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Riverwalk funds coming together

Shutdown adds potential delay to spring schedule

Oshkosh Herald

Final preparations for extension of the city's south-shore Riverwalk, which will eventually connect other regional trail systems, are coming together for a spring startup if federal grant money catches up to the original schedule after a hold-up from the recent government shutdown.

The state Department of Natural Resources tentatively awarded a \$793,000 grant that was pursued in May to help

fund the Riverwalk from the Tribal Heritage Trail to the Oshkosh Corp. headquarters site and extend it east to Punhoqua Street. The final award still needs the expected approval by the state Legislature's Joint Finance Committee while the federal portion of the grant has been stalled by the partial U.S. government shutdown earlier this year.

Community Development Director Allen Davis, who issued a report to the Common Council on the Riverwalk update and other public improvements related to the Oshkosh Corp. headquarters site, said the review delay from the Department of Interior could alter the original timetable

of a spring start and fall completion.

"The sooner that happens the happier I will be," Davis said of the expected approval. "We've got about as far as we can right now because we have it designed but can't do any bidding or awarding of bids until the federal funds are awarded."

The city also recently received a \$600,000 donation from Oshkosh Corp. toward the trail work that it had announced when the global headquarters design was presented. Davis said ideally the headquarters and trail system could be dedicated at the same time this fall.

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Volunteer firefighters put to test

Latest state updates absorbed by towns

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

Like other volunteer fire departments statewide, Town of Utica Fire Chief Tim Oliver and his department are doing the things they need to stay current with training standards while continuing to do the hazardous work needed to keep residents protected.

The 35-year veteran had assisted at a house fire last Sunday night in neighboring Nekimi complicated by strong below-zero winds after a snowstorm — "the worst I've ever been at a fire in 35 years" — where both of the town trucks deployed froze up in about an hour. No one was hurt and the fire hoses were still thawing on the floor of the station the next morning.

Rural departments have their own unique geography to protect — in Utica there's a 300-acre marshland to consider — along with those of neighboring towns and municipalities with whom they share mutual aid agreements. State and national standards set the ground rules for most volunteer and professional departments that keep them on the same page and often in the same classrooms.

Wisconsin's volunteer departments have been absorbing training updates that will streamline firefighting expertise while



Oshkosh Herald photo

Volunteer fire departments such as the Town of Utica draw residents that want to serve their community and find camaraderie with their neighbors.

bringing potential staffing challenges as they continue to recruit those who want to help keep their communities safe.

Oshkosh area public fire departments are incorporating the updates dictated by state Department of Safety and Professional Services (SPS) 330 legislation approved last year. As the proposal was initially circulated ahead of public hearings and final review there were some early perceptions that it was going to cause a bigger staffing upheaval than it's expected to be.

Jim Austad, program chairman for fire protection at Fox Valley Technical College and a former Oshkosh Fire Department

battalion chief, said some early misinformation on the certification requirements likely stirred concerns within some volunteer departments. He said most already have established levels of certification in relation to SPS 330.

"There was information getting out early and it wasn't the final decisions, so a lot of people were hearing that and not actually looking at the final document," Austad said. "I think that probably led into some of the concerns that were brought up."

The National Fire Protection Associa-

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Miss Oshkosh, Outstanding Teen crowned

Katrina Maizer was chosen as Miss Oshkosh 2019 and Samantha Tuchscherer was named Miss Oshkosh's Outstanding Teen 2019 in Saturday's scholarship competition at West High's Alberta Kimball Auditorium.

Reigning Miss Oshkosh Kate Lidtke was on hand to crown Maizer, a student at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh who will now advance to the Miss Wisconsin Pageant set for June 12-15 in Oshkosh.

"Teens of Tomorrow: Teen Suicide Prevention Awareness" was her platform theme and she performed a tap dance to "Runaway Baby."

First runner-up was Kailyn DeBlay, followed by Hannah Krueger, Shauna Clemens and Isabella Garvey. Megan Heinz was



Maizer

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School days get longer to catch up

The Oshkosh Area School District is making up for this winter's five inclement weather days by adding time to the remaining school days this year, which affects transportation and busing schedules at the middle and high schools.

Besides the high schools the changes will impact Carl Traeger, Merrill, Perry Tipler and South Park middle schools. Webster Stanley Middle School will not be affected.

The district has added 13 minutes to the end of the high school day, which for some middle school students who take transfer buses means waiting until high schools dismiss. The wait time includes student loading and drive time to get to a transfer point from a middle school, expected to be five to 10 minutes.

Middle schools will continue to dismiss

at 3:37 p.m. and buses will continue to wait five to seven minutes for students to board before traveling to transfer points, at which time high schools will be close to dismissal or dismissed at 3:46 p.m.

Carl Traeger students who previously transferred at Algoma Town Hall now go to a transfer point at Oshkosh West and buses begin their routes home after high school dismissal. Students who previously transferred at the Kobussen lot continue to be bused there but the routes home will begin once the high school transfer buses arrive.

Merrill students will be bused to North to their transfer buses. The buses will begin their routes home after high school dismissal. Perry Tipler students will be picked up before high school students and then bused to West.

South Park students who were previous-

ly bused to Carl Traeger will continue to be bused to their transfer buses there but the remainder of South Park students will be bused to a new transfer point at West. The buses will begin their routes home after high school dismissal at 3:46 p.m.

West students previously bused to South Park or Algoma Town Hall to transfer to their take-home bus will now get on their take-home bus at West.

For special education buses minimal changes are planned and will be communicated individually.

Murder-suicide Saturday at home

A 26-year-old Oshkosh woman was shot to death Saturday afternoon by a 26-year-old male acquaintance who then killed himself, according to police.

At a Monday press conference Police Chief Dean Smith said officers were dispatched when a man later identified as the shooter made an emergency call from 20 Cherry Park Court at about 3:44 p.m. Upon arrival they entered the unlocked residence and discovered Brooke M. Harris at the top of the stairs with multiple gunshot wounds. She was transported to Theda Clark Regional Medical Center where she was later pronounced dead.

The body of Clint D. Jorgensen was found with a 9mm handgun at his side that Smith said he purchased that day.

A 9-month-old child of the two who had just been brought by Harris to the home was found unharmed and placed in the custody of paternal family members by Winnebago County Family Services.

