified as a goal and strategy within the district's twoyear Communication Plan.

A project timeline has been developed with expected completion in October pending board approval.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological

March 29, 1900

Ex-Senator Sawyer dead:

Former U.S. senator and Oshkosh resident Philetus Sawyer died unexpectedly at 9:15 this morning at the home of his son Edgar P. Sawyer. The elder statesman had reportedly been ill but a short time, but there were no indications death was near. He was 83 years of age. Sawyer was a very prominent man in the community and used his wealth to strengthen civic presence. Early investments in the lumber industry, the railroad and even a large cattle operation in Texas provided an accumulated wealth of about \$2 million (estimated today to equal about \$58 million) at the time of his death. He served as Oshkosh mayor from 1863-1864 and left that office only to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from 1865-1875. He returned to public office in 1881 as a U.S. senator and held that office until 1893 when he decided against running for a third term. He was considered a leader of the Republican party. The community joined in mourning his death, turning out by the thousands for his funeral, as he was considered a generous man, loved by his friends, neighbors and citizens of Oshkosh. Sawyer is buried in the Sawyer Family Mausoleum at Riverside Cemetery.

> Source: "We Shall Never Pass This Way Again" by Randy R. Domer; Oshkosh Daily Northwestern, March 29, 1900





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Case against former UWO officials under state review

By Miles Maguire
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

With two former top officials of the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh due back in court next month, the new attorney general is reviewing the criminal and civil cases against them.

"The Department of Justice is evaluating the appropriate disposition of these matters," said Rebecca A. Ballweg, the agency's deputy director of communications.

The review comes in the wake of an agreement between the UW System Board of Regents and the UW Oshkosh Foundation to resolve their differences. The foundation has submitted a plan of reorganization that, if approved this week, would allow it to emerge from bankruptcy.

Former Chancellor Richard Wells and former Vice Chancellor Thomas Sonnleitner have been accused of acting improperly in facilitating financial arrangements between the foundation and university. They are scheduled to return to Winnebago County District Court on April 2 for a status conference on their case.

The accusations against the two, con-

tained in separate criminal and civil cases, rely on a reading of the Wisconsin Constitution that has been rejected by both federal and state courts as the foundation case has developed. Without that legal support for its position, the state faces a challenge in advancing the charges against Wells and Sonnleitner.

The cases were brought by the Department of Justice when it was led by Republican Brad D. Schimel. He was replaced by a new attorney general, Democrat Josh Kaul.

The civil case seeks the recovery of "actual damages" suffered by the UW System because of actions taken by Wells and Sonnleitner. But late last year, the university regents said in a statement that they were "pleased" to take over two real estate projects at the UW-Oshkosh campus. This language of the regents' announcement suggests there were no financial losses suffered by the school when the value of the buildings is compared to cash outlays.

Raymond M. Dall'Osto, Wells' attorney, did not respond to a request for comment.

Miles Maguire is editor of the Oshkosh Examiner



Submitted photo

The Oshkosh FIRST Wave Robotics Team has worked its way back to the world championships in Detroit.

Urban mobility technology to be showcased at EAA

A showcase highlighting autonomous air vehicles, hover bikes and personal air vehicles has been added to Aviation Gateway Park at the 67th annual Experimental Aircraft Association fly-in convention July 22, 28



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"Urban air mobility and the next wave of experimental aircraft are moving forward at a breathtaking rate, with ideas, investments and possibilities emerging that will change the way we transport ourselves," stated Dave Chaimson, EAA vice president of marketing and business development. "TransportUP's support allows EAA to bring these technologies and concepts to the worldwide audience that attends AirVenture each year."

The showcase is one of the four featured areas at Aviation Gateway Park, which also encompasses the Aviation Innovation Showcase, the Education and Career Center and the forum pavilion.



Robotics team earns another trip to Detroit championship

Oshkosh FIRST Wave Robotics Team is heading back to the world championships in Detroit after a successful showing in regional competition earlier this month.

Wave Robotics finished seeding matches at the Northern Lights Regional competition in Duluth, Minn., ranked third among 59 other high school teams.

As a captain of its alliance — a collaborative grouping of teams — Wave made it through several battles to the finals. The team earned a second place overall, won a

technical award for superior robot quality and earned a spot at the World Championship in Detroit on April 24-27.

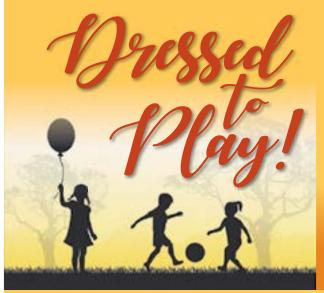
This will be the team's seventh trip to the championship in its 11-year existence. Wave will resume competition and tune up for the championships April 4-6 at the Seven Rivers Regional in La Crosse.

The team is also planning an open house next month at its home base in Perry Tipler Middle School with details being worked out.

Medicare information offered at center

A Welcome to Medicare seminar is being offered at 5:30 p.m. April 10 at the Oshkosh Seniors Center. The free introductory presentation includes the Oshkosh Social Security office with informa-

tion on retirement benefits, followed by elder benefit specialist Joan Jaworski with the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Winnebago County. Reservations can be made at 920-232-5300.



