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Community celebration welcomes all

By the Rev. Thomas Willadsen
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Unity in Community began as an idea that Sylvia Carey-Butler, UW-Oshkosh's associate vice chancellor for academic support of inclusive excellence, shared several years ago with Mayor Steve Cummings. Oshkosh is becoming increasingly diverse and Carey-Butler and Cummings saw this as cause for celebration.

"Unity in Community gives the people of Oshkosh a chance to share their differences and similarities," Cummings said. "We all have a lot to share."

A steering committee whose members reflected the racial and ethnic variety in Oshkosh worked together to plan last year's festival, which attracted more than 700 people.

"The first Unity in Community served as an opportunity to highlight the growing diversity in the city of Oshkosh," Carey-Butler said.

Representatives from more than a dozen countries and cultures shared their traditions. Some took the stage to sing or dance. Others offered samples of foods that are important to them.

The second annual free family event will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday

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Mayoral change may shift agenda

Officials react to Palmeri's close win over Cummings

By Miles Maguire
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

When it comes to Lori Palmeri's close victory over two-term incumbent Mayor Steve Cummings on April 2, you can take your pick of possible explanations: shifting

demographics, a hunger for change, growing support for female leadership or deep dissatisfaction with how decisions are made and city services are distributed in Oshkosh.

In a nonpartisan race, where fewer than a third of registered



Palmeri

voters went to the polls, it's hard to know what conclusion to draw from the balloting, which put Palmeri in a position to make history as the first-ever person of color, and the first directly elected female, to be chosen as mayor of Oshkosh.

"I don't know" how to explain the election results, said Matt Mugerauer, an incumbent Common Council member who

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Photo from Oshkosh Corp.

An aerial view shows the progress of Oshkosh Corp.'s global headquarters site near the Fox River from last week.

Corporate legacy leads its future

Oshkosh Corp. CEO reflects on city bond with vehicle maker

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

In leading Oshkosh Corporation through its centennial celebration and soon after anchoring its future here on Oshkosh Avenue, Wilson Jones wants the common thread from past to future to be the health of its people and community they work in.

Just months away from moving corporate headquarters into a more visible and interactive facility on the south shore of the Fox River, the chief executive officer and his leadership team are making it a destination for its global workforce and welcoming to city residents in its appearance and access.

"We want to leverage the facility to be more than a company in town. We want it to be a community place," Jones said in a recent interview. "We've been very transparent about the conference center and board meetings, things like that."

Jones and his staff will surrender the current headquarters fronting the North

"Without a good people focus we may not be able to deliver all these other (goals), even if they're great strategies."

WILSON JONES, Oshkosh Corp. president and chief executive



Plant on Oregon Street to Oshkosh Defense, which has a primary presence there and continues to grow with the help of a series of significant U.S. military contracts won in recent years for its light and medium tactical vehicles. The North Plant location, which dates itself to the company's beginnings, shares along with other facilities here the city's history in a direct way while also part of an extensive multinational group.

As president and CEO of Oshkosh Corp. the past three years, Jones is tasked to keep a global perspective for the Fortune 500 specialty vehicle maker that lives in seven states and seven countries. But he knows the special consideration his team represents in the company name.

Before, during and after the 2017 centennial celebration Jones has been inspired by company history and the focus

of its founders William Besserdich and Bernhard Mosling. "All owners have deep connection to the front lines," he said.

But he is also informed by more recent challenges that occurred during his 15 years here when sales and contracts were slipping and risky initiatives had to be taken.

Jones said lead engineer Don Verhoff has reminded him of tougher times when sales were dropping and an "urgent-needs contract" from the U.S. Army came up for mine-resistant ambush protected (MRAP) vehicles in the medium-size category that Defense had not competed on.

"There were several people who said, 'We can't win in this space,' Jones recalled from 2008. "There were several people who said, 'We've got to win in this space.'"

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Utility shifts to monthly billing

The city's utility bills are shifting from quarterly to monthly starting with a transition statement this month before the official changeover in May. The Utility Division said the change was prompted by customer requests and will better communicate usage information to residents.

This month's transition bill will prepare residents for the monthly cycle in May and be different for each customer based on when they last received a quarterly bill. After the transition bill all will be on the monthly cycle starting in May.

"A monthly utility billing cycle will better align with most customer budgeting practices and will assist customers in identifying potential water leaks more quickly, preventing increased utility bills due to leaks," Finance Director Trena Larson said in a statement.

"The utility also offers new enhanced customer services to include email billing and a portal for customers to view their usage and maintain their account. These new enhancements will incentivize customers to utilize automatic payment with-

drawal."

More than 4,800 customers are enrolled in automatic withdrawal payments and more than 500 receive email billing. Information and sign-up forms for email billing and automatic withdrawal are available on the city's website.

A frequently asked questions document can be found at www.ci.oshkosh.wi.us/UtilityBilling and customers can either call 920-232-5325 or visit City Hall's Room 106 during business hours for more information.

Driver convicted in car-train crash deaths

A jury convicted a 49-year-old man Wednesday of homicide by drunken driving in the deaths of two Oshkosh women in December 2017 after a car-train crash in the downtown area.

Shawn L. Schettle of Oshkosh was found guilty on two counts each of homicide by intoxicated use of a vehicle and hit-and-run involving a death after a three-day trial last week before Winnebago County Cir-

cuit Court Judge Karen Seifert. Emily N. Mueller, 37, and Jessica L. Roby, 43, were passengers in a vehicle driven by Schettle, who fled the scene of the crash Dec. 22 near Washington Avenue and Broad Street and was later taken into custody.

A dog injured in the accident and found the next day was treated at the Oshkosh Area Humane Society and later adopted.

Schettle was also convicted of know-

ingly operating a vehicle with a suspended license and being under the influence of a controlled substance while a perjury count against him was dismissed and read into the record.

Schettle told police he borrowed the car, according to the criminal complaint, and gave varying accounts of what occurred.

A sentencing hearing was set for June 21 in Branch 4 before Seifert.

Two arrested for human trafficking of teen

Two men were arrested last week by Oshkosh police on charges related to human trafficking of a 17-year-old boy.

Police arrested Tyler J. Brand, 25, of Oshkosh, and Khyvn Z. Vhasenglu, 36, of Menasha, after a March 25 incident in Eau Claire where the Oshkosh teen, who had been reported as a runaway by his parents,

escaped from a car and went into a nearby Hobby Lobby. Eau Claire County prosecutors filed a criminal complaint March 27 on associated drug offenses.

Prosecutors say Brand and the teen met in January on an online dating app. Brand was arrested for human trafficking of a child, second-degree sexual assault of a

child, child enticement and a sex offender registry violation. Vhasenglu was arrested for human trafficking of a child and child enticement.

The investigation is still ongoing. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Oshkosh Police Department at 920-236-5700.

Family bike ride fundraiser set May 18

The first annual Arya Cares Family Bike Ride will be held May 18 at Menominee Park in memory of Arya Vaughn, a 4-year-old who died last May after a bicycle accident near her home.

Arya was practicing



Arya

riding and wearing her helmet when she rolled out in the roadway on South Park Avenue and was struck by a vehicle.

Funds raised will help build children's playgrounds at parks and schools in the community and funding for fieldtrips and other activities. The Arya Cares Foundation is looking for sponsors for the event. For more information email aryacaresfoundation@gmail.com.

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Collins featured at moon landing anniversary event

From EAA Communications

Apollo 11 command module pilot Michael Collins will be the featured guest as EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2019 commemorates the 50th anniversary of the first mission that landed men on the moon.

Collins will be joined by fellow Apollo astronaut Joe Engle during the evening program at Theater in the Woods on July 26, hosted by four-time space shuttle astronaut Charlie Precourt. The program will highlight the millions of man-hours and hundreds of thousands of people who made the first manned moon landing possible.

EAA AirVenture 2019, the 67th annual Experimental Aircraft Association fly-in convention, is July 22-28 at Wittman Re-

gional Airport.

“Even a half-century later, the Apollo 11 mission stands as one of the great human achievements of all time,” said Rick Larsen, EAA vice president of communities and member programs. “We are honored to have Michael Collins, Joe Engle and others take us back to the memorable ‘one giant leap for mankind.’”

Collins, mission commander Neil Armstrong and lunar module pilot Buzz Aldrin departed Cape Kennedy, Fla., on July 16, 1969, as the Saturn V rocket lifted the trio into space. On July 20, the module landed

on the moon’s surface, followed by the first steps by Armstrong and Aldrin on the surface. Apollo 11 made a successful splash-down in the Pacific Ocean four days later.

Collins’ NASA career began in 1963 as part of the third group of astronauts selected. His first space flight was aboard the Gemini 10 mission with John Young in 1966, when Collins became America’s third spacewalker. He earned his college degree at West Point and built flight time in U.S. Air Force F-86 Sabres at Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada, as well as serving at George Air Force Base and Edwards Air Force Base in California.

After leaving NASA in 1970, Collins served seven years as director of the National Air and Space Museum and has written several books.



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Michael Collins (center), with fellow Apollo 11 crew members Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin, will be at this year’s EAA AirVenture to help mark the 50th anniversary of the first manned moon landing.

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The appointment to the at-large seat would run through April 2020. Interested residents should submit a completed Council Candidate Questionnaire to the City Clerk.

Completed Questionnaires must be turned in to the City Clerk’s office no later than 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 9, 2019.

The City Council will review the completed Questionnaires and any other information submitted by applicants. Applicants will be asked to make a five minute presentation at the Tuesday, May 14, 2019 City Council Meeting. The Council will make an appointment at the Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 2019.

