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Lourdes assistant coach Ben Huizenga is shown with sons Jack (left) and Benny.

Lourdes basketball family shares struggles, success

By Brad Hartmann
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

For every father, bonding with their children should be priority No. 1. Getting the opportunity to coach and watch them develop into good people is extra special.

For the past 20 years Ben Huizenga has been one of the faces of the Oshkosh Lourdes Academy boys basketball program as an assistant coach while helping guide the Knights to four state appearances. This was a year he will never forget after coaching both of his sons while advancing to the WIAA D4 state championship game before a close loss to New Glarus.

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"I have a bond with both kids. Being a coach and a dad is not always easy. You never want to risk messing up the dad portion because of basketball," Huizenga said. "It's not necessarily for everyone but in the end it was worth it, and I think Benny, Jack and I are closer because of it."

"I never really thought we had to win a gold ball to make this season (26-2) special."

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4th of July party goes downtown

Council signs off on one-day fireworks celebration move

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

This year's Fourth of July fireworks show was given the green light at Pioneer Island instead of its longstanding launch from Menominee Park as the Common Council last week approved the move and a related one-day event across the river at Riverside Park.

The Festival Foods fireworks event will be part of a new Independence Day celebration, which will include use of the Leach Amphitheater for family-friendly activity sponsored by the Oshkosh Rotary Club. The combination of Hazel Street's pending reconstruction in the Menominee Park area and cancellation of Sawdust Days after 47 years there sparked the move that will get a test run this summer.

The two events were unanimously approved by the Common Council at its April 23 meeting. Festival Foods pays for half of the fireworks cost with the city paying the remaining expenses.

Council member Matt Mugerauer said the new collaboration should provide a nice event.

Parks Director Ray Mauer said the amphitheater program will provide music, including the Oshkosh Symphony, and entertainment for children. Mauer said the AmVets organization has agreed to operate concession stands for the day, which will run from 4 to 11 p.m.

City Manager Mark Rohloff said staff is exploring options for transporting residents by bus to help manage any traffic control issues.

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Vet finds redemption at homeless shelter

By Michael Cooney
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Oshkosh native Larry's story of being homeless in his hometown is not unlike many of the guests at the Day By Day Warming Shelter.

Men and women have downward spirals that start with substance abuse and are often compounded with bad luck, financial and legal problems that end with alienation from their families and nowhere to go.

A U.S. Marine Corps veteran, Larry (whose last name he asked not to share) struggled with alcohol since his discharge in 1981.

Larry's story is told in his own words as part of an interview for the warming shelter's new video that will be on the organization's website.

"I was unemployed and living in a rooming house. The guy in charge didn't want drinking there and I drank so we had a falling out."

"When I was heavily in my active drinking, I didn't eat much at all. I would eat once or twice every couple of days. I have flown signs that said please help and that type of thing for a little while, just anyway to get by. I went to food pantries. When I was sleeping on a friend's couch we would go to food pantries and the Salvation Army would have food."

"It was just the worry that I'm not going to sleep at times and the shelter wasn't open, or not eating — just not having a permanent place to lay your head down."

"I stayed anywhere I could — friend's houses, and hotel rooms here and there. I slept in a public restroom for a while. I

slept outside. I got poured on in the rain. I slept in cars, just about anywhere you can imagine that I would deem safe to be able to sleep there."

"At times it was embarrassing to stand on a corner and hold a sign in the town that I grew up in but after a point I didn't care anymore. I was stuck in that rut where I accepted that I was a homeless person and I would always be that way."

"It was a long eight years. But you learn as you go and the thing I learned is to take care of my underlying issue. What made me homeless was a substance abuse problem."

Larry's drinking brought him to the emergency room at Mercy Hospital, who offered him the opportunity to be trans-

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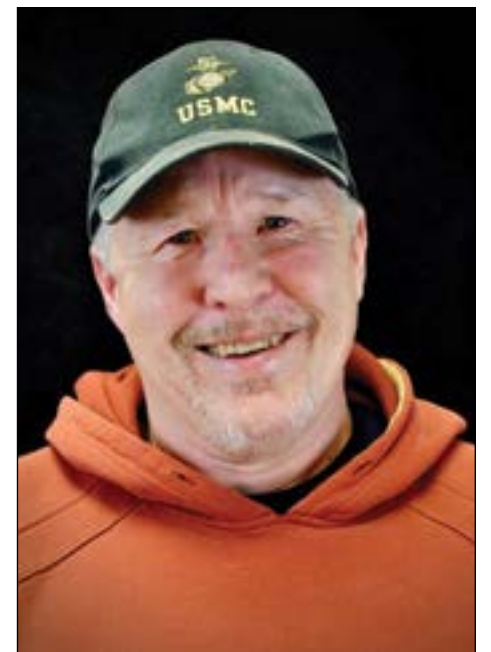


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Larry shared his story of survival and redemption with the Day By Day Warming Shelter.