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Business climate

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Kleman, along with City Manager Mark Rohloff and Jason White, chief executive officer of the Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corp., were interviewed separately last week.

Among the themes explored:

- The December 2017 decision of Oshkosh Corp. to expand corporate headquarters in its home city is a boost to every business that connects with the company and the city. The city's largest manufacturer has since made notable municipal investments, including a \$600,000 donation toward the development of the Riverwalk project.
- The Sawdust District has potential to serve the city's current residents at a high level and to attract needed employees, especially young professionals. At the end of February, the unemployment rate in the Oshkosh-Neenah area was 2.8 percent, according to the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics, leaving employers hungry for qualified workers.
- The Menominee Nation Arena has brought a welcome shot of energy to the city for — and from — community-minded sports and entertainment fans, from the Wisconsin Herd and Wisconsin Glo professional basketball to rock and country concerts, and from comedy events to farmers markets and roller derby matches.
- Plans for the Morgan District provide a breath of fresh air for housing development in the city proper, where single-family housing starts are not as common as those in neighboring towns.

"I feel really optimistic," said Rohloff. "The Sawdust District, and what that means, is going to be big. And it kind of goes hand-in-hand with the Morgan District, which is a little farther up the (Fox)

In less than five full years in Oshkosh, White has been involved in the development of the arena and the campaign to bring the Bucks' G League team to the city, and the proposals to keep Oshkosh Corp. at home, aside from juggling other multiple development balls. It's been a busy time for the Iowa native.

"From a business-climate standpoint I think we're improving in some sense, but I think in other ways we still have some work to do," White said. "The city has made some changes to improve the level of service at city hall over the years.

"But there are some things that we don't have. In Iowa, we had the ability to utilize a local sales tax to pay for our schools and our infrastructure. We don't have that here. It has limited our resources to do some things. Iowa also had, I think, a better equalization formula for (funding)





Kleman

schools."

For White, the future is now.

"We are largely focused on whatever today's issues are," he said, "and today's issues are issues that continue to be more problematic over the past number of years. Take the area of workforce development. On the one hand, it's a good thing that anyone who wants a job has a job. On the other hand, we're risking that companies will have to close if they can't find people to hire."

That lends urgency for attracting workers from outside the area. As an example of the need, Kleman said more than 1,500 information technology positions are unfilled in the greater Oshkosh area, with more than 4,000 openings throughout northeastern and east-central Wisconsin.

A part of drawing a skilled and young workforce will revolve around entertainment and free-time alternatives in the Sawdust District.

"We're just finishing a draft of the Sawdust District plan," Rohloff said, "and we've broken the district down into five different areas, geographically, based on where they are close to the river, where they are close to Main Street. ... The arena is really just one anchor of that. The gem is the Pioneer Inn (riverfront site of former hotel and conference center) ... The market has still got to be right."

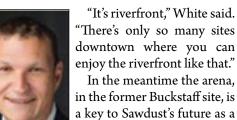
Local developer Art Dumke holds the option on the Pioneer Inn property, which gives Rohloff hope. "He's got to find somebody that he wants to partner with ... and that's just going to take time, and a lot of money," Rohloff said.

"A lot of people want another Pioneer Inn. That may or may not happen. That's probably No. 1 on the list, but I don't know if it's necessarily going to happen.

"It's too expensive to just do residential housing. They (the units) would be too high-end for Oshkosh, and it's got to be priced right for Oshkosh. Office, or mixed use, is probably the likely use on the other side of the tracks on Pioneer Drive. So I'm hopeful that one will trigger the other."

Kleman said that while the Pioneer property has no firmly established future use, its potential has not diminished.

"There probably isn't a site like that anywhere in northeast Wisconsin," Kleman said. "The highest and best use would probably be a resort facility ... but the market has to support that."



White

"I think there's a big future there next to the arena," Kle-

regional entertainment desti-

man said. "The Bucks, the Herd, the arena have really brought great attention to Oshkosh. From an image perspective and everything that goes along with that, it's been really wonderful for the community."

"It's all about building confidence," Rohloff said. "If we can build confidence with one (project), it'll trigger the others. And ... we, as a community, have to be nimble enough to see that as an opportunity."

To that end, Kleman noted that final designs are in the works for a \$32 million, 238-unit housing development across the street from the chamber's Jackson Street office, along the river. The complex would include first-floor commercial space, he said.

"It's a unique proposal. They're going to keep the riverfront open to the public," Kleman said.

Across the river from that location on the former Jeld-Wen/Morgan Door site a group of local developers have 27 acres and plans to build three 54-unit housing facilities, with the possibility of alternate plans for the finished construction, Kleman said.

White said the lack of a downtown gas station and grocery store should also be addressed.

"The lack of a grocery store is a problem," he said. "If we're going to have the kind of downtown that we want, we need to have food."

Still, plans for creating apartment- or condo-based housing in the central city don't necessarily speak to families seeking a home of their own. The relative dearth of new single-family housing within the city has been a focus for a chamber-sponsored task force, Kleman said.