Algoma development has go-ahead

Oshkosh Herald

A 103-unit residential development in the Town of Algoma was cleared for the duplex rezoning it needed to proceed by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors at their Feb. 25 meeting.

The R-3 residential rezoning request was reviewed and approved by the county's Planning and Zoning Committee at its Jan. 29 meeting after the Town of Algoma Board unanimously recommended approval of a preliminary plat for Lakevista Estates on Jan. 16.

Developer Eric Hoffmann said at that time he would be in agreement with conditions and modifications that were rec-

ommended ahead of the final plat process. Area residents have objected to the inclusion of duplexes in the project, which would be situated along a proposed Caden Court.

A homeowners association will be established to handle maintenance and other needs for that portion of the development.

The revised preliminary plat had been requested by the developers to reduce the density along Caden Court to meet county zoning regulations, dropping the housing number by three units.

Hoffmann said there will be a separate homeowners association covering the entire development.

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Short-term rental status goes to 16 days

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

The city extended its definition of a short-term rental from 10 to 16 days as the Common Council voted 6-1 at its Feb. 26 meeting to revise the recently passed ordinance established to get in line with state law on permits and room tax requirements.

Rick Larsen, vice president of communities and member programs for the Experimental Aircraft Association, spoke to the council on the group's request in relation to its annual AirVenture to extend the 10-night "trigger period" to 16 nights. He said with the event's continued growth over the past five years and limited number of hotel accommodations they are concerned the 10-day annual limit could shrink availability for aviation business visitors to Oshkosh.

"These exhibitors come early to set up and remain after the event to tear down. The availability of private housing is a critical element," Larsen said. "We're concerned that if there is any change to a resident's desire to offer housing during that 10- to 16-day period it will simply drive business partners out of Oshkosh."

Council member Matt Mugerauer, who voted against the extension, said his opposition was based on the confusion it could cause in Winnebago County, where short-term renters in or outside the city will still need a rooming house license and county health inspection when the rental nights surpass 10. Under the ordinance revision, city homeowners would not be required to seek a municipal permit until they passed the 16-day rental mark.

Mugerauer agreed the state law may have an unintended impact on the options for AirVenture exhibitor teams but that having separate timeframes could work against public understanding of the requirements.

"There's going to be confusion," Rohloff said about how the city's ordinance will compare to the policies of surrounding towns, and he along with council member Debra L. Allison-Aasby encouraged EAA and city agencies to help educate the public about the ordinance details.

Rohloff said the new ordinance will not be in full effect until August after this year's AirVenture.

All property owners renting out a home for one or more days need a separate permit at no cost from the city to remit room tax revenues on a monthly basis. There is a 10 percent room tax fee that goes to the city as well as a 5 percent fee to the state.

Hospitality services such as Airbnb provide administration of those fees.

Rooms or homes rented beyond 10 nights a year require a Winnebago County Tourist Rooming House License or a Winnebago County Bed and Breakfast License through its Health Department. Also needed are a seller's permit from the state Department of Revenue and an inspection compliance for public health and safety from the county Health Department.

The council also heard a presentation from an Iowa development group that wants to create a \$32 million commercial and residential complex in the Marion Road Redevelopment Area along the Fox River at Marion and Jackson. The presentation by Brent Dahlstrom and Joy Hannemann, representatives of Merge Urban Development Group based in Cedar Falls, followed Oshkosh Redevelopment Authority approval last month of an option to buy the land.

The 22,000 square feet comprising the two buildings would hold offices, restaurants and other retail options adjacent to 238 apartments. Mayor Steve Cummings praised the project for emphasizing a "lifestyle development" that combines residential and commercial uses while promoting the riverside view and access.

Dahlstrom said the group will be seeking tax increment financing assistance within the federally approved Opportunity Zone, one of two in the city that provides for tax break incentives, and will be seeking grants for any needed cleanup work and capital improvement plans.

Davis said the city will be getting more design and financing details from the developers ahead of their formal proposal before it advances toward official consideration.

"The concept seems much in line with what the city had in mind for that parcel," he said.



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Musical release

Franki Moscato performs Thursday at the premiere of her "Be Kind" music video at the Menominee Nation Arena. The area teen joined with the Community For Hope organization to raise money to help fund a suicide prevention coordinator in the community. Moscato also launched her latest single, "Tight Rope."

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Silent winter journeys await on snowshoes

By Rob Zimmer
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

An abundance of light, fresh, fluffy snow this winter has created many opportunities for outdoor lovers in our area to get out, strap on the snowshoes and take a silent journey through our winter wonderland.

It has been many years since we have been able to enjoy such an abundance of snow this late in the season. The last few years, February saw temperatures in the 50s and 60s with springlike conditions. This year, thankfully, has continued to bring wintry conditions, perfect for those seeking more time out in the snow.

The promise of another snowstorm brings excitement to those who enjoy exploring our woodlands and shore by snowshoe. There are many wonderful places right here in the Oshkosh area to get out and try snowshoeing for the first time or to enjoy the hobby as an experienced snowshoer.

Provided the ice is safe on Lake Winnebago, exploring the shore by snowshoe is a wonderful way to experience the frozen surface of our own great lake in a completely different way. There are many places to access the shoreline and take a snowshoe journey across the vast frozen expanse of ice.

I love to explore the ice under the starlit wintry sky. Beneath the stars of Orion, the ice booms and thunders in the distance as it continually settles and shifts. It is a magical journey on snowshoe across the eerily glowing surface beneath the light of a full



Photo by Rob Zimmer

There is still time to get out and explore one of our area's beautiful wild places by snowshoe this season.

moon and the stars overhead.

Snowshoeing on the ice is one of the easiest places for beginners to get a feel for how to travel through the powder, and become comfortable with this new way of exploring our winter beauty.

Terrell's Island, situated between Oshkosh and Omro on the southern shore of Lake Butte des Morts, is an excellent place for snowshoe lovers of all ages and abilities to get out and explore the area on foot. There are trails that wind along the marsh

edge, into the woodlands, and, of course, the 3-mile looping breakwall. Traveling by snowshoe through towering cattails and drifts of powdery snow is an exhilarating way to spend an afternoon on the shore.