Completed Questionnaires may be hand delivered, sent via the U. S. Postal Service or e-mail to the Office of the City Clerk.
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Bee Bella growing in the lip service business

Young entrepreneurs find and expand on their niche

By Dan Flannery
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Scott Haskins, 28, works at Kimberly-Clark in Neenah as a lead electrical engineer.

James Wiciak, 29, is a consulting engineer at CDW in Oshkosh.

Jon Dudzinski, 31, is a portfolio manager at Carl M. Hennig, an Oshkosh investment firm.

Of course, they raise honeybees, too. And they make lip balm based on the beeswax from those bees.

That lip balm — Bee Bella — is taking off as a business and as part of a movement that values free-trade sourcing and organic ingredients, with part of the proceeds donated to honeybee research.

“We started out as beekeepers,” Haskins said. “We started out with five hives, and our initial idea was to make honey with it. We found out that making lip balm is a lot more profitable, and also enjoyable. ...”

“Our original mission was to help save the honey bees, so we found (lip balm) to be a better avenue to accomplish that.”

From a business perspective, they could accomplish much more. Bee Bella — “Bee,” an obvious play on “be,” and “Bella,” Italian for “beautiful” — seems to have a major upside.

“Our expectation,” said Dudzinski, the company’s chief operating officer, “is that Bee Bella will be a national, top-tier lip balm, distributing at Whole Foods and

Buzz on Bee Bella

What, where: Bee Bella offers six flavors and two tints of bee-based lip balm. Produced in Green Lake and distributed from Oshkosh, its products are available in 400 retail outlets, including more than three dozen Hometown Pharmacy stores and 30 Whole Foods stores.

Bee Bella is at 11 Oshkosh locations. Check website for “Retailer Map.”

Who: Co-founders are Jon Dudzinski, Scott Haskins and James Wiciak. Dudzinski and Wiciak are UW-Oshkosh graduates. Haskins is a UW-Milwaukee graduate.

Website: www.beebella.buzz

other high-end retailers around the country in five years.”

Yes, that Whole Foods. Bee Bella is already in 400 retail stores, most in the Midwest. That includes 30 Whole Foods stores in Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana, as a test-market, and things are going “extremely well,” Dudzinski said.

“We’re already putting plans in place to expand rapidly (by the end of 2019),” he said.

“It really went from a glorified hobby to a legitimate business with some real legs underneath it, once the Whole Foods side of it came together. ... It was about a three-year process to actually get on the shelves at Whole Foods.”

Haskins, the company’s engineer and retail relations leader, said he and Dudzinski visited each of the targeted Whole



Submitted photo

Jon Dudzinski shows some of the Bee Bella company’s working bees.

Foods stores to make a Bee Bella pitch to the store’s buyers. It paid off with product placement at each store’s checkout lane.

“As we suspected,” Dudzinski said, “the shopper who does business at Whole Foods really resonates with our brand and really saw what we had to offer, and they thought it was pretty unique and compelling.”

Those customers notice Bee Bella’s larger wooden tubes, offering six grams of balm, more than the 4.2 grams of their competitors, usually in plastic tubes.

“Warren Buffet does a really good job of talking about the strength of a brand, and how packaging and branding matter, and how creating a good experience

for your customer creates a competitive edge,” Dudzinski said. “Every time your customer has a positive experience with your product, it creates a moat around it and makes it harder for a competitor to get market share.”

The packaging and presentation, Haskins said, “takes it from a normal, everyday item and upscales it to a much more giftable type of item. If you pull it out of your purse, it’s not just something that you use to medicate your lips. It turns it into a talking point. It has that ‘what is that?’ factor.”

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Welcome to the Family

Spring arrives on the wings of shore activity

By Rob Zimmer
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

It has been exciting along the shore in Oshkosh as spring migration is in full swing and birds are returning with spectacular flair.

The past two weeks have seen an incredible flight of tundra swans passing through the area on their way west, then northwest, toward the Alaskan tundra where they will spend the summer raising new families.

The swans passed through in incredible numbers over a period of just a few days in late March as winds were just right from the east and southeast, carrying them on their journey across the state. Many stopped over in flooded farm fields and along open water areas along the river and lakes right in Oshkosh.

In addition to the swan migration, huge numbers of waterfowl have also returned to the area. Open water along the river and on Lake Butte des Morts boasts huge numbers of scaup, goldeneyes and mergansers, beautiful diving ducks that feed upon mussels, snails and other morsels they find on the lake and river bottom.

Canvasbacks, redheads, ring-necked ducks and others join the huge flocks as they gather on open water.

With ice-out looming on Lake Winnebago, even bigger numbers of migrating ducks will appear.

Also returning with ice-out on the big lake are common loons on their way north to breeding lakes in the northern part of the state. They will bide their time on Lake Winnebago in large numbers until these northern lakes are free of ice and they can return to their breeding sites.

Bald eagles in the area are beginning to nest, with young birds from previous seasons gathering along the shore to take advantage of the incoming hordes of waterfowl and winterkill fish and other food sources dislodged from melting ice.

Of course lake sturgeon are already migrating upriver to spawn at locations along the Fox and Wolf rivers, a time of great excitement for nature lovers and wildlife watchers throughout the state.

Songbirds also made an incredible influx, with large numbers of robins, grackles, eastern bluebirds, eastern phoebes, as well as rarer species such as rusty blackbirds.

Other returning water birds found along the shores of Winnebago, the Fox River and Butte des Morts are double-crested cormorants, sandhill cranes, great blue herons, American coot, belted kingfisher and others.

It wouldn't be spring without the spectacular arrival of American white pelicans, their graceful, roller-coaster flight bringing them back to our shores for a new season.

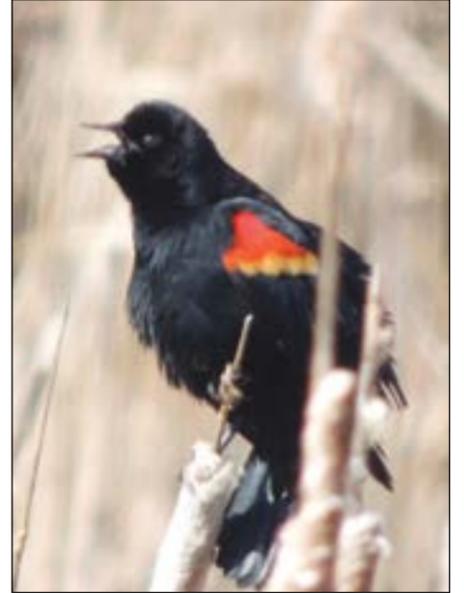
Lake Winnebago is giving up her shield of ice for the parade of spring arrivals that will reach a crescendo as massive rafts of diving ducks, gulls, terns, shorebirds, osprey and grebes take advantage of open water, along with colorful warblers, orioles, tanagers, grosbeaks and other songbirds that will travel along her shorelines.

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Scaup, redheads and other diving ducks have returned to the shores of area lakes and rivers.



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Birds and beer event features falcon Hondo

Fifth Ward Brewing Co. has crafted a special beer to honor a celebrated peregrine falcon who has become an ambassador of the wildlife education community and will visit the brewery April 18 for a family-friendly presentation.

Hondo became a local celebrity when he and mate Deborah chose the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Gruenhagen Conference Center as a nesting site in 2011. The university mounted a nest box equipped with a webcam to share with the public, and the two had their first set of chicks that spring.

Hondo and Deborah were raising a second brood at the nest box the following summer when Hondo collided with a vehicle along U.S. 41. A Good Samaritan found him and he was transported to Aves Wildlife Alliance, a wildlife rehabilitation facility in Neenah, with injuries to his right wing and leg.

Hondo was hospitalized for several months at Aves and transferred to a falconer for flight conditioning and further evaluation. Falcons need to be able to tuck their wings to dive in "stoops" that can exceed 200 mph and from as high as 3,000 feet, and Hondo's injuries and lingering arthritis ultimately prevented his release back into the wild.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and state Department of Natural Resources have guidelines that aid and govern keep-



Photo from Collections by Carol

Hondo the peregrin falcon has become an education ambassador for Aves Wildlife Alliance.

ing a wild animal in captivity. The falconer and staff of Aves Wildlife Alliance made suitable progress toward Hondo's continued life in captivity and was granted an educational bird permit to allow Hondo to become an ambassador of native birds for Aves' educational programs.

The one-hour presentation by Aves Wildlife Alliance is a partnership of Oshkosh Bird Fest, Winnebago Audubon and Fifth Ward Brewing. Weather permitting it will be held in the beer garden at 1009 S. Main St. for a 6 p.m. presentation.

Adults can purchase a pint of the special small-batch Hondo Ale, which was brewed with malted millet, a common grain found in bird seed mixes, along with Willamette hops. Children can get a free root beer.

To monitor current activity at the Gruenhagen nest box, visit <https://portal.housing.uwosh.edu/Falcon>. Oshkosh Bird Fest is coming May 4 to Menominee Park.

Lourdes receives national recognition

Lourdes Academy has been recognized as a Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Distinguished School for providing broad access to learning opportunities for students through PLTW Gateway (middle school) and PLTW Launch (elementary school). Lourdes is one of 148 middle schools and 214 elementary schools across the U.S. to receive the honor.

PLTW is a nonprofit organization that serves preK-12 students and teachers.

"We are extremely honored to be recognized as a Distinguished PLTW school, both at the middle school and elementary school," said John Dinegan, Lourdes Academy System president. "Helping students to become interested in and familiar with STEM principles is an important part of how our teachers are helping students prepare for the future, to identify

their God-given talents, and discover how they can respond to God's call for them."