"There's probably more of a lack of single-family housing in the city of Oshkosh versus if you go to the Town of Algoma, Town of Oshkosh and Town of Clayton,"

"On the north side we've got a lot of institutional stuff, and that's created a problem (for housing) there," Rohloff said. "But we're doing some multifamily housing out there, hoping that will trigger some single-family (homes). ... We have some pockets on the south side where we have the ability to grow. ... And north and west of 41, we have some opportunities."

More home-building opportunities are available to the west, off 9th Avenue, according to Rohloff. "That's where our bigger opportunities will be," he said.

"But even with all the talk about what the millennials look for, when they settle down and get married, they're still going to want the house-with-the-white-picketfence type of thing," Rohloff said. "I think the millennials will start that later, but we have to have both — the entry-level, before they're ready to commit to a partner or it's committing to real estate or committing to a job — but at a certain point, they're going to settle down, and when they have kids, they're going to get anchored."

Keeping Oshkosh Corp.'s al headquarters is a vital piece of the growth-and-development puzzle that White, Kleman, Rohloff and other leaders and developers work on daily. The company's decision presents them with an opportunity to create adjacent business potential - physically, financially or developmentally.

"It's given the community a boost that a Fortune 500 company has stated that they're going to continue their presence in Oshkosh," Rohloff said.

"I think they wanted to be here," White said. "We just had to make sure we showed them how much we wanted them to be here as well. We stepped up to the plate because there was a lot of competition there.

"I think it's also important for our stakeholders to know that if there's a high-value, high-growth, high-paying company that wants to come to our area, we're going to compete with everything we have to land them. ... But having said that, it's also important to take care of those companies that were here before them. We want our existing businesses to be our cheerleaders."

New food-drink-gas businesses in the new Oshkosh Corp. area will have a less-prominent, more-tasteful building style, Rohloff said. One of two new Casey's General Store locations in Oshkosh — one is already under construction on Jackson Street — will be in that vicinity.

"If you want to put a fast-food place there, recognize that you're going to have to up your game," he said. "It's going to be the low-profile signs, and no cheap roofs or anything like that.

"I think we're just scratching the surface of what Oshkosh Corp. can do for our community. They've just now become more engaged in the community. So, it's almost like we've just won a brand-new Fortune 500 company."

The company's commitment is clear and appreciated, Kleman said.

"It's been more than ever before," he said. "That would have been devastating if they had left. Devastating for us. Not just the loss of the employees, but the loss of the corporate headquarters name. ... We've overcome that in Oshkosh."





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Herd loses out; Bucks waive Wood and Duval

By Ti Windisch HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Wisconsin Herd lost its final four regular season games after back-to-back home wins to finish with a 12-38 record in a tough second season.

Two Milwaukee Bucks roster moves impacted the end of Wisconsin's season, as Herd mainstays Christian Wood and Trevon Duval were both released by the Bucks in March.

Wood's NBA roster spot was needed elsewhere, as Malcolm Brogdon will miss weeks of action with a foot injury and lingering issues caused Sterling Brown, Donte DiVincenzo and George Hill to miss time as well. In response, the Bucks waived Wood, who was claimed quickly by the New Orleans Pelicans, and signed Tim Frazier to provide guard depth.

Duval's release is less cut and dried. NBA teams cannot add two-way players after Jan. 15 of an NBA season, so Duval will not be replaced until the offseason. Duval did not play in either of Wisconsin's last two games and hadn't played for the Bucks since early February.

The 20-year-old point guard showed promise in his first professional season but spent time both coming off the bench and in the starting lineup. Duval averaged 12.6 points, 2.8 rebounds, 3.6 assists and 1.2 steals per game.

With Wisconsin's season over, Herd fans can catch Milwaukee Bucks games to see some Herd alumni including D.J. Wilson, Sterling Brown and Donte DiVincenzo, and potentially Bonzie Colson, although he won't be eligible to play in the postseason as a two-way player.



Photos by Emil Vajgrt Herd forward Christian Wood scored 35 points and had 15 rebounds against the Lakeland Magic in the the team's last home game of the season, which was also his last game for Wisconsin before he was waived. At right, Herd players stand behind local students standing for the national anthem

before the March 15 game at the arena.



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Learning in Retirement calendar

The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Learning in Retirement program offers educational opportunities on a variety of topics to retirees and pre-retirees. New members are welcome to join through uwosh.edu/lir, calling 920-424-0876 or at lir@uwosh.edu.

April 1: Your Library Comes to You session on digital resources the Public Library has to offer. Presenter: Sara Kumerow, digital services librarian

April 4: An Early Autumn Visit to Central New England armchair tour of Newport, R.I.; and Mystic, Hartford and Wethersfield, Conn. Presenter: Larry Lang

April 5: What On Earth Has Been Going on With Women? Program on abolitionist feminists, universal suffrage, ten-

sions between black and white activists, and approaches in the 1800s and early 1900s. Presenters: Carmen Heider, professor of communications studies, and Helen Bannan, associate professor emerita, History and Women's Studies

April 8: How the Auto Companies Take Our Money explores how the auto industry makes its money, looking especially at the psychology of marketing. Presenters: Tom Herzing, Larry Lang and Barry Perlman.