Keep an eye out for winter birds and wildlife here. Snowy owls are often spotted along the rocks that form the breakwall. You will also see rough-legged hawks, red-tailed hawks, bald eagles, river otter, mink, deer, red fox, coyote and many other species of wildlife.

Asylum Bay on the city's north side is one of my favorite places to enjoy a day of snowshoeing. Here, you can access the bay, the lake, as well as beautiful trails through the forest and trails that lead through meadow, prairie and beautiful, cherry-red dogwood stands.

At Asylum Bay, keep your eyes and ears open for winter wildlife that is abundant here. You'll see whitetail deer, squirrels, fox, wild turkeys, ringneck pheasant, colorful woodpeckers, bald eagles and many more species along the trails.

At the Coughlin Center along County Y you'll explore long and winding trails through the deep fluffy snow that travel through prairies, shrub habitat and woodland. The trails are east of the Coughlin Center parking lot to the railroad tracks and you are free to explore the entire area on foot.

Leading from Oshkosh north, the beauty of the Wiouwash State Trail is another wonderful place to explore by snowshoe. Explore the trail edge, along both sides of the path, through beautiful habitats along the trail's journey. Be aware that portions of the trail are used by snowmobilers so it's best to snowshoe along the trail rather than directly on it.

With just a few weeks left of this incredible winter, take some time to explore one of our beautiful wild places by snowshoe.

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Tech Open Lab, 1 to 4 p.m.

Evening Book Club, 6 p.m. Adults

Wonderlab: Code with Cubetto, 6 p.m. 236-5208 to register. Ages 6-9

March 7: Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m.

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3:30 to 5 p.m.; ages 16 and older, 5 to 7 p.m.

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

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

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

March 11: Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m.

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

Maker Mondays for Families: Stop Action Animation, 4:30 p.m. 236-5208 to register

Homework Helpdesk, 5 to 7 p.m.

March 12: High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m. Ages 3 and under

Tweens Create: Painted Pottery with Fire Escape, 4:30 p.m. 236-5208 to register

Considerations: Net Neutrality, 6 p.m. Adults

Oshkosh Memorabilia Club, 6:30 p.m. Adults

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

Oshkosh Corp. repeats with global recognition for ethics

Oshkosh Corp. has been recognized for the fourth straight year as one of the World's Most Ethical Companies by the Ethisphere Institute, a global leader in advancing the standards of ethical business practices.

The company was one of four honorees in the Automotive category and is among 128 honorees recognized from 21 countries and 50 industries.

"Thanks to the strong ethical commitment from our more than 15,000 team members around the world, we are proud to have earned the title of one of the World's Most Ethical Companies for the fourth consecutive year," said Wilson R. Jones, Oshkosh Corp. president and chief executive officer. "Being honored to this prestigious list once again underscores

our unwavering focus on doing the right thing in everything that we do."

Timothy Erlich, Ethisphere's chief executive officer, said in a statement, "Today, employees, investors and stakeholders are putting their greatest trust in companies to take leadership on societal issues. Companies that take the long view with a purpose-based strategy are proven to not only outperform but last. I congratulate everyone at Oshkosh Corporation for earning this recognition."

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Nursing home falls often land with fire crew

City officials, legislators air shared financial issues

By Miles Maguire
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

When elderly residents fall in a care facility somewhere in the city, there is a good chance the person who comes to help them get back up is a member of the Oshkosh Fire Department.

The calls come frequently, they are expensive and are part of a national trend in which private businesses are turning to taxpayers to cover their costs.

This is just one of a wide range of local issues that were brought to the attention of state legislators at a town hall meeting Feb. 25. City staff and members of the Common Council tried to explain to Democrat Rep. Gordon Hintz and Republican Sen. Dan Feyen how state-level policy and budget decisions can help, or

hurt, the Oshkosh community. Republican Rep. Mike Schraa said he was unable to attend because of illness.

Other issues on the agenda included the unintended consequences of a recent tax law change, a request for support of a library digitization project, the “dark store” property tax controversy, the proposed short-term rental ordinance, bridge maintenance responsibilities and the possibility of replacing the current special assessment system with a transportation utility fee.

The discussion, which lasted roughly two hours, demonstrated how much of the city’s decision-making is driven by state-level policies. Both Hintz and Feyen expressed a willingness to help but could offer no firm commitments. They also expressed surprise at learning that a supposedly neutral change to personal property tax rules ended up cutting into city revenues.

“You’re supposed to be made whole,” Feyen said. “That was the whole concern,” added Hintz.

A bigger revenue issue for cities has to do with chain stores reducing their assessments in a way that shifts the tax burden to homeowners and independent businesses. There have been strongly bipartisan efforts to deal with this so-called “dark store” loophole in the Legislature, and Democratic Gov. Tony Evers promised to propose relief in his new budget. But Hintz offered little hope that the law will change.

“It didn’t go anywhere last time sort of because of the gatekeepers, and I don’t think it will go anywhere this time because of the gatekeepers,” Hintz said. “As long as Robin Vos is speaker, it’ll just never pass.”

Vos, a Republican who represents a part of Racine County, is Assembly speaker

and has opposed a change in the law on the grounds that it would be a tax increase for those businesses that have been successful in cutting their assessments.

City officials also expressed concern about possible state actions that would either cost the city monetarily, such as making local communities pick up the cost of bridge maintenance, or undo proposed policy changes, such as the plan to replace the current system for street-related special assessments.

On the issue of the fire department having to provide “lift assists” at private, licensed care facilities, Chief Mike Stanley explained that this is an expensive service for which there is no reimbursement from Medicare unless a resident is taken to the hospital.

The department responds to 1,500 to 1,700 falls a year, Stanley said, a number that includes private residences as well as nursing homes.

Feyen initially suggested that the problem was a liability matter and that state law should be amended to remove this burden from nursing home operators.

But Stanley explained that the issue comes down to money. Nursing home operators have figured out that “they can save money by having less providers and less skilled providers” on duty.

“It’s an issue across the country that they’re using public safety services to subsidize their lack of staff. Other states have gone to looking at enacting legislation,” he said, “so we aren’t carrying that burden, subsidizing their staff.”

Miles Maguire is editor of the Oshkosh Examiner news blog.



Photo by Art Eichmann

Police and fire on ice

A annual Guns 'n' Hoses charity hockey game between Oshkosh police and fire personnel was held Saturday afternoon at the 20th Avenue YMCA to raise money for a new local charity picked out by the police and firefighters. More than \$4,400 was raised.