The recognition honors schools committed to increasing student access and engagement in STEM education. Lourdes' middle school had to offer at least one PLTW Gateway unit at each grade level, have at least 50 percent of students participating and 25 percent advancing to high school participate in two or more units.

For the elementary designation, Lourdes had to offer at least two PLTW Launch modules at each grade level and have more than 75 percent of the student body participating.

Whether its designing a car safety belt or building digital animations based on their own short stories, PLTW students use creative thinking, teamwork and a passion for their STEM subjects.

School district employees cited for disabilities work

Three Oshkosh Area School District employees were recently recognized by the Wisconsin Council of Administrators of Special Services (WCASS). Tim Bonson, school psychologist; Mary Beth Connors, transition coordinator; and Heather Wolters, school counselor, received the WCASS Making a Difference Award for outstanding professional achievement and commitment to students with disabilities.

WCASS has more than 350 members who administer and support special education programs throughout the state. The district's Special Education Department provides a continuum of educational services to children with academic, intellectual, physical, social, behavioral and/or emotional disabilities, ages 3 through 21.



Photo from Oshkosh Area School District

Tim Bonson, school psychologist; Mary Beth Connors, transition coordinator; and Heather Wolters, school counselor, received the WCASS Making a Difference Award.

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Volunteers will be in search of sandhill cranes Saturday in Winnebago County and statewide.

Sandhill crane count this weekend in county, state

The International Crane Foundation is sponsoring the annual Midwest Crane Count on Saturday where more than 2,000 volunteers participate in a survey to gather information on the abundance and distribution of cranes in the upper Midwest.

A spring snowstorm interfered with the 2018 count but in 2017 volunteers in Winnebago County counted 1,853 sandhill cranes, more than any other county in the nation.

The foundation encourages participa-

tion from 5:30 to 7:30 a.m. by bringing binoculars, cameras or similar devices to assist in the count, which can be done from inside a vehicle if the weather gets challenging. For students the effort can count as volunteer hours.

Contact Winnebago County coordinator Shannon Davis-Foust at agalinus3@gmail.com or 920-420-7426 to secure a stakeout site. Details are at www.saving-cranes.org or on the Winnebago Audubon Society Facebook page.

Boys & Girls Club cited for social media efforts

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh received the top award for resource development presented by the Wisconsin Area Council at the Boys & Girls Club's Area Council conference in Madison recently.

The club's Marketing and Resource Development Department was awarded the Outstanding Resource Development award for its Friend Friday social media campaign that sought to strengthen relationship with businesses. Other award categories include Marketing and Communications, Program, and Board Volunteer.

"I am so very pleased," club CEO Marc Dosogne said. "Our Marketing and Re-

source Development team are always looking for new and better ways to promote the club and stay connected in our community, and because of their efforts we are so well known in Oshkosh and nationally among other clubs."

The state conference provides Boys & Girls Club directors and board members an opportunity to network and take part in statewide planning. Lifetime board member Ron Lampe and former club member and staff member Wally Graffen were both inducted into the Wisconsin Boys & Girls Club Hall of Fame for their longtime contributions.

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Unity event

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at the Oshkosh Convention Center.

Aaron Sherer and Paul Smith brought their sons last year and said, "Our family really enjoyed being a part of this day that brought all of our community's diverse people together. It just felt really good for us. We have never been to an event in Oshkosh like it."

Amtul Sara has served on the steering committee for two years. She believes in the intention of Unity in Community.

"I cherish any event that promotes unity and diversity," she said. "Quran tells me that God created everyone from one source and created tribes and nations so that you may know one another."

Sara finds that working on Unity in Community is an extension of her faith.

"As an Ahmadi Muslim, I always look for opportunities that broaden my view and experience. The Islamic viewpoint is that peace can best be achieved through unity and what better way to achieve this than by educating ourselves through events like Unity in the Community," she said.



Photo from Oshkosh Media

A percussion group performs at last year's Unity in Community event.

Sara has worked on the Education Committee for both festivals to help people of all ages learn about other cultures, and said the projects include learning that reaches all five senses.

Cummings understands how all people make Oshkosh a strong community. "Di-

versity is the thread that has been used to weave the rich fabric of our community," he said. "How boring and bland life would be if we didn't share each other's customs, celebrations, food and music. Diversity has made us who we are today."

Diversity will literally be on display Sat-

urday. Groups that will perform are the Dance Troupe of Fox Cities, North African Dance Group of Oshkosh North and UW-Oshkosh Hmong Student Union. Salsa Manzana, the last group to take the stage, will explain the connection between the moves and music, and give instruction in basic salsa dancing. Wear comfortable shoes and be ready to move to the groove.

Cummings sees the promise and hope behind Unity in Community.

"I believe diversity is an evolutionary process," he said. "Oshkosh has become more diverse since I was a kid. Now we need to take the next step and work on becoming a more inclusive and welcoming community."

Police Chief Dean Smith helped plan last year's event.

"Unity in Community is about inclusiveness. Last year I found that the eagerness of everyone in attendance to interact made me truly believe that Oshkosh is growing in the right direction," he said.

Hopes are high for this year's festival.

"I am confident that this annual event is just the first step in making Oshkosh a more welcoming environment for all," Carey-Butler said.

Bee Bella

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"It helps our customers tell our story. ... We have this essence of offering a product that makes our customer feel good, and also be good at the same time. Their purchase goes to honeybee research and stuff like that."

Honeybees are struggling with disease and Colony Collapse Disorder, which causes most worker bees in a colony to disappear. That leaves behind a queen, feed and "nurse" bees to care for immature bees and the queen.

Researchers are seeking to better understand CCD and other bee-related diseases. According to the environmental group Greenpeace, commercial honeybee population in the U.S. has decreased by 40 percent since 2006.

Bee Bella's co-founders were aware of

that when they took up beekeeping.

"We really didn't have a grand plan," Dudzinski said. "We just wanted to help bees on the local level. ... I had read quite a bit about how bees were not doing well, and it really struck a nerve with me as something that was really important and that, even now, there is no solution to."

Dudzinski, Haskins and Wiciak (the company's biologist and chief technology officer) are still Bee Bella's beekeepers, and — with the company's only employee, who handles customer service and sales issues with retailers — the core of the company. They manage between 5 million to 7 million bees of their own in 100 hand-made hives, and they've also reached out to other Wisconsin beekeepers for help.

"It's just not practical for us to be producing all of it ourselves at this point," Dudzinski said. "A few key beekeepers that we work with have several thousand hives. So we work with some of the larger

operations in the state, and they have all of the supply we need."

The lip balm is created in a rented commercial kitchen in Green Lake, producing up to 15,000 tubes of their six flavors and two tints over a weekend. If they focus on one flavor, they can produce 15,000 tubes per day, Dudzinski said.

Staying hands-on is all part of managing production, keeping costs down and a gradual growth plan.

"We only have to pay for (the kitchen) when we actually use it," Haskins said. "... it's just a process of measuring everything out, putting it into a large container, and then heating it to the melting point so that it's all one homogenous solution. And then from there, we'll pour it into the trays that I had custom-made to basically hold about 250 tubes."

Dudzinski said the current steady growth pattern reduces the possibility of rash decisions. Wanting to expand too much too

soon can lead to circumstances that create debt and see cash-flow evaporate.

In 2017 and 2018, Bee Bella received a grant and a low-interest loan from the Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corp., which helped the new firm avoid unnecessary risk. And it helps to have support from key retail partners.

"Whole Foods is really good about helping us grow within our cash flow," Dudzinski said. "We didn't want to take on debt, and we didn't want to have to bring in outside investors to make this happen. Whole Foods was gracious enough to say, 'Fine, let's put you in 30 stores to start, and see if it works. And if it does, then we'll expand step by step.' And so far, that's been a fantastic partnership."

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New mayor

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did not have to run this year. “I don’t think there was any one issue that pushed voters one way or the other.”

The 2018 decision to sell part of Lakeshore Municipal Golf Course to Oshkosh Corp. may have influenced the election — even though both Cummings and Palmeri voted to support the transaction.

Bob Poeschl, an Oshkosh school board member who knocked incumbent Tom Pech Jr. off the council in last week’s election, believes the Lakeshore controversy is still fresh in voters’ minds.

Another area where Cummings, 74, and Palmeri, 51, seem to agree is on the importance of diversity and inclusion. But their approaches are different, perhaps based on their backgrounds.

Cummings, who says age and gender contributed to his defeat, has built relationships with leaders of the city’s diverse communities and developed the annual celebration Unity in Community. By contrast Palmeri, who identifies as a “first-generation Latina of Colombian descent,” has approached the issue on a “street level, ... what’s really going on,” Poeschl said.

Palmeri said one of her first acts as mayor will be to propose either a board or commission to focus on diversity and inclusion issues.

In his job as a property manager for the Oshkosh/Winnebago County Housing Authority, Poeschl said he frequently finds himself in poorer and more diverse parts of the community. While there he has observed that city services seem to be provided at a lower level, a situation that becomes particularly apparent during a hard winter like this past one.

While acknowledging that the city has a street clearing plan based on traffic volumes, Poeschl said differences appear to exist across various neighborhoods.

“I live on Washington (Avenue), so I can pretty much relax in knowing that my street will be plowed,” he said. “But that person who lives in that poor neighborhood cannot relax and assume that their street is going to be plowed. They have to worry about getting stuck.”