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District recognizes exceptional staff

Eight Oshkosh Area School District employees were recently recognized for exceptional service and commitment to students and the school community.

Elementary Teachers of the Year are Alyssa Rumlow, first-grade teacher at Jefferson Elementary School; and Julaine Hale, emotional and behavioral disorders teacher at Washington Elementary School.

Secondary Teachers of the Year are Cheryl Pagel, program support teacher at Oshkosh North High School; and Paul Stellpflug, social studies teacher at Oshkosh West High School.

Administrator of the Year is Lisa McLaughlin, principal at South Park Middle School. First-Year Teacher of the Year is Bonnie Smith, a cross-categorical specialist at Washington Elementary School.

Support Staff Employees of the Year are Audrey Spanbauer, paraprofessional at North; and Dan Gomoll, building custodian at Washington Elementary.

District leadership members notified recipients April 2 during surprise visits to schools and classrooms. A recognition ceremony and reception took place April 24



Photo from OASD

School district employees recently honored were (from left) Julaine Hale, Lisa McLaughlin, Paul Stellpflug, Audrey Spanbauer, Cheryl Pagel, Bonnie Smith, Dan Gomoll and Alyssa Rumlow.

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and the employees were also recognized during the Board of Education meeting. Details of each employees' impact and excerpts from their nominations are on the OASD website.

"Throughout the Oshkosh Area School District we have remarkable educators, leaders and staff members working in our schools and making a difference in our community," said Vickie Cartwright, superintendent of schools. "The 2018-2019 OASD Employees of the Year exemplify what it means to be student-centered."

Any district employee can be nominated by students, parents, colleagues, administrators and community members.

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Military Veterans Museum sets special open house

The Military Veterans Museum and Educational Center will hold its first open house event Sunday to showcase its collections.

Featured for the first time will be a battle re-enactment between World War II Americans and Germans recreating on a small scale events from the D-Day landings of June 6, 1944. This year is the 75th anniversary of the beginning of liberation of Western Europe from Nazi control.

The event will feature the first public display of the museum's landing craft, vehicle, personnel (LCVP) and a 1960s version of the Higgins landing craft used during D-Day landings.

The event begins at 10 a.m. and features a parade at noon with WWII vehicles followed by a photo op with the vehicles and rides on several of them. The re-enactment from 2 to 3 p.m. will represent members of the 3rd Gebirgsjager Division vs. the

401st Glider Regiment. A 3:15 fly-by of vintage aircraft will be followed by closing ceremonies to commemorate those killed.

Admission is free, and food and soft drinks will be sold.

The museum will host its third annual golf outing fundraiser May 29 at the Oshkosh Country Club with registration beginning at noon and shotgun start at 1 p.m.

The format will be foursome best ball.

The cost is \$85 per golfer. Hole prizes, raffle prizes and silent auctions will be available and proceeds go to the museum's general fund.

Oshkosh Lakeside Associates is a major sponsor; hole sponsorship is available for \$150. For registration or sponsorship, contact Jason Lowe at 920-230-2652 or jason.lowe@thrivent.com, or Tom Sonneleitner at 920-420-2030 or tsonny4058@aol.com.