April 10: A New Chapter in the Loss of the Indianapolis and Crew updates the largest single disaster at sea suffered by the U.S. Navy. Presenter: Dick Campbell

April 16: Chef's Choice looks at history of autism, its diagnosis, typical behavior, treatment and therapies. Presenter: Angela

Wade, board certified behavior analyst

April 17: What Is It? program about the Oshkosh Public Museum gives participants a chance to learn about a selection of objects. Presenter: Debra Daubert, curator of exhibitions

April 22: "We Shall Never Pass This Way Again" author Randy Domer talks about stories from his new book.

April 26: Oshkosh Downtown YMCA Tour shows the major upgrade at the downtown location. Presenter: Tom Blaze, CEO of the YMCA

April 29: My Two Elaines features former Wisconsin Gov. Martin J. Schreiber sharing lessons from his journey as a caregiver for his wife, who lives with Alzheimer's disease. The 10 a.m. program at the UW Oshkosh Alumni Welcome and Conference Center is open to the public.

April 30: Buddhism tenets will be presented and contrasted to how it is more recently practiced in the Western World. Presenter: Bill Mattes

Motor coach trips

April 6: "Come From Away" at the Performing Arts Center in Appleton

April 12: Learn about the 10-week truck driving program at the Fox Valley Technical College campus in Appleton, then travel to Schneider International headquarters in Green Bay and tour its logistics center

April 18: LondonDairy Alpaca Ranch and Washington House tour with lunch at the Water's Edge restaurant in Two Rivers.

April 24: Mosquito Hill Nature Center visit features naturalist Mike Hibbard discusses the classification, biology and habits of rabbits and other Lagomorphs. He will also explore the origins of the Easter Bunny, Peter Rabbit, Bugs Bunny and other legendary Leporidae. Following the presentation, we will have lunch at Osorio's Latin Fusion. Date: Wednesday, April 24.

April 27: "Noises Off" theater production at UW-Oshkosh's Menasha campus.

Lourdes star named to WBCA team

Lourdes Academy basketball player Alexis Rolph has been named to the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association All Star Team.

Rolph will be a member of D4 South team in WBCA games that will showcase seniors from each division at Justagame Fieldhouse in Wisconsin Dells on June 14. Since 1978, the WBCA has donated more than \$2.8 million to the MACC (Midwest Athletes Against Childhood Cancer) Fund.

Information on supporting Rolph and the MACC fund can be found at www. wisbca.org/allstar-game.

Gymnastics results

The Oshkosh Gymnastics Center Level 6-10 optional teams competed March 9-10 in Mequon at the Under the Sea Invitational hosted by North Shore Academy of Gymnastics at Concordia University.

Representing OGC's Level 6 team, Neva Schlies placed third on beam (9.375), fifth on floor (9.375) and fourth All-Around with a score of 35.850 for ages 11 and under. Greta Morris placed fifth on vault (8.925) and fifth (T) All-Around with a score of 35.825, while Aubryn Gudex placed fifth on beam (9.125) for ages 11 and under. In the 12 and older group, Isabella Spatt placed fifth on bars (8.6), second on beam (9.3) and second (T) All-Around with a score of 35.675. Payton Ronson placed fifth (T) on vault (8.8) and fifth on beam (9.15), while Katelynn Gatchell placed third (T) on floor (9.275). The Level 6 team took third place with a score of 108.275.

OGC's Level 7 team also had a good showing. Olivia Navin placed first on vault (9.2), fifth on bars (8.6), third on floor (9.3) and fourth All-Around with a score of 35.275 for age 13. Sydney Ganzer placed second on bars (8.85), fifth on beam (8.75) and fifth All-Around with a score of 34.900 and Parker Loberg placed second on floor (9.35) for age 13. Edyn Marx placed second on vault (9.0), second on bars (9.0), second (T) on beam (9.075), first on floor (9.625) and first All-Around with a score of 36.700 for age 14. Abigail Stevens placed fifth (T) on beam, fourth on floor (9.25) and fourth All-Around with a score of 35.075 for age 14. The Level 7 team took fourth place with a score of 108.075.

The OGC Level 8 team placed in many events. For ages 12 and under, Natasha Konop placed fourth on vault (9.05), first on bars (9.3), and third All-Around with a score of 35.600. Madeline Anderson placed fifth on beam (8.6) and third on floor (9.175), while Lydia Barr placed fifth on bars (9.05) and Sydnee Nelson placed fifth on vault (9.025) for ages 12 and under. In the 13-14 year age group, Samantha Lor and Audrey Brenner tied for fourth on bars (8.95), while Audrey placed fourth on vault (9.150). The Level 8 team placed second with a score of 107.475.

OGC's Level 9 team was dominant in the 16 and older age group. Jordyn Faust placed first on vault (9.225), first on bars (8.85), first on beam (9.075), first on floor (9.05) and first All-Around with a score of 36.200. Rachel Hencke placed second on vault (9.15), third on bars (8.2), fourth (T) on beam (8.2), fourth (T) on floor (8.65) and second All-Around with a score of 34.200. Cambree Griedl placed fifth on vault (8.9), fourth on bars (8.15), third on beam (8.4) and third All-Around with a score of 33.900. Grace Groeschel placed fourth (T) on floor (8.65). The Level 9 team placed third with a score of 104.500. Jenna Nelson, OEC's Level 10 gymnast, placed first on vault (9.075), first on bars (8.8), first on beam (8.05), first on floor (8.4) and first All-Around with a score of 34.325 for ages 17 and older.