He believes that racism and “classism” have become bigger factors in a community that traditionally has been known as overwhelmingly white and largely middle income. Over the years the city has become “a much more diverse community than we believe it is,” he said. “When you

tap that resource, it can change the makeup of how elections can take place.”

A review of voting tallies shows that Cummings had his sharpest loss of support, compared with the 2017 election, in Ward 7, which is bounded by Bowen Street and Lake Winnebago between Washington Avenue and a part of Murdock Street.

Palmeri, who collected a total of 4,681 votes, had her strongest comparative showing in the Middle Village neighborhood where she lives, and also did well in other nearby wards as well as in older neighborhoods south of the river toward the lake.

Cummings, who collected 4,359 votes, had strong showings in Westhaven and other areas west of I-41. He also did well in the Millers Bay and Northshore neighborhoods, encompassing the streets around the far eastern end of Murdock.

In all races a total of 9,763 votes were cast out of 35,073 registered voters, for a turnout of 27.8 percent.

Palmeri ran on a platform of transparency and accountability, and she says has been working on ways, and will continue to work on ways, to make it easier for residents to contact City Hall and to know that their message has gotten through.

One recent change Palmeri pushed for is an interface that allows residents to email all councilors at once without having to send individual messages.

“We are seeing more people emailing because of that,” she said. “When you are contacting your representative, no one wants to have to click through each name individually.”

Some have criticized this as an example of micromanaging City Hall, an accusation she rejects. “It was just a matter of asking (staff), ‘Can you please work on this?’ And now it’s there.”

In Oshkosh the mayor has a limited role in day-to-day operations and a largely co-equal role on the council with the other members. Cummings said he fears that Palmeri does not understand the scope of

her powers.

Incumbent Council Member Steve Herman, who did not have to stand for re-election this year, said other factors at work in the election include a national shift toward liberal policies as well as the desire of local voters to see new faces.

During the campaign Palmeri positioned herself as “the choice for real change” and can run through a list of ways she thinks City Hall could be made more accessible to residents. But she is realistic about the limits of whatever mandate she has.

“Half of the voters didn’t vote for me,” she said. She takes this to mean she needs to be “sensitive and considerate of those who are not interested in change.”

She is developing an “action plan” for her first 100 days in office, which she will unveil after Tuesday, the date she will be sworn in along with the newly elected and re-elected members of the council.

An important variable for the council is the filling of Palmeri’s seat. Interested residents have until 10 a.m. May 9 to complete a questionnaire. Candidates will have an opportunity at the May 14 meeting to make a presentation to the council, which will select a replacement that evening.

Mugerauer said he thinks Palmeri will “do great” in her new role. But other council members are withholding judgment on how well her proposals will go over. Some degree of change “may be to the good,” said Herman. “Let it play out, and hopefully we don’t lose any momentum.”

“At the end of the day the mayor, who is the face of the city, is only one vote” in council decisions, said Deb Allison-Aasby, who was re-elected to the council with 5,012 votes, more than any of the other candidates in city races.

City Manager Mark Rohloff said: “I have enjoyed working with Council Member Palmeri and appreciate her being so conscientious in her duties as deputy mayor. I look forward to pursuing our strategic goals with her as mayor.”



Photos from Humane Society

A caiman and Burmese python were removed from locations in the city and transferred to a Madison organization that will care for the animals.

Exotic animals find new home

The Oshkosh Area Humane Society took in a dwarf caiman native to South America and a 10-foot-long Burmese python recently that were being illegally kept in the city.

There are no statewide restrictions on exotic animal ownership but municipalities can set restrictions.

“Before considering acquiring an exotic animal, please make sure to check your local regulations,” Humane Society admissions manager Cari Tetzlaff said in a statement. “Not doing this places a burden on local animal organizations and un-

fortunately the animal typically pays the price. We would like to ask the public to do their research before acquiring any exotic animal.”

Like many animal welfare groups, the organization is not equipped to safely house exotic animals long-term so staff reached out to the Madison Area Herpetological Society, who offered to take the animals.

“Their volunteers and foster homes are highly experienced with handling and housing these species and it’s a comfort to know the animals will receive proper care,” Tetzlaff said.

Rawhide president to speak at Excellence in Leadership

Alan Loux, president and chief executive of Rawhide Inc. and its programs for at-risk youth in Wisconsin, will be the featured speaker at the Excellence in Leadership seminar and luncheon Tuesday at the Oshkosh Convention Center.

Loux, whose talk is titled “Mentoring: Seeing Your Reflection in Others,” joined the faith-based organization in 2017 after leadership roles in both the corporate and nonprofit sectors. Rawhide was founded in 1965 by John and Jan Gillespie with the help of NFL Hall of Fame quarterback Bart Starr and wife Cherry.

Registration begins at 11 a.m. with lunch at 11:15 and the seminar from noon to 1 p.m. Individual tickets are \$40 and can be obtained through www.eilgroup.org.

Loux began his career working in faith-based nonprofits such as Prison Fellowship and InterVarsity, where he served as director of marketing and assistant to the president. Most recently he was vice president of global marketing with JLG Industries, an Oshkosh Corp. company. Previously he served as corporate vice president of marketing with Direct Supply and had a 19-year career with Kimberly-Clark Corp.

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Oshkosh Corp.

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They won the contract and built close to 8,000 MRAPs in a year, soon taking annual sales from \$1 billion to \$10 billion while including recently acquired JLG Industries on the effort to build a third of the vehicles in Pennsylvania.

While in steady acquisition mode starting in 1996 with Pierce Manufacturing and a decade later with JLG joining as an exclamation mark on its international network, Oshkosh Corp. continued to keep its namesake community out front and in position to host the new headquarters. Balancing home base with the global nature of its operations was put to the ultimate test when selecting a location for an entity that has bigger operations in other metro areas.

Jones said there was a strong interest within the company to move its base to sites such as Hagerstown, Md., where JLG is anchored and in the D.C. beltway. With help from supporters in all public and private sectors of the city and Fox Valley, the welcoming pitch for Oshkosh soon drowned out some initial public opposition to sacrificing some of the municipal golf course land for the site.

The potential impact of losing an important community partnership that a corporation's home base brings overruled any general opposition.

"It was really rewarding to see that there was a lot more positive than negative," Jones said. "I think you're always going to have that on an issue like that."

One of the factors considered in most business site selections is being able to draw skilled employees to a region. The leadership team's ongoing People First initiative is in line with that goal by promoting a collaborative workforce through training and work flexibility.

"Access to talent is a big issue these days," Jones said.

Jones deflects personal credit but his leadership style is inseparable from the company's emphasis on an employee-centered culture that has drawn industry recognition for ethics, work environment and military-friendly employment.

The leadership team Jones ushered in three years ago identified a company culture that needed to go beyond the standard mantra of operation, innovation and product planning by measuring the



Photo from Oshkosh Corp.

Oshkosh Corp. chief executive Wilson Jones (center) talks to a group of employees at a Pierce Manufacturing facility.

well-being of employees.

"Without a good people focus we may not be able to deliver all these others, even if they're great strategies," Jones said.

"We had a good culture here but felt that in the spirit of continuous improvement we could make it better. We felt like a healthier culture would outperform the performing culture we had."

Response to the first engagement survey "was terrible and we knew it. But what it did is it told us what we needed to work on," he said. After 18 months a follow-up survey showed double-digit increases in all categories of engagement and soon a program that was thought to need four to five years to integrate itself was showing dividends and national recognition.

"I'm very passionate about what we're doing with our people and I think we've just scratched the surface, but I can't believe how far we've jumped in three years," he said. "And awards are nice but what people are saying is the coolest part."

Jones said when asked by staff to define "people first," he would turn the question back to them: "I know what it means to me; what does it mean to you?" Self-directed answers helped form the policy that considered more family-friendly work schedules and opportunities for a voice at the table.

"It clearly is about making a difference in the lives of others. You see what we do with our customers, that's pretty obvious in what our products do," he said. "But what we really focused on is, if we really help our people not only be successful in what they're doing but successful in life, that's going to take care of a lot of things."

He said some managers were more competitive than collaborative in certain roles and drew extra attention to determine if they would continue to be a good fit with the new culture.

"We need to be forgiving here and help them because a lot of it's not their fault, so we've upped the ante on leadership training," Jones said.

Jones has shared that servant-led model to other audiences and classrooms, where students from the "Gen Z" popu-

lation born in the mid-1990s have largely expressed that a greater purpose is more important than earnings.

"I think a company is making a mistake if it's not focused on investing more in their people strategy," he said.

Jones said he and his leadership team are heeding the statistics on how a negative work environment can affect health. One study he pointed to showed heart attack rates increasing by 20 percent on Monday mornings as work becomes a steady source of stress.

"What we're doing in the workplace affects their home life; it affects their kids," he said.

Corporations often take on high-profile community roles and Oshkosh Corp. puts itself in the middle of child-centered projects with nonprofit organizations like the Boys & Girls Club and programs such as Feed the Body, Feed the Soul.

"We were miles wide but only inches deep in our foundation work and so we narrowed our focus to really be about poverty reduction and children," Jones said of his company's more recent focus. "And so we probably lost some friends in that change but we felt like the best thing we could do for the community is really try to reduce the poverty levels and make sure this community gets sustained."

With headquarters firmly footed as it starts to dominate the view looking east into the city over Lake Butte des Morts on Interstate 41, its international reach will come full circle as it starts to bring all 15,000 of its employees to the city over time to take part in an expanded campus curriculum.

Along with the economic boost that is expected along the Oshkosh Avenue corridor will be a steady influx of staff in training that will experience the community while exploring other areas of the corporation.