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Foster care abuse claims detailed by West boys

By Miles Maguire
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

On Dec. 17, the police officer assigned to Oshkosh West High School was called to the assistant principal's office to talk to a couple of ninth-graders. The boys, both 15, had gotten into a fight while being driven to school by their foster mother. One of them had a mark, which looked like a rash, on his face.

As school officials spoke to the boys, the conversation took a "disturbing" turn, according to a criminal complaint. In this and subsequent talks, the students provided a series of harrowing details.

The adults where they lived kept the boys confined to their rooms, forced them to take up stress positions as punishment and made them urinate and defecate into buckets that were kept near their beds, according to the complaint.

Based on this information and additional investigation, the two adults who took care of the boys, 60-year-old Barbara R. Peterson and her 35-year-old son, Alan D. Small, were each charged Feb. 27 with three counts of felony child neglect. They are due in court March 25 for an initial appearance. A conviction on all charges

could mean \$30,000 in fines and 18 years in prison for each defendant.

The high school boys were removed from the home Dec. 19, but in the intervening two days they were subjected to additional abuse, according to court files. One boy had his toilet bucket removed and ended up wetting his pants when he could not get permission to leave his room.

After the initial meeting with the boys, the Oshkosh West school resource officer went to the students' home on West 11th Avenue to look around. He was accompanied by a police sergeant and a child welfare worker from Winnebago County.

According to court papers, they found that the thermostat in the house was set to 57 degrees, that one boy's bedroom had an alarm on the door and "smelled of urine and feces" and that the other boy's room had a "locking clasp on the exterior of the door" and, like the other bedroom, "had a toilet bucket."

The house has been owned for over a decade by individuals or entities affiliated with a De Pere company called Macht Village Programs. Macht Village is listed in state records as a for-profit child placing agency, meaning that it is licensed to put

children into foster homes and then monitor their care.

Macht Village specializes in dealing with children with major behavioral issues. Its foster placement operation has been hit with a large number of licensing violations and compares poorly to other foster agencies on state performance measures.

During the visit to the 11th Avenue house, police spoke with Small and Peterson, according to court documents. "Peterson admitted to dumping the buckets of urine and feces outside in the yard behind the garage," the documents say. The West resource officer said he "located several piles of toilet paper and feces in the backyard."

The following day the officer was given a note that one of the 15-year-olds had written to a teacher. The boy wrote that Peterson had told him that she knew "how to fight fire for fire" and warned him about a journal he kept. The police visit "made it worse," the boy wrote, according to the court file.

The boy's bedroom door was fitted with an alarm so that he couldn't leave without permission. As described in court papers, the boy "knows that he can't open the door because the alarm will go off and if the door opens he will have to go to Macht Village and get consequences."

Macht Village operates a residential program in De Pere. On its website Macht Village says it serves "children whose aggressive behavior presents safety concerns to child, family, school and community."

The company is one of the smallest of the two dozen foster placement agencies in the state. According to the Department of Children and Families, in 2017 Macht Village placed children who had the fourth highest level of care needs among all the foster agencies in the state.

One of the ways that the state measures the performance of these foster agencies is the outcomes for the children in their care. For 2017, Macht Village recorded one unfavorable and one poor outcome, according to DCF reports for the year, the most recent available.

Macht Village had no optimal, favorable or very favorable outcomes. By contrast two foster agencies, Bethany Christian Services and Rawhide Catch Program, reported 100 percent rates of optimal placements, the best score available.

Mary Macht, a licensed clinical social worker who is listed as president of Macht Village in a federal database, did not respond to a request for comment.

The recent residents of the Oshkosh home, who included one other boy who had been removed in November, detailed to police the harsh conditions under which they said they lived. According to the court file, these included no breakfast, even on weekends; a requirement to empty their toilet buckets in the yard; and the threat of a range of punishments, such as "the plank position, the chicken wing, weighted blanket (and) running stairs."

Miles Maguire is editor of the Oshkosh Examiner news blog.

Business notes

Lori Muller has opened real estate brokerage **Exit Elite Realty** at 1777 Witzel Ave. in Oshkosh. This is the Oshkosh native's third location. The brokerage features an Expert Marketing Suite that includes geolocation Smart Sign technology and a Focus on Good Health initiative that promotes wellness at home and work. More

information is at www.exitelitewi.com.

Bella Medical Clinic is holding an open house from noon to 5 p.m. March 19 at 1484 W. South Park Ave. to mark its new '3D' ultrasound machine. The Rev. Matthew Rappl will conduct a blessing of the machine at 2 p.m.



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Miss Oshkosh

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named Miss Congeniality.

The theme for this year's competition, produced by Desiree Nerenhausen and Kelsey McDaniel, and co-directed by Kay Lund, Michelle Hammett and Susie Gefers, was "Not All Heroes Wear Capes ... Some Wear Crowns."

Liberty Mugerauer was the reigning Miss Oshkosh's Outstanding Teen, which is an official preliminary for Wisconsin and Miss America's Outstanding Teen organizations. The other two contestants Saturday were Ella Hawley and Meghan Selenka.

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Firefighters

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tion (NFPA) sets the consensus standard of best practices for each level of officers and volunteer members separate from the specific requirements of the 330 law. The state update won't let new volunteers fight structural fires or be driver operators ahead of entry-level training.

Austad said FVTC's Fire Protection associate degree programs and certification classes are guided to best match the current law and overall standards.

"Some of the departments have taken this as an opportunity to look at their departments as a whole to assure their departments are matched up with recommendations," Austad said of the general reaction to the SPS 330 minimum standards that need to be met.

In general the state updates ended the one- and two-year grace periods that were allowed on training before driving an apparatus or assuming other direct firefighting duties, along with changes to some equipment inspection requirements and instructor qualifications.

The Town of Algoma, with about 30 firefighters and 16 first responders mostly trained as firefighters, sets a one-year probation ahead of driving duties along with the standard Firefighter 1 training. Capt. Tanner T. Harrington said Fire Chief Scott Groth has been proactive on training and members have begun taking the necessary extra classes through FVTC.

"We have a pretty good mix here (of career and volunteer members). You get some guys who are looking to start somewhere in the fire service. It's a good outlet because then you can get training outside of the school," Harrington said.