North, West compete in Ripon track meet

Oshkosh North and West high schools competed in the Ripon College Showcase track and field meet Saturday, where the boys teams placed 10th and 13th, respectively. Mukwonago scored 88 points to win the event. The West girls team took sixth place and the North team was 14th in their meet that Franklin won with 85 points.

Evan Wendland of West placed second in the 200-meter race with a time of 23.26. Dominic Brown of North won the 60-meter hurdles in 8.57.

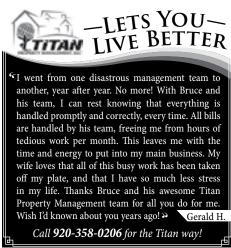
Anika Larson of West took second place at 3,200 meters with a time of 13:19.72. Rachel Mueller of West placed third in the pole vault and Ilana Milos of North was second in the long jump.

NAMI offers Family Educational Series classes

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)-Oshkosh will be offering a Family to Family Educational Series beginning at 6 p.m. Monday at 525 N. Main St.

The classes are free but participants should register by calling 920-651 1148 or at mary@namioshkosh.org.











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Making most of walleye spawning dash

By Kyle Sorensen Courtesy of Badger Sportsman

I know some of us sure have warm weather on the mind after we endured some bitter cold temperatures and a ton of snow this ice season. The hard water season is still going strong for some, while for others, the boat might have gotten wet a couple times.

I look forward to spring for one reason, and one reason only: the spring run on the Lake Winnebago system.

This year's spring run will hold yet another fun adventure for those coming from various corners of the country to partake in some of the fast-paced action the spring run offers. Some bring their boats, their RVs, their gear - pretty much everything at their disposal – while some just bring their fishing gear and a blanket to use in their vehicle when a quick nap is needed.

Resorts around the area have annual returning guests that book out years in advance, creating an annual tradition for those family or friends within each group. Living on our lake and river system for as long as I have, I've certainly seen it all.

Many walleye had already started making their way from the shores of Lake Winnebago up through the Fox and Wolf rivers in February to begin staging around their spawning grounds in the northern marshes. Each year, several variables determine the success of their journey, such as stable conditions, sufficient water levels and minimal exploitation rates. If water levels are too low, the fish cannot enter the shallows of these marshes and sit and wait for the conditions to improve. Anglers are there waiting for them.

After attending a couple of informative meetings and reviewing lots of data produced by the great biologists on our system, I learned tag return data has shown a higher exploitation rate on some of classifications of walleyes than previously thought. Various ideas for changing regulations have been kicked around. Some included a slot-type regulation, reducing the number of lines an angler can use and minimizing the bag limit.

It appears as though the bag limit on the Lake Winnebago system will be reduced from five walleye to three to help combat higher exploitation rates. This change will still allow everyone to experience



Photo from Badger Sportsmar

Kyle Sorensen displays a spring-catch walleye.

the fruits of the Lake Winnebago system, while preserving our awesome fishery, no matter how you fish it.

Growing up, each year I'd ask Grandpa when we could finally go out in the Tin Can – a 1969 aluminum Jon boat with an 8-horsepower engine – and start pounding away at the walleye. He'd always answer with the same response each year around this time: "Kid, as a rule, the ice is always off the lakes by April Fool's Day."

Fast forward many years and good 'ol Gramps has been right many years, but with a few exceptions due to Mother Nature showing us who's boss. While the ice might not be completely off the lakes by the end of March, the river systems hold some amazing fishing opportunities. Whether you plan on hitting the Fox or Wolf, there are three main tactics that pay off for me every year.

Dragging crawlers on lead heads through the basin of the river is a dynamite tactic. Along the same lines of dragging jigs is vertical jigging. While it's a simple tactic, there are some important factors to note.

If you've fished the Wolf and Fox rivers near the Lake Winnebago system, you know how quick the current can grow and dissipate. The overall goal of vertical jigging, besides catching fish, is obviously keeping the jig vertical. For instance, if I'm presenting a minnow and jig combo, I'm constantly making sure the line is straight up and down. If it's not, I'm going to either upsize or downsize the jig, along with possibly introducing bow-mount power to compensate for a fast current challenging a light jig. I don't fish with 1-ounce jigs, so it's a matter of give and take when it comes to finding that happy medium. Whatever conditions I'm facing, I'm always looking to use the lightest jig possible.

With my electronics on the bow, I can see my jig and fish under it. To get a better idea of what I mean, picture ice fishing, but in a boat. On the other side, I'm also taking note of any structures underneath that can hold fish or ultimately hang up a jig. If my Humminbird shows a structure that holds fish behind it, you can bet I will quickly pause the screen and mark a waypoint so I can go back and hit it again with ease. Speaking of ease, the next two tactics go hand in hand as well - the thumper/ floater and fly rig.