"I think the more they come through there we further that sense of purpose and they can see that this is their company" despite being at different locations, Jones said.

"After People First we want to graduate to say, OK, we've made it a more caring environment, meaningful work, now let's make sure we have 15,000 people who own this company. And I think the headquarters is going to tie that in."

The new headquarters design has flexibility and a capacity to grow beyond the initial count of 550 employees representing its Defense, Commercial, Fire & Emergency and Access Equipment groups. There are 40 buildings scattered in the community with about 19 of those leased. When the space shuffle becomes more determined some older buildings with high maintenance fees are expected

to get phased out and help make the project cost-neutral over time.

"We're going into it with an open mind that we'll be flexible if we need to move around a bit and change," Jones said.

His own relocation from Appleton to a home on the city's west side in the Town of Oshkosh last year adds the Denton, Texas, native's own commitment to the community.

"I got some criticism over the years" for not living in Oshkosh, he recalled, but needed to wait for his children to finish school in the Appleton area where it made sense to be located while working at the Airport Products and later Oshkosh Fire & Emergency segment offices.

"I've always had a 30-minute commute from wherever we were," Jones said, who now looks forward to the 8 minutes it will take to get to his future office. "I think my team's going to be happy because it's not 30 minutes (when) I can call them all to see what they're doing."

Jones knows well the community pride in "Truck" before and during his almost 15 years with the company and most recently in celebrating its 100th birthday with people like its 75-year employee-historian, the late Clarence "Inky" Jungwirth.

"That had to be one of the best days of his life because that smile was like from ear to ear" as he rode in the parade in Old No. 1 Betsy, he said. "We miss him."

Jones said that corporate-community history guides his team and its connection between legacy and success.

"I worry that people around our company see that as just a corporate building, and we don't want it to be that," Jones said. "We want it to be a community building where they can all come and thrive and grow."

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Big things expected from high-powered North

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Challenging Oshkosh North to a softball game the past three years has been like coaxing Steph Curry into a game of H-O-R-S-E.

The results have been predictable: a loss for the challengers.

The Spartans have been a softball steamroller, winning 87 percent of their games (a 69-10 record) the past three years. They have also posted a remarkable 52-2 mark

SOFTBALL PREVIEW in the rugged Fox Valley Association, including back-to-back 18-0 seasons the past two years.

Still, something has been missing – a WIAA state championship trophy – and the Spartans have the necessary pieces to win the school's first state softball title.

North is loaded with high-end talent and widely regarded as one of the state's premier teams.

"I have to think that along with Stevens Point they're one of the favorites to win state," said Oshkosh West coach Tim Kohl.

And why not? North returns the state's best player in pitcher-first baseman Sydney Supple along with a formidable supporting cast of skilled players from a 25-2 powerhouse. The group includes standouts like senior infielder Libby Neveau, junior catcher Sophie Averkamp, sophomore infielders Brooke Ellestad and Emma Phillips, sophomore outfielder Mollie Bittner and senior outfielder Mathena Higgins.

Supple, Neveau, Averkamp, Ellestad and Bittner were first-team all-FVA selections a year ago, while Higgins and Phillips received honorable mention.

"It's a lot of very talented young ladies," said North coach Ken Dischler. "I've inherited a very well-rounded team that works hard. We're going to approach every game like it's for the FVA championship. We're not going to approach Game 3 any different than Game 18. I'm a firm believer that you have to take care of what you can control and not leave things to chance at the end. Just play solid ball every time you step on the field."

Dischler previously coached at Chequamegon High School in Park Falls. He replaces the highly successful Cindy Suess, who guided the Spartans the past five years and is now coaching softball at Horicon.

"We all loved Coach Suess and wish her nothing but the best," said Supple. "Coach D has been nothing but great for us since Day 1. He asked us our goals right away and told us he would do whatever it takes to accomplish them. He's there for us and in turn we're there for him every step of the way."

The Spartans reached the WIAA Division 1 state tournament in Supple's first two years at North, but dropped a 2-1 state quarterfinal to Union Grove in 2016 and a 2-1 decision to Kaukauna in a 2017 state opener. The Spartans never made it to Goodman Diamond last year after being shocked by Fond du Lac in a 5-3 regional final loss.

North, which has opened the season with a 7-0 start following a 4-0 spring trip to Florida, delivered some payback early last week with a 10-0 rout of Fond du Lac in its FVA opener. Supple tossed a five-inning perfect game and slammed a pair of home runs to power the Spartans to the lopsided win.

"After what happened last year, beating them was extra special," Supple said.

Senior outfielder Courtney Day, senior outfielder-first baseman Brie Gauthier, senior infielder McKenzie Lang, junior outfielder Emma Leib and sophomore infielder Noelle Frank are additional players expected to fill key roles for the Spartans. Gauthier will be the team's No. 2 pitcher, while freshman Ashley Borowitz will also log some innings.

"We have 14 girls who know how to play the game," Dischler said. "They know the game well. Now it's just a matter of going out there and performing to the best of their God-given talents."

The Spartans have been dominant so far, winning their first seven games by a whopping 61-15 margin.

"I believe pitching and defense wins championships, but we can certainly hit the ball, too," said Dischler. "We have a pretty potent lineup one through nine."

North is currently ranked No. 1 among Division 1 teams in the WFSCA/WisSports.net Coaches Poll and an overwhelming favorite to win its third straight FVA title. But can the Spartans finally get it done in Madison? That's a question North plans to answer.

"We have some very high standards, goals and expectations," Supple said. "We want to be three-time conference champs and go 18-0 for the third straight season. And we want to go back to Goodman Diamond and come home with North's first state championship. We wrote our goals down before the season and have them in our dugout every game as a reminder to what we want to accomplish."

Pitching propels West

Oshkosh West surprised many observers last season by going further in tournament play than high-powered Oshkosh North. The Wildcats, fourth-place finishers in the FVA at 11-7 and 16-9 overall,

beat Fond du Lac, 7-3, in a sectional opener before falling to Slinger, 3-1, in a Division 1 sectional championship.

With two stellar pitchers back in senior Lacey Cruz and junior Annika Johnson, the Wildcats are expected to be one of the better teams in the FVA. Supporting their pitchers with adequate run production figures to be a key for the Wildcats,

"I think we have the pitching to keep scores low," said second-year Wildcats coach Tim Kohl. "But we're going to have to score some runs. We're going to have to put the ball in play. We have a lot of team speed. If we can get our kids on base and get them to run like I'd like them to, we're going to be fun to watch."

"But if we struggle at the plate and don't support our pitchers, there's going to be some tight games."

The Wildcats got off to a strong start in FVA play with back-to-back wins over Appleton West (11-0) and Kimberly (6-5).

Johnson missed a good portion of last season with a wrist injury, but still received all-conference honorable mention. Cruz, a lefty, stepped up in her absence and was outstanding, landing a spot on the all-FVA first-team.

"It's not like we didn't expect her (Cruz) to do well, but she performed at an even higher level than what we expected," said Kohl. "She's a power pitcher. She throws hard and will try and throw it by you."

Johnson is more of a finesse pitcher, but has great movement on her pitches and is consistent at hitting her spots. The Wildcats also have a talented sophomore pitcher in lefty Tatum Duff.

Kohl doesn't feel like he'll have trouble getting his pitchers sufficient work.

"In softball, your pitcher is expected to pitch every day or every other day," Kohl said. "If we don't get hit by the weather like we did last year, I think we have the game schedule that will allow us to keep both Lacy and Annika busy. Tatum Duff did a nice job for us last year, and we'll get her some work, too."

Other key returnees are senior infielder Emily Miller, senior outfielders Neva Oates and Brianna Geis and junior outfielder Leah Engstrom. Miller and Engstrom were second-team all-conference picks.

The absence of talented outfielder Brianna Davis won't help the Wildcats. Davis was a first-team all-FVA selection as a freshman, but will miss the softball season after tearing an ACL in basketball.

"That has left a huge hole in our lineup," Kohl said. "We have some holes to fill following graduation. We have freshmen and sophomores like Dominique Bauer, Olivia Torres and Taylor Emery trying to fill some of those spots right now."

Knights return solid cast

Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian is coming off a solid 11-6 season and a second-place 9-4 finish in conference play. The Knights will be breaking in a pair of freshman pitchers, but return an experienced group of players and should remain a conference contender.

Key returnees are catcher Grace Syson and infielder Raechel Russo, a pair of juniors who were second-team all-conference choices. Russo hit .552, while Syson had a .455 average. The two shared the team lead with 16 RBI.

Also back is senior infielder Sophia Laib, a .333 hitter who received all-conference honorable mention. Other returning players with starting experience are seniors Alexis Rolph, Marley Wesenberg and Charleigh Reinardy, and sophomores Hope Burns and Brooklyn Baker. Junior Sophie Jensen is also back after making a solid varsity contribution as a freshman.

Laib, Reinardy and Wesenberg are fourth-year starters; Russo is a third-year starter.

"Like any year, I'm expecting us to be competitive, regardless of who we play," said Jim Johnson, starting his second season as Knights coach. "I have some good seniors coming back and we have kids who can play multiple positions, which is a nice luxury to have."

"We have a good crop of freshmen too. I'm excited for the season."

Among those promising freshmen are right-handers Saraah Blanchard and Adri Geddes, who will handle the pitching duties. Kristen Wetterau, a first-team all-conference performer, was the Knights' ace last season but has transferred. Blanchard is expected to be the team's No. 1 pitcher.