"We have a few guys that want to get their foot in the door on fire service, and we have some guys here who want to serve their community and give back."

Harrington said one of the volunteers took a driver-operator class in the past but wasn't officially certified and is back in class to get the needed training. He said a few others are preparing to get the certification within the year timeframe.

Austad, an Oshkosh firefighter for 22 years until 2014, said town governing boards and ongoing NFPA standards have been adding certification requirements to volunteer crews for decades.

"I think the bigger concern a lot of (volunteer departments) have is that they're struggling right now to get people — and this is nationwide for volunteer fire departments, not just in Winnebago, Wisconsin," he said.

He said SBS 330, which is revisited on a normal cycle, still isn't as stringent as the associate degree and related certifications that professional fire departments like Oshkosh require for applicants, but he knows that potential volunteers have to consider the commitment to serve in addition to their other full-time jobs.

"I know from a volunteer firefighter's



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Utica Fire Chief Tim Oliver, shown standing with a miniature of the department facility and other memorabilia at the station, has been a volunteer firefighter for 35 years.

Volunteer fire training

Entry-level volunteer firefighters need 60 hours of training as indicated by the Wisconsin Technical College System. Drivers of apparatus need entry-level driver operator training of 30 hours — 12 driving and 18 pumping. There is no requirement of any other training for driving a truck. Those active on the fire ground also need entry-level firefighter training. Officers need the entry-level training and the 40-hour officer course.

side, the training is a difficult thing to require of people, especially if someone walks in the door of the fire department and says I want to be a member of your organization," he said, adding that then they're told, "OK, now you have to go to this class and so we'll see you in six months. That's kind of a deterrent to the recruitment process."

Austad said he believes most volunteers are looking to serve their community and aren't initially intending to become career firefighters but often enjoy the work so much that they consider pursuing the profession.

"Realistically if your real goal is to become a career firefighter our fire program will do that for you in about two years whereas doing it on a volunteer department — the opportunity to take classes

might be limited on location and place and timing and offering," he said.

Oliver said the veteran makeup of his Utica crew of 48 may pose some challenges if they don't pursue the extra training for driver operator positions or active firefighting.

"We got guys in their late 60s still on here. That's what they do, they drive the tankers and help on the ground," he said. "I don't want to see them with air bags on. That's what the new guys are for."

Oliver said standard training had traditionally consisted of about 10 nights' worth and some practical burns. He said the latest initiative is in line with the nationwide MABAS (mutual aid box alarm system) program that established a statewide response system for fire, EMS and specialized incident operational teams.

But he said the latest training updates are being embraced by members who will be able to take more leadership roles on fire calls.

Algoma's Harrington welcomes the overall uniformity of the training when it comes to working with Oshkosh firefighters.

"The city guys have all this training already, so it will be nice now that we'll be able to kind of intermingle resources a little better, because we do work fairly closely with the city," Harrington said. "We might even consider doing mutual trainings with them ... because we are one of their closest resources for bigger incidents."

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He also said standard training brings an added safety factor. "With the growing risk of building constructions and the materials used in the ways of building now days it's going to be nice to have everyone on the same page knowing what to expect."

Fire departments cover the training costs for members as part of budgeted expenses, which beyond the resources set by town boards are supplemented by fundraisers that allow them to purchase extra equipment and other needed items. Picnics have been the most traditional way to get some added community help along with pancake breakfasts, pizza sales, and taking on some waiting and bartending duties at restaurants and county fairs. Algoma firefighters shifted from an annual picnic to a car show in 2017.

Austad expects that beyond ongoing recruitment, volunteer departments will be focusing more on documentation and verification of the training to make sure everyone is officially up to date and current with any mutual aid agreements.

He said his class numbers have been going up at FVTC, which administers to a five-county district, not just because of 330 but the overall seriousness of departments with their training. Fire department dues that go toward the classes don't usually cover FVTC's costs for holding them, Austad said, and technical instructors played no role in the latest SBS 300 revisions.

Austad and one other full-time instructor, whose primary focus is the degree program, rely on the services of about 100 part-time instructors, including recently retired Oshkosh fire chief Tim Franz, who has been a frequent contributor and teacher at the program for decades.

Some classes, such as for driver-operators, are conducted at fire department facilities while others need to be held at the school to be able to train for high ladder work and fire suppression techniques.

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Lourdes boys advance to sectionals with easy win over Manawa

By Brad Hartmann
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Henry Noone fondly remembers the 25-1 Lourdes Academy basketball team of 2013-2014 as he watched his older brother Charlie and two cousins Eddie Muench and Sam Seibold end their dream season in the sectional finals against Dominican.

"I think we are two great teams. Obviously I grew up idolizing (Charlie) and his buddies. I always hung around them," said Noone. "Having that experience growing up I think I learned that and transmitted that to this team."

From what started as a family tradition Noone knows this year's squad has built a cohesive bond with something special, and all that's missing is a state championship.

"Playing at the Kohl Center is all the motivation that they need. That's their goal," said Knights coach Brad Clark. "I think it's more of them playing for each other. When a shot doesn't go in they don't think it's the end of the world. They keep playing and they pick each other up."

The top seeded Knights inched a step closer to its quest for their first gold ball with Saturday's 100-66 thrashing of Manawa (18-5) in the WIAA D4 Regional Finals at the Castle.

The Knights won its opening regional game Friday night against St. Mary Catholic 85-58.

Lourdes has now won 20 consecutive home games dating back to December 2017, and the victory advances them to a sectional semifinal game against second seed Iola-Scandinavia (22-1) at 7 p.m. Thursday in Crivitz.

The Knights (23-1) took control from

the opening tip and Ben Huizenga, who was making his return back into the starting lineup, helped spark the offense with an early rebound and feed to Preston Ruedinger (19 points, seven assists) for a 3-pointer to take a 6-0 lead.

Last season Huizenga broke his patella and this year he tweaked it twice and had to get a knee scope five weeks ago. He has recovered for the playoffs and contributed 11 points, five points and four assists.

"Yeah there was a little nervousness. It felt great to get back out there to get the start. I hit a couple 3's and got hot. I was trying to be aggressive on the boards," said Huizenga.