Both the thumper/floater and fly rig resemble one another due to their use of a weight and a three-way swivel. There are several variations of each rig, but for argument's sake, a fly rig can brandish up to three flies – tied in unison – along leads upwards of 8 feet in length. A dropper weight holds the rig down in the current, and can be from a half ounce to a couple of ounces in extreme conditions. The thumper/floater uses a dropper weight in upwards of 3 to 4 ounces to hold down a long 6- to 7-foot lead that brandishes a large, floating Rapala. Each of these rigs have a time and place in my boat.

I look at the fly rig as the most versatile rig during the spring run period. It allows the angler to target and catch a variety of species while constantly moving around in search mode. Subtle pumps of this rig - as it's worked through the current can trick many fish into committing. The problem with this rig is if you get into a mess of white bass, they will more than likely take the place of hungry walleye in the area. This certainly isn't horrible - I love catching walleye. So this is where the thumper/floater comes in.

The thumper/floater shines when trying to eliminate the white bass, crappie, smaller walleye, etc. Because of the use of such a large floating Rapala, it doesn't look like an easy snack compared to a small fly for those fish with smaller mouths. This usually means the quality of the fish I catch will be more of the targeted size.

This rig is literally thumped off the bottom, hence the name. A strong thrust of the rod, followed by a dead pause, causes the Rapala to jolt through the water while diving, ultimately floating back up when a pause is thrown in. This action mimics two things. The first is that of a sizable meal attempting to swim up current. The second is that of a meal not doing well and is easy to eat. No matter what it looks like, this can certainly trigger some fish.

Kyle Sorensen grew up all around the United States due to his father being in the military, but ultimately ended up back in his hometown of Oshkosh. He enjoys being able to pass on his knowledge and love for the outdoors in the form of online videos and articles. He can be reached through his website at OBoutdoors. com. This column is a reprint from the Badger Sportsman's March/April issue.

UW-Oshkosh gymnasts take fourth in nationals at Kolf

The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh women's gymnastics team placed fourth in the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association (NCGA) Championships that it hosted Saturday at the Kolf Sports Center.

The College at Brockport (N.Y.) took the top spot with a score of 191.050, with UW-Stout in second place at 190.275 and two-time defending champion bars, Franchesca Hutton (UW-White-UW-Whitewater in third with 190.150, ahead of 189.400 for UW-Oshkosh. Titans coach Lauren Karnitz was named 2019 NCGA coach of the year.

Individual champions included Shadae Boone (UW-Stout) in the vault, Courtney Christoforo (Ithaca College) in uneven

water) on balance beam, Emma Schulz (SUNY Cortland) in floor exercise and Candis Kowalik (College at Brockport) for the all-around title.

For the Titans Jessica Bernardo took third place in all-around, Rahdea Jarvis and Emily Gilot tied for eighth and Haley Minor was 11th in vault, Baylee Tkaczuk and Kaira Hammond placed fourth and fifth in uneven parallel bars, Hammond was 15th in balance beam, and Gilot took sixth and Olivia Keller ninth in floor ex-

The top eight finishers in each event category earned All-America honors.

Book release

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knew Oshkosh had a pretty good brewing history but until you really dig in there, it's incredible what happened here," he said.

The book is mostly chronological, starting with the county's first brewery in Oshkosh formed in 1849. There are 31 breweries covered and with the steady growth of the industry two more — in Neenah and Omro — have opened since.

Other chapters take a look at Winneba-

go County's extensive hop industry in the second half of the 19th century, its considerable saloon history and independent beer bottlers that arose.

"There's kind of a coherent story here and a lot of interrelationships between how these breweries worked — and how they sometimes didn't work together," he

Reiherzer's research has found that Oshkosh's beer enthusiasm, and by extension much of Wisconsin, had a degree of national notoriety that can be found in East Coast publications like the New York Times. "Fun with the boys in Oshkosh"

became a euphemism for rowdy drinking behavior that appeared in late 1800s news publications that contrasted with its more temperance-focused neighbors in Appleton. What degree of "yellow journalism" was involved in those reports is unclear but the area's world-renowned lumber industry and German beer influence was unmistakable.

Today's local brewmasters continue to pay homage to that history through their brew styles and labels.

Bare Bones Brewery currently has Oshkosh Lager based on long-ago recipes from Chief Oshkosh and Peoples Beer. Fifth

Ward Brewing Co. takes it name from a 19th century brewery that stood near the UW-Oshkosh campus near where the co-founders of the business started some of their first batches.

HighHolder Brewing Co. operating out of O'Marro's Public House is named after the immigrants from Bavaria and Bohemia who settled the south side, while Fox River Brewing Co. has had a number of labels (1853, The Chief) giving a nod to the pioneers of beer here.

Reiherzer will be on hand at the April 6 launch with copies of the book available

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Obituaries

Tamara "Tami" **Fletcher**

Tamara "Tami" Fletcher, age 59, of Oshkosh, passed away on Saturday, March 16, 2019.

A visitation will be held on Friday, May 10, at Konrad-Behlman Westside (100 Lake Pointe Drive) from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. On Saturday, May 11, a 10:00 a.m. visitation will be held prior to an 11:00 Memorial service at Calvary Lutheran Church (2580 W 9th Avenue). A Celebration of Life will follow the ceremony at The Waters (1393 Washington Avenue).