"It's a pretty big step up for a freshman," said Johnson. "What I like about Saraah is that her attitude is fantastic. She doesn't back down. She's very dedicated and hard-working, always wanting to improve. Obviously, she doesn't have a lot of varsity experience, but I expect her to do well. She pitched for me in middle school and was fantastic at that level. This is the next step up and I'm expecting her to continue to pitch well and keep us in games."

The Knights will compete in the Trailways East Conference along with state powers Horicon and Oakfield. Lourdes finished second behind Oakfield in the Trailways North last season.

"It's going to be a good conference," said Johnson. "Horicon won state last year in Division 4 and Oakfield took second in Division 5. Both teams are very well coached and good programs. There should be some good tough ballgames."

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Former North star makes early mark

By Emil Vajgrt
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

From the time athletes begin playing, coaches preach a common goal: Have fun. For Tyrese Haliburton fun has always come first, with the accolades following along.

For the recent Oshkosh North graduate, the accolades are just beginning to come in.

Riding the momentum from winning Wisconsin's Gatorade Player of the Year honors at North, Haliburton led the Spartans into the Kohl Center with high hopes and expectations. The Spartans went into Madison and defeated two talented teams in Milwaukee Hamilton and Brookfield East, securing North's first WIAA boys basketball state championship.

On Nov. 9, 2017, Haliburton signed his National Letter of Intent to play basketball and continue his education at Division 1 Iowa State in Ames.

Once you arrive at Hilton Coliseum it becomes evident on why any basketball player would want to play there. "Hilton Magic," as it is known around the college basketball world, can be felt there. From the time you walk in and see the arena lighting and hear the buzz of students able to get to their seats early, there is an instant aura that builds inside.

"The fans here are the best in the country" Haliburton said. CBS ranked Hilton as the No. 10 "Toughest Places to Play" for college basketball arenas, and the Iowa State men's basketball team in particular boasts a .824 winning percentage there.

"I just love being a part of the legacy and trying to add to it," Haliburton said. "It's about being a part of something bigger than myself."



Photo by Emil Vajgrt

Tyrese Haliburton of Iowa State works against West Virginia guard and high school opponent/friend Jordan McCabe, formerly of Kaukauna High School, when the teams met in Ames earlier this season.

With the college basketball season's end this week there is a lot to reflect on for Haliburton's freshman season. For one, Iowa State won the Big-12 Conference tournament, defeating Kansas 78-66 — their second victory over Kansas this season. Haliburton finished fifth in the conference for assists with 125 (3.6 per game), including an Iowa State record 17 in one game.

Distributing the ball is something Haliburton takes great pride in. As a freshman on a loaded roster it was important to keep the offense flowing by moving the ball into teammates' hands. With this in mind Haliburton finished second in NCAA Division 1 — first in the Big-12 —

in assist-to-turnover ratio at 4.46 assists per turnover. Also shooting the three-ball accurately, Haliburton was third in the conference at 43 percent.

His freshman season was also memorable for his hometown, where fans could be seen sporting the cardinal and gold of the Cyclones. Looking toward the 2019-2020 season, expectations will be high and Haliburton's role will be even higher.

"My biggest goal is to win a national championship. I know it's a possibility if we work for it," Haliburton said, "but my biggest goal off the court is just to impact people in a positive way ... whether that be through community service or just taking a simple picture with a fan."

UW-Whitewater takes 3 of 4 against Titans in baseball

The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh baseball team gained a split in two games Sunday at UW-Whitewater after losing both games of a Saturday doubleheader against the Warhawks.

UW-Whitewater (10-6, 3-1 WIAC) scored a pair of unearned runs in the eighth inning of the first game Sunday to take a 6-4 lead that would hold up against the Titans (12-9, 5-3 WIAC).

Whitewater's Cal Aldridge gave his team a 3-0 lead with a third-inning solo home run and later made it a 4-4 tie with a seventh-inning solo shot after Zack Radde of the Titans hit a run-scoring triple and scored on a balk in the top of that inning for a 4-3 lead.

UW-Oshkosh won the first game 10-9 with the help of Alex Koch's third-inning solo home run, a three-run homer from Radde and a solo shot from Dylan Ott in the fifth. Alex Koch led UWO's 15-hit attack with three.

In Saturday's doubleheader, UWW took 5-4 lead on Nick Schrader's eighth-inning, two-out run-scoring single that would hold up for the final score. UWO had tied it 4-4 on Jonathan Selchow's seventh-inning, two-run home run. Colan Treml threw his fourth complete game of the season in UWO's first loss in 10 games.

Whitewater dominated the second game Saturday for a 12-1 win in eight innings with 15 hits, including two by five different players, with pitcher Matt O'Sullivan striking out nine.



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Wildcats varsity team regroups with juniors

By Brad Hartmann
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

“We play sports to have fun. If they aren’t enjoying it they shouldn’t be playing sports,” said Oshkosh West baseball coach Tony Gerharz, who is entering his 32rd season at the helm of the program.

Gerharz has seen a lot of baseball but one thing that stands out about his squad is the ability to remain loose and stay focused at the same time while many coaches run a tighter ship.

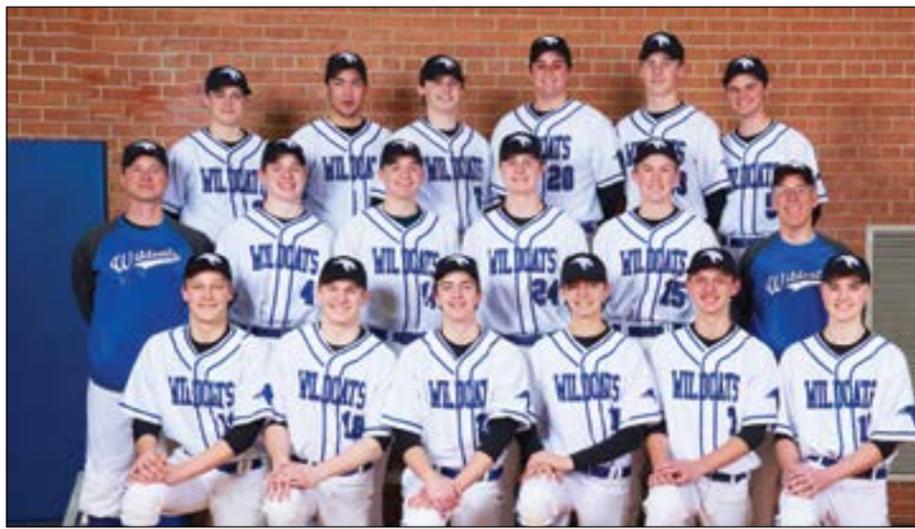
BASEBALL PREVIEW

“Last year (14-8) (11-7 in conference) we were the team that people were shooting for.

I tell them just go out there and have fun and enjoy what you are doing. The score will take care of itself if you’re playing smart, executing and hustling,” he said. “And they are so hopefully that continues.”

Heading into this year one thing the Wildcats are lacking is the dominant senior leadership that propelled them to the WIAA D1 sectionals before a 3-0 loss to West De Pere. The Wildcats graduated 12 and are relying on its new core of five seniors along with 12 juniors.

“This team likes each other and has a genuine love for each other,” said Wildcats senior Reid Oleson. “We are a young team, but as long as we stay focused and it



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The Oshkosh West High School baseball team is led by coach Tony Gerharz.

doesn’t matter how much experience you have because at the end of the day it’s zero-zero and if you can play hard and consistent that day you will most likely win.”

One pitching arm Gerharz is relying heavily on is Riley Frey, a left-handed reliever transformed into starter and a University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee prospect.

“You got to have that winners’ mentality. You have to come in every game thinking you’re going to win,” Frey said. “I don’t feel any pressures because it’s not healthy. I thought I was better off in the relief role. I don’t think I was ready to be a starter yet.

Towards the end of the year I felt more comfortable coming into the game late to get outs.”

One factor that can play a major role for any club is a good relationship between pitcher and catcher as junior duo of Frey and Carter Mosloski have demonstrated.

“Mosloski has been catching for me for a while. We have great chemistry. It started from freshman and now the varsity level,” said Frey.

“You always have to have trust in your catcher knowing that he always is going to have your back if you’re not hitting your

spots. Catchers are there to sacrifice and I think he is very good at it.”

With many juniors Gerharz has the luxury of flexibility and is eager to see what he has in his young group after losing two four-year starters.

“A lot of those guys can play multiple positions, which is nice especially with the new pitch count rule. We got nine or 10 guys that can get some innings on the mound. Yes we have to replace some guys we lost from last year such as moving Joe Rebholz from left field to center. I really like our makeup. They are hard-working kids and didn’t get the playing time last year,” said Gerharz.

One stat the Wildcats would like to polish up on from last season is the ability to drive in runs as they stranded 167 baserunners. Seniors Jordan Steinbeck (12 H, 2 RBI, .267 AVG), Alex Grey (2 H, 1 RBI, .118 AVG), and Rebholz (10 H, .233 AVG) look to make strides from last season’s varsity experience.

The Wildcats have gotten off to a rough start this season with a 9-2 opening loss at Appleton West on April 2 followed by a 20-0 drubbing Thursday by Kimberly.

Besides winning the FVA crown and contending for a state championship, another Wildcats goal this year is being respected in the community while excelling inside the classroom.

West boys tennis team coming off historic season

By Alex Wolf
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Oshkosh West boys tennis team is coming off an unforgettable season as the team went to the WIAA Division 1 State Tournament for the first time in almost 20 years.