In the second half Noone (17 points, six rebounds), who leads the state in all divisions with 3-pointers made and field goal percentage beyond the arc, would knock down his 120th of the year to extend the lead to 61-26.

"It's all my teammates and coaches. They do a good job looking for me," said Noone. "They have a lot of confidence in me."

With 7:22 remaining Clark pulled his starters and received 39 points from the reserves. The Knights' bench was led by Caden Chier (9 points) and Josh Bauer (8 points).

One of the shining moments of the game came with 3:40 left as reserve senior Ben Sydlík entered the game and the Castle erupted as if Noone hit another 3. After missing his first three attempts Sydlík hit the fourth with 27.6 seconds remaining to put the Knights up 100-66.

"It felt great," said Sydlík. "This whole season I have been struggling from the three. To play in important game like this felt amazing."



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Ben Huizenga, making his return to the Lourdes starting lineup after an extended injury, drives for a layup against Manawa on Saturday night in a regional finals victory.

Clark said the sectional games will likely come down to one or two possessions.

"At this time of the year it's going to come down to what team can play their style. (Iola-Scandinavia) are a veteran

team like us. The advantage is that we have been in this situation last year," said Clark. "We are tough to guard. I don't think they have seen a team like us this year. It's going to be a tough game, no question."

Oshkosh North and West boys ousted in regionals

The seventh-seeded Oshkosh North boys basketball team lost its regional opener Friday night, falling 70-65 in overtime to 10th-seeded Eau Claire Memorial in a game played at home.

No additional statistics were available.

The Oshkosh West boys basketball team's season came to an end as well as the

11th-seeded Wildcats lost to sixth-seeded Marshfield, 53-50, on the road.

West had a seven-point lead at halftime but was outscored 29-19 in the second half.

Jacquez Overstreet led the Wildcats with 15 points while Riley Frey chipped in 13. Caleb Fuller added 10 points for West, which finished the season 8-15.



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Garang Deng of Oshkosh North goes after the ball against Eau Claire Memorial in WIAA regional action Friday night at home.


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Spectacular Herd win comes between two losses

Short-handed victory over Fort Wayne was highlight

By Ti Windisch
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Wisconsin Herd went 1-2 in three games over the last week, and Herd head coach Jordan Brady said the 101-99 victory over the Fort Wayne Mad Ants on Friday was a high point in his Herd tenure.

Wisconsin was without key contributors Christian Wood, Trevon Duval and Bonzie Colson, all of which were with the Milwaukee Bucks on their West Coast road trip. Additionally, Brandon McCoy was out sick and Nick Johnson exited early after straining his calf on an alley-oop play on Friday.

"I really think that was the best win I've been a part of as the head coach of the Herd," Brady said. "Those guys played their butts off. We're already down numbers, Brandon McCoy is out sick, we're already short-handed, Nick Johnson goes down early in the first half, and those guys battled, man. They battled. That was the best thing I've been a part of as a coach of this team, no question."

Shevon Thompson was the headliner for Wisconsin as he dominated the Mad Ants for the entire game. Thompson posted a game- and career-high 32 points plus 18 rebounds, one assist, one steal and two blocks. Thompson said despite his big numbers that his focus never wavered from making the right plays for the team.

"It's the same steady approach, trying to get everybody involved," Thompson said. "That's how we're going to come out and win at the end of the day. I can't just go out there and think about myself, I've got to think about them too. I'm just trying to make plays and put my team in a position to win."

Xavier Munford said the team could tell Thompson had the hot hand and a good matchup, so the focus became getting him good looks whenever possible.

"Shevon played a hell of a game tonight, defensively and offensively, he had it going early so we just wanted to keep finding him and giving him good looks," Munford said. "It's a good team win for us after losing a couple of close ones, so we needed this one."

Making the win even sweeter was the fact that Thompson's mother was in attendance. She had never seen him play professional basketball before, and her first Herd game was a career night and a happy reunion with her son.



Photo by Emil Vajgrt

Shevon Thompson drives for a layup against Fort Wayne in the Herd's Friday night win at Menominee Nation Arena, where he scored a career high 32 points along with 18 rebounds.

"That was tremendous, the entire thing," Brady said. "I hadn't realized that his mother hadn't seen him play basketball. For him to be able to have a game like that with her here, and lead our team the way that he did, that was just incredible."

Munford was second in scoring behind Thompson with 24 points against Fort Wayne. Munford also put up 28 in a tight 111-109 loss to the Oklahoma City Blue on the road Wednesday, and added 17 in a blowout at the hands of the Westchester Knicks on Saturday night. He said his scoring uptick comes with his increasing familiarity with the Herd.

"I'm just getting more comfortable with the guys," Munford said. "I just got back from Team USA so it's finding that chemistry with the guys, and understanding what coach wants to run, understanding the sets and finding my spots where I can help the team."

Brady said he could tell the Herd players were still tired after the incredible win against Fort Wayne, and that fatigue played a role in Wisconsin's 123-95 loss to the Knicks.

"We started off the game pretty well, we

were battling," Brady said. "I think it was evident our legs weren't completely underneath us. We had a lot of guys play long minutes last night, and they had to play hard minutes. We fought last night and left everything on the floor."

Robert Johnson was one player who saw an increased workload with Duval with the Bucks and Nick Johnson out. Johnson averaged 16 points this week, and said his focus is simply on making the right decisions on the floor.

"I've just been trying to focus on attacking and taking what the defense gives, and trying to make the right play," Johnson said. "I think that's the most important thing, to have an attack mindset and focus on making the right play."

Amjyot Singh, one of the newest Herd players, also saw an uptick in minutes. Singh's 6 foot 8 frame allows him to play both forward positions, which has been important in Colson's absence. Singh said he likes the talent on the team, and knows the rest of the season is an opportunity for the Herd.

"I think this is the opportunity to show everyone we can finish strong, and how our mentality is," Singh said. "Even though we're not going into the playoffs, our mentality should be to win every day, and give 100 percent effort."

Johnson agreed, and said even without the postseason in sight that the Herd will continue to grind and try to add some more wins to their season total.

"We're just going to fight all the way through," Johnson said. "Things have been up and down this season, but all we can do at this point is continue to fight and finish strong."

Wisconsin is last in the Eastern Conference with a 10-31 record. The Herd is back in action today as the Western Conference-leading Santa Cruz Warriors are in town for their first game against Wisconsin this season.