Full obituary will be in the May 1 edition of the Northwestern, The Herald and The La Crosse Tribune.

KONRAD-BEHLMAN

Bunny day returns

Breakfast with the Bunny and Egg-Citing Day at the Zoo returns to Menominee Park on April 13. Tickets are available beginning Monday at the Oshkosh Parks Department administrative offices, Oshkosh Seniors Center or Oshkosh Festival Foods.

For details and volunteer opportunities, contact Jenny Mc-Collian, revenue facilities manager, at 920-236-5319.

Library offers personal finance programs

From buying a house to life insurance and estate planning, local experts will present free Money Smart Week programs next week at the Oshkosh Public Library. Programs include:

Thinking about long-term care: 5:30 p.m. Monday. Attorney Joseph McCleer discusses planning methods to get afford-

Estate planning: 6:30 p.m. Monday. Learn how a well-crafted estate plan can serve a family for generations.

Myths and truths of investing: 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. Veritas Financial offers facts on investing.

DIY investing: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. Veritas Financial highlights challenges for a novice investor.

What's your house worth?: 5:30 p.m. Wednesday. Kevin Stein from Keller Williams Realty talks about things that will improve the value of a home, and tools to assess value.

Buying a house: Where do you start?:

6:30 p.m. Wednesday. Kevin Stein from Keller Williams Realty talks about the process.

Life insurance: Why and how much?: 5:30 p.m. Thursday. Justin Schmick of Farmers Insurance discusses types and how to make it work.

How to safely reduce home, auto insurance costs: 6:30 p.m. Thursday. Schmick of Farmers Insurance breaks down coverage with recommendations to cut costs.

Theater program signups offered

JuBriCoSa Summer Arts Academy is accepting registrations for summer sessions for young people ages 7-18 to learn theater basics and some advanced theatrical techniques, then rehearse for a Broadway-style musical production.

Classes for students ages 7-13 begin June 10 and meet every Monday, Wednesday and every other Friday at New Life Community Church in Oshkosh. All students registered will be a part of the production of "The Lion King," which will be staged July 18-20 at the Winneconne Community Arts Center.

Classes for students ages 13-18 begin June 11 and meet Tuesday, Thursday and every other Friday at New Life Community Church. Students will perform the musical "Anything Goes" July 25-27 at the Winneconne Community Arts Center.

Details can be found at jubricosa.org or contact theatreman 300@yahoo.com.

Big Brothers, Sisters gives recognition to mentors, partners

Four mentors were chosen last month by Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Fox Valley Region as recipients of Big Sister, Big Brother, Big Couple and Community Partner of the year awards.

The Big Sister recipient was Rebecca Bollant, who was matched more than

three years ago with Cora from Oshkosh, helping increase Cora's self-esteem, teach her about the community and helping her look forward to graduating high school and setting goals for college.

Big Brother of the Year is Jake Bergstrom; Big Couple of the Year is Matt and

Mackenzie Klusendorf; and Community Partner of the Year Award recipients went to Jim Smock (Fox Valley Area Domino's Locations), Mark Schroeder (BlockIron) and Renee Luniak (school counselor at Badger Elementary in Appleton).

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Community events

Ongoing events

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 27

WPS Farm Show, 9 a.m., EAA Grounds, 3000 Poberezny Road

Robert Ellis: Texas Piano Man, 6:30 p.m., The Howard, 405 Washington Ave.

Thursday, March 28

WPS Farm Show, 9 a.m., EAA Grounds, 3000 Poberezny Road

Friday, March 29

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

The Second City: It's Not You, It's Me, 7:30 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

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

Saturday, March 30

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

Spring Fling Quilt Show, 9 a.m., Lourdes Academy, 110 N. Sawyer St.

Art in the Garden, 10 a.m., Hilton Garden Inn, 1355 W. 20th Ave.

Peace Lutheran Church annual rummage sale, 8 a.m., 240 W. 9th Ave.

UW Oshkosh Black and Gold Scholarship Ball, 5 p.m., UWO Alumni Welcome and Conference Center

Cocktail Hour: The Show, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

FreakShow and Tell, 8 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

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

Sunday, March 31

Art in the Garden, 10 a.m., Hilton Garden Inn, 1355 W. 20th Ave.

House of Flowers Spring Open House, 9 a.m., House of Flowers, 1920 Algoma

8th Day Project: Blessing of the Beer, 6 p.m., Oblio's Lounge, 434 N. Main St.

Monday, April 1

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

Thursday, April 4

EAA Aviation Museum Movie Night, 6:30 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum, 3000 Poberezny Road

Friday, April 5

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

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

Tusk: The Ultimate Fleetwood Mac Tribute, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

Jeffrey Foucault, 8 p.m., The Howard, 405 Washington Ave.

Star Six Nine, 8 p.m., Rev's Bowl Bar and Grill, 275 N. Washburn St.

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

Saturday, April 6

Special Olympics Indoor Sports Tournament, Kolf Sports Center, 785 High

S.J. Wittman Birthday Fly-In Breakfast, 7:30 a.m., Wittman Regional Airport, 525 W. 20th Ave.