“Last year was one of the best for the Oshkosh West Tennis Program, going 16-8, earning a birth to the WIAA Boys Team State Tournament for the third time in school history,” head coach Andrew Schaller said. “The boys came together throughout the season and realized that although tennis is an individual sport in matches, they still need to work together as a team.”

The Wildcats return five of their 10 players that made it to state a season ago and Schaller said they will have to rebuild half of the varsity squad so he’s hoping that West can place in the top half of the

Fox Valley Association this season.

Senior Grant Counts, who was the No. 2 singles player last year, will step up as the new No. 1 trying to fill the void left by standout Neel Raut – who placed second at state last year and was the top singles player in all four years.

Counts has played No. 2 singles his entire high school career so he is no stranger to the spotlight, and Schaller expects big things from him.

At No. 2 singles will be Clayton Counts, who was No. 3 singles last year. Clayton had the sectional clinching match over Neenah last year to help the team make it to state so he has some top varsity experience.

Jeremy Fleck, a senior, returns as well while the entire doubles team last season were seniors.

North returns solid group with experience

Oshkosh North boys tennis coach Paul

Vanden Boogaard said the Spartans lost a few players from last year’s team but returns a handful of players that have varsity experience.

“Last year was a solid year for us. We had a very competitive year throughout the conference with several people doing well as individuals in the conference,” Vanden Boogaard said. “This year I expect us to be competitive with the schools in the conference.

“We lost a couple players from last year, so we will have to figure out who will be able to replace them, but we also return a

solid group of players that will be able to fill the lineup. I am looking forward to the season and to see how players have improved.”

Returning for the Spartans are Charlie Bock and David Burns in singles play, while Michael Grant, Bryce Butzlaff, Cade Schmitz, Dane Laufer, Casey Bryant and Kaulden Larson all have experience playing doubles.

“We have a couple other players that will be returning that saw some varsity matches last year,” Vanden Boogaard said. “We are still trying to figure out where everyone will be playing.”

Golf lessons offered by Rec Department

The Oshkosh Recreation Department is accepting registration for adult golf lessons at Oakgreen Golf Course. Beginner lessons will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, April 29 to May 8. Intermediate lessons are from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, May 13 to 16.

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SOFTBALL

North tops West De Pere and Appleton East teams

The Oshkosh North softball team picked up two wins over the weekend, an 11-7 victory over West De Pere on Friday and a 17-0 win in five innings over Appleton East on Thursday.

Friday's win took a two-out, seven-run seventh inning to give the Spartans the upper edge as they built a 7-2 lead through three innings.

In the seventh, Courtney Day and Emma Leib had one-out singles and after the second out, Mathena Higgins singled to load the bases and then Brooke Ellestad had a bases-clearing double. Sydney Supple followed with an RBI-triple and then Libby Neveau singled her home. After Sophie Averkamp walked, Brie Gauthier had a double, which scored both girls.

Supple picked up the win, working 4.2 innings of relief and striking out eight.

The Spartans racked up 15 hits while Supple and Ashley Borowitz combined for a 3-hit shutout to help secure the victory. Supple struck out five in three innings while Borowitz struck out three in two.

Supple and Mollie Bittner each went 3-for-3 while Brooke Ellestad and Brie Gauthier added two hits apiece. Supple drove in four RBIs while Libby Neveau had a grand slam in the fifth inning – driving in four herself.

West wins doubleheader after defeating Kimberly

The Oshkosh West softball team played a doubleheader against Divine Savior Holy Angels on Saturday, going 2-0 – picking up 6-2 and 9-7 wins in games played in Oshkosh on Saturday.

In the first game, the Wildcats scored four runs in the first three innings while Lacey Cruz held DSHA to just two runs in 4.2 innings pitched while striking out seven in the win.

Taylor Emory went 2-for-3 with a double and a triple and two RBIs while Cruz was a perfect 3-for-3 with a double and an RBI.

Annika Johnson picked up the save for West, going 2.1 innings – striking out four and walked two.

In the second game, West scored one run in the first, five in the second and two in the third to help pick up the win, despite DSHA scoring five in the third. Leading 8-7, West scored one more in the top of the sixth to make it 9-7.

Emory went 2-for-5 with a double and an RBI, Alyssa Ebel was 2-for-3, Dominique Bauer was 2-for-4 with an RBI, Leah Engstrom was 3-for-4 with a double and an RBI and Emily Miller was 1-for-4 with a double and two RBIs for the Wildcats.

Johnson picked up the win in circle, tossing 4.2 innings and allowing zero runs while striking out eight.

On Friday it took an extra inning but the Wildcats got a walk-off single from Emory in the bottom of the eighth to give the Wildcats a 6-5 win over Kimberly in a Fox Valley Association contest.

It all came with two outs in the eighth – Ebel singled, followed by another single from Bauer to put runners on first and second. Then Emory followed with a single of her own to score the game-winning run.

Kimberly made it 4-1 in the third with a three-run inning, but the Wildcats answered with four runs to make it 5-4 before Kimberly scored one in the top of the seventh to force extra innings.

Oshkosh West outhit Kimberly 13-5 and was led by Emory and Cruz – who

had three hits a piece. Cruz finished with three RBIs while Ebel was 2-for-3.

Johnson started in circle for West, going four innings, giving up four runs and striking out seven while Cruz picked up the win, tossing four innings while giving up a run and striking out five.

GIRLS SOCCER

North ties with Slinger

The Oshkosh West girls soccer team played to a scoreless tie on Thursday night against Slinger in a nonconference game.

West finished with 10 shots on goal while Lindsay Porst had two saves.

BASEBALL

North splits doubleheader

The Oshkosh North baseball team split a doubleheader played Saturday, falling to West Bend West 4-3 and then responding with a 7-2 win.

In a Thursday game North was held to just three hits in a 4-0 Fox Valley Association loss against Appleton East.

Jack Habeck picked up the win for the Patriots. No other information was available.

Lourdes drops two games

The Lourdes baseball team had its hands full with top-ranked St. Mary Catholic on Saturday, falling 13-3.

The Zephyrs pounded out 12 hits in the win. No other information was available.

On Friday, Lourdes/Valley Christian lost 9-3 to Living Word Lutheran – but no additional information was available.

BOYS TENNIS

Spartans 2-2 over weekend

The Oshkosh North boys tennis team finished 2-2 on Saturday, picking up wins against Watertown (5-3) and Bay Port (6-2) while falling to Muskego (6-1) and Lakeville South High (8-1).

In the win over Bay Port, all Spartan singles players earned wins in Charlie Bock, David Burns, Kauldon Larson and Richard Stille. No. 2 and No. 3 doubles teams of Logan Froseth/Josiah Miller and Dane Laufer/Cade Schmitz also picked up wins.

Against Watertown, Bock, Burns and Larson each won their singles matches

while Michael Grant/Bryce Butzlaff won at No. 2 doubles and Laufer/Schmitz also picked up wins at No. 3 doubles.

In the loss against Lakeville, the No. 3 duo of Laufer and Schmitz picked up the lone win while Bock won at No. 1 singles in the loss against Muskego.

West splits on Saturday

The Oshkosh West boys tennis team defeated Stevens Point 5-2 on Saturday, but lost 5-2 against Muskego.

In the win, Grant Counts, C.J. Counts, Jon Koth and Holden Robertson all won their singles matches while the No. 2 doubles team of Anders Larson and Samuel Geffers picked up a 7-6 (6), 6-7 (7), 12-10 close win.

In the loss against Muskego, Grant and C.J. Counts picked up the lone wins at No. 1 and 2 singles.

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

West relay team eighth

Oshkosh West had the lone top 10 finish in the Wisconsin State Indoor Track & Field Championships Saturday, competing against the state's best in a meet held at UW-Whitewater.

The Wildcat 800 relay team of Megan Best, Nithya Ambati, Claire Sugrue and Devin Hable finished eighth with a time of 1 minute, 48.19 seconds.

BOYS TRACK & FIELD

West is third at Neenah

The Oshkosh West boys track and field team finished third out of five teams Friday in the Neenah Indoor Invitational.

Picking up wins were Sam Blaskowski in the long jump (20-3.75 feet) while the 1,600 relay team (Jake Ketter, Blaskowski, Jacob Larson and Thomas Hendricks) won with a time of 4:00.79.

Finishing second were Thomas Hendricks in the 400 (58.59), Keegan Miller in the 800 (2:24.86), Casey Coons in the pole vault (9 feet) and Garret Alby in the 55 hurdles (8.73).

Alby also finished third in the 200 hurdles with a time of 29.53. Also finishing third for West included Avery Martell in the shot put (40-8.75) and Nick Vey in the 1,600 (5:00.76).

Compiled by Alex Wolf, Herald contributor

Starship featuring Thomas in concert May 4 at arena

Menominee Nation Arena will present rock 'n' roll artists Starship featuring Mickey Thomas at 7:30 p.m. May 4.

Thomas joined Jefferson Starship in 1979 after the departure of Grace Slick and Marty Balin. He had earlier made his mark as lead vocalist on the hit "Fooled Around and Fell in Love" with the Elvin Bishop Band.

Jefferson Starship scored a No. 1 hit with "Jane" and then as Starship continued with songs including "No Way Out," "We Built This City," "Sara" and "Find

Your Way Back," and an Oscar nomination for the No. 1 hit "Nothing Gonna Stop Us Now" from the movie "Mannequin." The song "It's Not Over Till It's Over" became Major League Baseball's theme in 1987.

Starship's live performance ranges from Thomas' tenure with Elvin Bishop, Starship and his two solo albums. Starship also features Jeff Adams, bass; John Roth, guitar; Phil Bennett, keyboards; Darrell Verduco, drums; and Stephanie Calvert, vocals.