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Titan men, women advance to Sweet 16 of NCAA

By Alex Wolf
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh men's and women's basketball teams are headed to the Sweet 16 after picking up two wins in the NCAA Division III Tournament.

The men picked up an 86-62 win over Lake Forest College (Ill.) in the opener and then defeated University of Northwestern (Minn.) 108-86 in the second round.

The fourth-ranked Titans (25-3) scored the most points in a tournament game in

program history on Saturday, getting out to a big lead and never trailed.

The Titans will face 20th-ranked Loras College on Friday.

Jack Flynn reached the 1,000-point milestone in the win, becoming the 35th Titan to do so after he scored 12 points – while grabbing seven rebounds – in the win.

Ben Boots, the WIAC Player of the Year, scored a team-high 25 points – going 6-of-10 from 3-point range – while dishing out seven assists and Brett Wittchow chipped in 24 points – while also hitting six 3's.

Adam Fravert and Connor Duax each

added 19 points in the win.

Oshkosh hit 17 of 36-pointers as a team (47 percent) and only turned the ball over six times.

In the first-round win, UWO got out to a slow start, only leading by seven at half, but outscored Lake Forest 53-36 in the second half.

The women also are moving on to the Sweet 16 for the third time in the last six seasons after picking up a 72-46 win over Pomona-Pitzer College (Calif.) in the opener and then topping DePauw University (Ind.) in the round of 32 thanks to a

game-winner from Nikki Arneson, giving the Titans a 54-52 win.

Arneson hit a running shot in the lane with 1.3 seconds left to put the Titans up two and DePauw missed a layup at the buzzer in a battle of ranked teams – UWO is ranked 13th and DePauw was 19th.

The Titans will face 11th-ranked Wartburg College (Iowa) Friday in St. Paul.

Arneson finished with nine points for the Titans while Leah Porath led the team with 12 points. Olivia Campbell chipped in 11 points and had five assists while Isabella Samuels had eight.

Pro women's basketball team named

Fox Valley Pro Basketball unveiled the name and logo for its new women's professional basketball team — the Wisconsin GLO — at a press conference last Wednesday at Menominee Nation Arena.

The team will be part of the Global Women's Basketball Association (GWBA) and play eight games at the arena starting in early May with a schedule to be determined.

"We are extremely excited to embark on this inaugural season of Professional Women's Basketball in the Fox Valley and Wisconsin," said Greg Pierce, Fox Valley Pro Basketball president.

"It is our intention to build the best women's basketball team that has ever been assembled in Wisconsin. Despite the relative infancy of

the team and our league, we will aggressively pursue the goal of being the best women's basketball team in the country shy of the WNBA.

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Obituaries

Lauren Casteel

Lauren Anne Casteel, age 8, lost her battle with respiratory illness on Friday, February 22, 2019. Lauren was born to



Warren and Amy (Starosta) Casteel on October 5, 2010, in Oshkosh. She attended Carl Traeger Elementary and loved math, art, music, and especially science. Lauren's life goals were to be a color

scientist, care for animals at Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary, and turn the letters on Wheel of Fortune. When she was playing outside she always wanted to go faster and higher. She looked forward to spending a week at MDA camp during summer.

Lauren leaves behind her parents, older brother Elliot, grandparents Noel and Mary Starosta, Jay and Pam Hendershot, David and Bonnie Casteel, and many other family and friends.

Services were held Monday, March 4, 2019, at the Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home. Burial was in Ellenwood Cemetery, Oshkosh.

Lauren's family is grateful to the many doctors, nurses, and therapists who have cared for her, especially the Children's Hospital PICU team. Her memory can be honored by donating blankets and toys to emergency rooms and children's hospitals.



Myrtle Irene Heinz

Our world lost a beautiful woman when Jesus welcomed Myrtle Irene Heinz through the gates of heaven on March 1, 2019. Irene's husband Dennis F. Heinz began his love affair with his Sweet Pea exactly thirty-nine years to the day of her passing. Together they raised nine children in their family including many grand and great-grandchildren and gathered

many long-time family friends.

Irene was born to Pat and Myrtle Kosier on July 15, 1944 in Knoxville, Tennessee and grew up in the hills of the Jelico Mountains in the small coal town of Stinking Creek. Though she left the hills at a young age, her hillbilly roots ran deep and strong for the mountains of home. This love of southern country led to her love of music and singing.

Irene loved to sing and perform for others and will always be remembered in the music of her favorite songs. She felt great joy in giving of her joyful voice and was never far from her karaoke microphone. She will now be on tour singing with the angels.

Irene also enjoyed watching movies, shopping, baking (we will all miss her famous Hello-Dolly bars, cheesecake and decadent fruit cakes at family gatherings and Christmas), trying her luck at the casinos with all of the excitement of the bright lights, bells and whistles, winter ice-boating, summer sail-boating and spring and fall cruises around the lake in the Corvette. She had love for all the seasons of her life and those lucky enough to share it with her.

Irene is preceded in death by her parents, siblings Jay, Gene, Linda, Faye and Tudy, and son-in-law David Hodges (Cowboy). She is mourned and survived by her darling Dennis, her brother Daniel (Jody) Kosier (Chong), children Donna Hodges, Anita Gubin, Barbara Van Clarke, Sylvia Gohlke (Dave), Rose Neubauer (Scott), Elizabeth Kimball (Bruce), Todd Heinz (Diana), Tammy Provisor (Dennis), and Tracy Heinz. Grandchildren Cassandra Elmergreen (Justin), Danielle Alvarenga (Anthony), Ryan Hodges (Mandy), Desiree Sunday (Kyle), Dustin Gubin (Leah), Emily Gubin (Jacob), Karley Gohlke, Melissa Gohlke (Nate), Collin Neubauer, Alyssa Neubauer, Macy Kimball, Evelyn Provisor, Rachael Heinz,



Andrew Heinz, and Leah Heinz. Great Grandchildren Gavin Elmergreen, Madlyn Mallard, Dean Sunday, Asher Gubin, and Ahlanna Hodges (brother Benjamin).