Oshkosh History and Memorabilia Fair, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Seniors Center, 200 N. Campbell Road

Rock Steady Boxing Parkinson's Fundraising Event, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Community YMCA, 3303 W. 20th Ave.

WI State 9-Player Dart Ball Tournament, 9:30 a.m., Menominee Nation

Winnebago County Beer Book Event, 1 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co., 1501 Arboretum Drive

Winefeast, 5 p.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

Murder Mystery Dinner: A Night at the Speakeasy, 6 p.m., Best Western Premier, 1 N. Main St.

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

OshDub, 7 p.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

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

Sunday, April 7

Special Olympics Indoor Sports Tournament, Kolf Sports Center, 785 High

WI State 9-Player Dart Ball Tournament, 9:30 a.m., Menominee Nation

Temptations and 4 Tops in concert at arena May 17

Famed Motown groups The Temptations and The Four Tops will be in concert at Menominee Nation Arena at 7:30 p.m. May 17.

Called by Billboard Magazine "the greatest R&B group of all time," the Temptations began their musical life in Detroit in the early 1960s and first became stars with "The Way You Do The Things You Do." An avalanche of hits followed, including "My Girl," "It's Growing," "Since I Lost My Baby," "Get Ready," "Ain't Too Proud to Beg," "Beauty is Only Skin Deep" and "I Wish it Would Rain."

Beyond the fabulous singing, The Temps became known for smooth stepping and flawless presentations. The Temptations Walk became a staple of American style. Flair, flash and class. Millions of fans saw their Temptations as cultural heroes.



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The Temptations and The Four Tops will share the same bill May 17 at the arena.

it, Rock & Roll Hall of Fame members The Four Tops started their string of hits in 1964 with the Motown classic "Baby I Need Your Loving" followed by the No. 1 R&B and pop smash "I Can't Help Myself (Sugar Pie, Honey Bunch)" and longtime With 24 Top 40 pop hits to their cred- favorite, "It's The Same Old Song." A romantic trilogy followed: "Reach Out I'll Be There," "Standing In The Shadows Of Love" and "Bernadette."

Tickets, from \$39 to \$99, can be purchased at www.ticketstaronline.com or at the arena box office.

Pam Tillis in concert at arena

Award-winning country singer Pam Tillis will be in concert at the Menominee Nation Arena at 7:30 p.m. April 13.

The three-time CMA award winner was 1994's Female Vocalist of The Year Award and was nominated multiple times for Grammy's Best Female Country Vocal Performance. She also is a nine-time Academy of Country Music Award nominee,



a two-time Grammy award winner and six-time nominee, and an American Music Award nominee.

Tillis celebrated an IBMA award win in 2004 for Recorded Event of The Year: "Livin' Lovin' Losin," and most recently a 2012 IBMA Song of The Year nomination for co-writing Dale Ann Bradley's "Somewhere South of Crazy."

She has had more than 30 singles reaching U.S. Billboard charts, 10 studio albums, including the critically acclaimed 2002 album "It's All Relative," a tribute to her father, Mel Tillis.

In 2012 "Dos Divas," a country duo album with Tillis and fellow star Lorrie Morgan, was released under the name "Grits and Glamour." In 2017, Tillis and Morgan released their second album, a collection of classic country covers titled "Come See Me and Come Lonely."

Tickets range from \$38 to \$88 and can be purchased at www.ticketstaronline. com or at the arena box office.

Art in the Garden event at Hilton

Altrusa Club of Oshkosh's 13th annual Art in the Garden will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Hilton Garden Inn.

On display will be photography, oils, acrylic, fiber, original jewelry, glass and basketry as more than 30 artists will be given awards that the public will determine by their votes. Some artists will have pieces available for purchase and art by area high schools students also will be

There will be a raffle for cash prizes and items donated by artists and businesses. Proceeds will benefit the Menominee Park Eagle Exhibit and Winnebago County Literacy Council Endowment Fund.

Memorabilia Club fair set The annual Oshkosh History and Mem-

orabilia Fair is set from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 6 at the Oshkosh Senior Center North Building.

The People of Oshkosh is the theme this year for the free event with more than two dozen tables of items related to the city's history, including sports teams, businesses, churches, schools and civic organiza-

"We display a diverse representation of Oshkosh history, not just including breweries and major corporations but also lesser-known items like toys that were manufactured in the city." said Ruth Percey, president of the sponsoring Oshkosh Memorabilia Club.

Second City troupe here Friday

The Second City is bringing a comedy troupe to perform its "It's Not You, It's Me" show at the Menominee Nation Arena at 7:30 p.m. Friday, taking shots at heartbreak, missed connections and the mire of human relationships.

Tickets can be purchased at www.ticketstaronline.com or at the arena box office at \$53 for reserved floor seating and \$43 for bowl seating. For more information, call Rachel Hillery at 920-309-8349.

The Second City is considered the world's premier comedy club, theater and school of improvisation, entertaining 1 million people a year.

Quilt show set at Lourdes

The Lakeside Quilters Guild holds its Spring Fling Quilt Show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Lourdes Academy High School. There will be a featured quilter, guest speaker, queen/king size raffle quilt, vendors, door prizes, items for sale and lunch available for purchase.

Additional information can be found at OshkoshQuilters.org or calling 920-948-