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"This is a great opportunity for Oshkosh residents planning to travel outside the United States to apply for a passport without making a reservation," said customer service supervisor Lori Beckler.

In addition to the standard passport book, travelers can also apply for a passport card that can be used for land and sea travel between the United States and Canada, Mexico, Bermuda or the Caribbean region. The wal-

let-size passport card is a less expensive alternative for those destinations not visited by air.

Applicants need proof of U.S. citizenship in the form of a birth certificate or a certificate of citizenship or naturalization. Also needed is a valid form of photo identification submitted as a photocopy. There will be photo service available.

For first-time applicants, the fee for a book is \$110 to the Department of State with an acceptance fee of \$35 to the Postal Service. The fee for an adult passport card is \$30. An expedited process is also available for an ad-

ditional fee.

Passport applications for the book and the card require a 2-by-2-inch photograph in color, which can be taken at the event for \$15. The fee for minors under age 16 is \$80 for a book and \$15 for a card and parents must both be present with the child.

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Community news briefs

Great Lakes' future topic of LWV lunch

"Keeping Great Lakes Water in the Great Lakes" will be the topic of the League of Women Voters' Winnebago County Food for Thought Lunch at 11:50 a.m. today at Primo Restaurant. No advance registration is necessary.

Louise Petering, LWV Wisconsin vice president, will describe the Great Lakes compact that prevents water diversion and update the organization's lawsuit challenging the state DNR's approval of water diversion from the Great Lakes to service the Racine/Foxconn project.

AFS student to share story of experiences

Shinichiro Umehara, an AFS student from Japan, will speak at 6:30 p.m. April 16 during AFS Information Night at Bella Vista, 631 Hazel St., about his experiences at Oshkosh North High School.

The public is invited to meet Shinichiro and fellow AFS student Mohamed Mabrouk from Egypt and learn about opportunities for hosting AFS students and for American high schoolers to study abroad. For more information, contact Mary Ann Offer at 920-216-1962.

EAA to fill up to 600 temporary positions

The Experimental Aircraft Association is hosting walk-in hiring events for EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2019 to fill as many as 600 temporary positions.

Positions include retail associate, security/event support, camper registration and bartender. To apply, retail applicants must be at least 14 years old, security/event support ages 16-18, and camper registration and bartenders at least 18.

It is encouraged to apply online at EAA.org/AVJobs19 before the events, as individuals will have the opportunity to interview onsite.

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

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

Wednesday, April 10

Gabe and the Boogie Bandits, 6:30 p.m., Fletch's Local Tap House, 566 N. Main St.

Thursday, April 11

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

UWO Be The Match Drive, 10 a.m., UW-Oshkosh Reeve Memorial Union, 748 Algoma Blvd.

Leadership Oshkosh Trivia Night Fundraiser, 6 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co., 1501 Arboretum Drive

Oshkosh Community Players present "The Tin Woman," 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

Hypertufa Trough Making, 6:30 p.m.,

Oshkosh Garden Club, 1797 River Mill Road

Friday, April 12

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

Oshkosh Community Players present "The Tin Woman," 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

Melissa Lee, 7 p.m., Bare Bones Brewery, 4362 County S

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

Saturday, April 13

Runaway to the Bay, 7 a.m., Menominee Park

Breakfast with the Bunny, 8 a.m., Oshkosh Seniors Center North, 234 N. Campbell Road

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

Unity in Community, 11 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

Record Store Day featuring Eroding

Winds & Wagner Market, 10 a.m., Wagner Market, 502 N. Main St.

Lunch with the Easter Bunny, 11 a.m., Ground Round, 1 N. Main St.

EGG-citing Day at the Zoo, 11 a.m., Menominee Park Zoo

Oshkosh Community Players present "The Tin Woman," 2 and 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

NPC Fox Cities Showdown, 5 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

Mac 'n Brew, 6 p.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Pam Tillis, 7:30 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

Cory Chisel and Adriel Denae with Lolo, 8 p.m., The Howard, 405 Washington Ave.

Time Community Theater, "Stardust," 7 p.m., 445 N. Main St.

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

Sunday, April 14

Oshkosh Chamber Singers present Handel's Messiah, 3 p.m., St. Mary's, 605 Merritt Ave.

Monday, April 15

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

Tuesday, April 16

TEDxOshkosh 2019 Audition Pitch

Night, 5 p.m., The Waters, 1393 Washington Ave.

Open Mic Comedy Night, 8 p.m., Maple Pub, 1212 S. Main St.

Thursday, April 18

An Evening at The Howard, 6 p.m., The Howard, 405 Washington Ave.

Aviation Adventure Speaker Series, 7 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum

Friday, April 19

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

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

Saturday, April 20

Hop to the Movies, 9 a.m., Marcus Oshkosh Cinema, 340 S. Koeller St.

Time Community Theater, "Dazed and Confused," 7 p.m., 445 N. Main St.

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

Sunday, April 21

Becket's Easter Brunch, 9 a.m., Becket's, 2 Jackson St.

Eggstravagant Easter Buffet, 9:30 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

Primo Easter Buffet, 10 a.m., Primo, 2605 Jackson St.

Easter Brunch at the Garden, 10:30 a.m., Hilton Garden Inn

Chamber Singers to perform 'Messiah'

George Frideric Handel's masterpiece "Messiah" will be performed in its entirety on Palm Sunday by the Oshkosh Chamber Singers in partnership with the Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra.

Herb Berendsen is conductor of the Chamber Singers for the 3 p.m. Sunday concert at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, which has been recently renovated. This will be the first time since 1990 that "Messiah" is performed in Oshkosh in its entirety and will be on the 260th anniversary of Handel's death.

Soloists include:

- Anna Hersey, soprano, performs a range of vocal repertoire throughout the United States and Europe, appearing with Palm Beach Opera, Florida Chamber Orchestra, Hispanic-American Lyric Theater, Skylark Opera, Minnesota Opera and Theatre de la Jeune Lune at the Berkeley



Berendsen



Hersey



Leuwerke



O'Dea



Krueger

Repertory Theater. She is an assistant professor of voice at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

- Sarah Leuwerke, mezzo soprano, has been on the operatic stage and is a concert soloist, recitalist and chamber musician throughout the United States. Highlights include solo appearances with the Billings Symphony, Greeley Philharmonic, Santa Fe Opera, Minnesota Opera, Opera Theatre of the Rockies, Madison Opera, San Antonio Chamber Choir, Madison Bach Musicians and Madison Choral Project.

- Daniel O'Dea, tenor, is a Grammy Award-winning performer and completed

his doctor of musical arts in voice at UW-Madison where he received the Collins Fellowship. He performs regularly with The Crossing, winning a Grammy with them in 2018 and also nominated in

2016.

- Nathan Krueger, baritone, is associate professor of music at UW-Oshkosh where he teaches voice and opera. He has appeared in concert and recital across North America, making his Carnegie Hall debut last spring as featured soloist on the Vocal Colors program under Eric Barnum. He was a cast member of the world premiere of Robert J. Aldridge and Herschel Garfein's opera "Sister Carrie" at the Florentine Opera.

Visit www.OshkoshChamberSingers.org or call 920-312-8290 for ticket information.

'Tin Woman' shares organ donation issue

The Oshkosh Community Players are raising awareness and funds in support of organ donation with an upcoming presentation of Sean Grennan's "The Tin Woman" Thursday through Saturday, a show that centers around a heart transplant recipient and her donor's family.

"The Tin Woman" follows Joy, a transplant patient who struggles with depression and whether she truly deserves a second chance at life. Based on a true story, "The Tin Woman" uses humor and pathos to explore loss, family and what it means to be given new life.

Throughout the rehearsal and production process, the group has been connecting with donor organizations in the Fox Cities area, including sponsorship from UW Health Transplant Program and UW Organ and Tissue Donation. Cast and crew members also have personal ties to organ donations.

Directed by L. Douglas Bord-Pire, the show will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday and at 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday at The Grand Oshkosh. Tickets are \$15-\$18 or \$25 for suite seats.



Community Players photo

The cast of "The Tin Woman" will take The Grand stage this week.

Waterfest adds Zombies

Newly inducted Rock and Roll Hall of Famers The Zombies, who joined the 1960s British invasion with hits like "Time of the Season" and "She's Not There," are the latest addition to the Waterfest Oshkosh lineup this summer at the Leach Amphitheater.

The Aug. 15 show will also feature former Boston lead singer Fran Cosmo.

The 34-year-old outdoor concert series previously announced other acts for its summer lineup, including Scott Stapp, formerly of Creed, on June 20; Hairball on June 27; Joan Jett & The Blackhearts, another R&R Hall of Famer, July 11; Burton Cummings of The Guess Who on Aug. 1; and Dennis DeYoung and the music of Styx on Aug. 8.

Organizer Mike Dempsey said more concert acts and dates will be announced soon. Reserved VIP season passes are \$150; general admission season passes are \$100. Children under 12 and military veterans get in free.

Day of Caring marks volunteer work and community needs

The Oshkosh Area United Way is hosting the 24th annual Day of Caring, one of the area's largest volunteer events, from 7:30 a.m. to noon May 8 at La Sure's Banquet Hall.

Nonprofit organizations are able to spread awareness of community issues and discover new members who could serve as volunteers and advocates. Volunteers learn about their community and get an understanding of ongoing efforts such as growing a community garden, landscaping or applying professional skills like reviewing job descriptions or helping with social media strategy.

Visit www.OshkoshUnitedWay.org/day-of-caring to register before April 19.