A funeral service celebrating Irene's love of life and music will be held at Living Waters Lutheran Church at 1585 S. Oakwood Road (Oshkosh) on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 11:30 am with Reverend John S Dorn officiating. Music is provided by son-in-law Dennis Provisor of Grass Roots fame and daughter Elizabeth Kimball. A visitation will be held at the church from 10:00 a.m. until time of service.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Ascension Mercy Medical Center for their care and compassion for Irene and the family. In lieu of flowers, a memorial gift to the Living Waters new building extension fund is appreciated so others can reap the benefits of salvation, something Irene truly believed in.



Rein Meland

Rein Meland, age 62, passed away unexpectedly on February 23, 2019. Rein was born to Nils and Anne (Askeland) Meland on February 9, 1957 in Chicago. Rein graduated with a master's degree in finance and worked at various financing institutions. He was a huge Packers fan and attended as many games as he could; even traveling to see them play away games. Rein was very social and could fix anything; he enjoyed helping people with their projects.

Rein is survived by his mother, Anne; sister, Nina (Mark) Dernel; half sister, Krystal Kay and numerous cousins.

Rein was preceded in death by his father, Nils and half-sister, Summer Meland.

A service will be planned at a later date. For service details and inquires; emails can be sent to: reinmelandfamily@gmail.com.



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Source: Oshkosh Daily Northwestern, March 3, 1959

Correction

Feb. 27, Page 15: The phone number for reservations to the Sturgeon for Tomorrow West Central Chapter's fundraising dinner March 16 is 920-231-4708.

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Community events

Wednesday, March 6

Boots vs. Badges Basketball Game, 3 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

Wisconsin Herd vs. Santa Cruz Warriors, 7 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

Thursday, March 7

Mayoral and council candidates forum, 6:30 p.m., City Hall council chambers

“WASP: A Wartime Experiment in Womanpower,” EAA Aviation Museum Movie Night, 6:30 p.m., 3000 Poberezny Road

March Ladies Night, 6 p.m., Fire Escape, 428 N. Main St.

Friday, March 8

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

Rising Phoenix, 8 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co.

The Young Irishlanders, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

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

Saturday, March 9

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

Wisconsin Decoy and Sporting Collectible Show, 8:30 a.m., Hilton Garden Inn, 1355 W. 20th Ave.

Winnebago County Master Gardeners seminar, 9 a.m., Coughlin Center, 625 E. County Y

Hops and Props beer fest, 7 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum, 3000 Poberezny Road

Yesterday and Today: The Interactive Beatles Experience, 7:30 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

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

Sunday, March 10

Oshkosh Youth Symphony Spring Concert: East Meets West, 2 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium, 375 N. Eagle St.

Monday, March 11

Wisconsin Herd vs. South Bay, 7 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

Tuesday, March 12

Resources for Entrepreneurs, 7:15 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

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 Escape, 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.

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

S.S. WEB, 7 p.m., Bare Bones Brewery, 4362 County S

Comedy Improv Show, 9 p.m., Backlot Comedy House, 424 N. Main 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, 1410 Algoma Blvd.

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.

Marathon runner carries extra challenge

Local resident Bryce Remy has the 2019 Boston Marathon in his sights but his even bigger goal is raising funds for treating traumatic injury.

Remy will be running in the April 15 race in support of the Gillian Remy Stepping Strong Center for Trauma Innovation at Brigham and Women’s Hospital and has an \$8,000 goal in mind.

Trauma accounts for 43 million hospital visits and an economic burden of \$671 billion per year. The Gillian Remy Stepping Strong Center, founded in the aftermath of the 2013 Boston Marathon bombings, brings together multidisciplinary experts to transform research, care and outcomes

for those who suffer from devastating injuries.

“I am running to show that severe asthma is not a reason to give up,” Bryce said. “Over the past seven years my lungs have increased and strengthened. When I originally started, they were comparable to an 80-year-old smoker’s but have improved to what they should be.”

Remy plans to run in his 10th marathon and 100th half marathon this year, and his fundraising goal is teamed up with local businesses and residents. Individual or companies can participate through www.crowdrise.com and search for stepping-strongboston2019/bryceremy.

Craft show, St. Paddy’s breakfast set

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh’s Alumni Association is holding a craft and vendor show to support the club from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 16.

There will be handmade craft vendors as well as popular company representatives, a bake sale and a raffle. Vendors include Matilda Jane clothing, Scentsy, Lilla Rose Hair Accessories, Pararazzi \$5 Accesso-

ries, Legging Army, Avon Products, Usborne Books, LuLaRoe women’s clothing, DoTerra and Norwex.

Between 10 a.m. and noon there is a St. Patrick’s Day Leprechaun Breakfast for \$3. The cost for the general public to attend the craft fair is \$2, which includes a raffle ticket.

Regional craft beer challenge underway

The Brew Battles Bracket Challenge is underway at Oshkosh craft beer establishments featuring 24 beers from northeast Wisconsin at 10 host sites throughout the city.

Each weekend patrons have been voting for beers that accumulate points and benefit the housing nonprofit Habitat for Humanity. Each venue hosts four craft beers and the purchases enable voting for the

favorites.

The Brew Battles semifinals are March 29 and 30, and finals are April 5 and 6 featuring live music on that Saturday. The host sites include Bare Bones Brewery, Barley & Hops, Becket’s, Dublin’s, Fletch’s, Fifth Ward Brewing Co., Fox River Brewing Co., The Granary, Ground Round and O’Marro’s. Go to www.oshkoshindependent.com for details.

Riverwalk

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“I’m hoping we’ll have (the trail) all constructed in late summer or early fall so people can still use it this year,” he said.













Final design and permits for the Riverwalk from Interstate 41 to Punhoqua include lights and benches to match existing city trail aesthetics, and nine proposals are being considered for consulting work on Lakeshore Park design planning.

Another Riverwalk extension going east from Punhoqua through Rainbow Memorial Park secured a \$255,000 Transportation Assistance Program grant from

the state toward design and construction scheduled for 2021. That portion will connect to Oshkosh Avenue and Sawyer Street and create a link to the Wiouwash State Trail.

“The Parks Department is hoping to make some improvements to Rainbow Memorial Park simultaneously in 2021” with the trail extension, Davis said.

Established portions of the Riverwalk can be accessed at Riverside Park, Boatworks Park, the Senior Center parking lot and University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Alumni Center parking lot, and also by water using public docks near Marion Road, City Center and the Best Western hotel.

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