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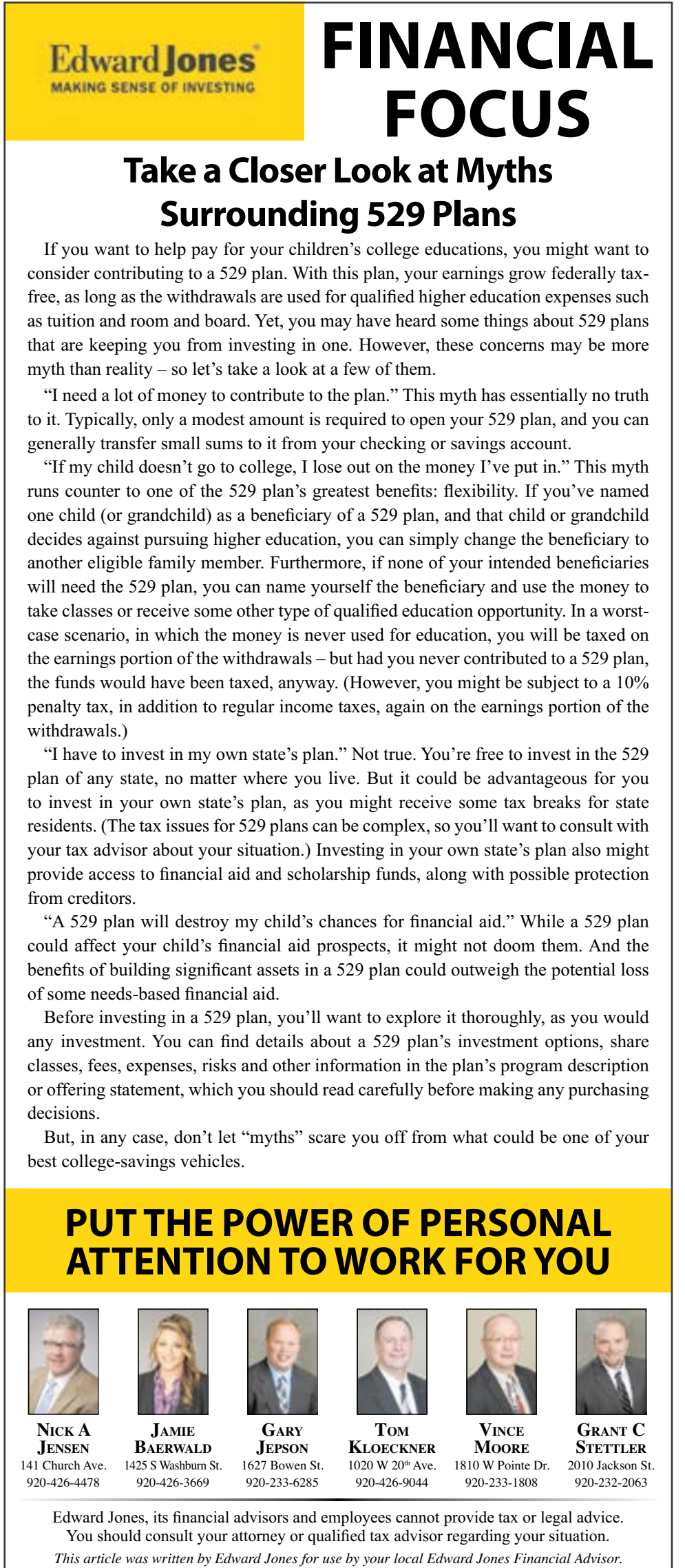
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homebrew shop, 465 N. Washburn St.

The first Saturday in May unites homebrewers to take part in the art and science of making beer, wines, meads and ciders. Beverages and food will be available.



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Take a Closer Look at Myths Surrounding 529 Plans

If you want to help pay for your children's college educations, you might want to consider contributing to a 529 plan. With this plan, your earnings grow federally tax-free, as long as the withdrawals are used for qualified higher education expenses such as tuition and room and board. Yet, you may have heard some things about 529 plans that are keeping you from investing in one. However, these concerns may be more myth than reality – so let's take a look at a few of them.

"I need a lot of money to contribute to the plan." This myth has essentially no truth to it. Typically, only a modest amount is required to open your 529 plan, and you can generally transfer small sums to it from your checking or savings account.

"If my child doesn't go to college, I lose out on the money I've put in." This myth runs counter to one of the 529 plan's greatest benefits: flexibility. If you've named one child (or grandchild) as a beneficiary of a 529 plan, and that child or grandchild decides against pursuing higher education, you can simply change the beneficiary to another eligible family member. Furthermore, if none of your intended beneficiaries will need the 529 plan, you can name yourself the beneficiary and use the money to take classes or receive some other type of qualified education opportunity. In a worst-case scenario, in which the money is never used for education, you will be taxed on the earnings portion of the withdrawals – but had you never contributed to a 529 plan, the funds would have been taxed, anyway. (However, you might be subject to a 10% penalty tax, in addition to regular income taxes, again on the earnings portion of the withdrawals.)







"I have to invest in my own state's plan." Not true. You're free to invest in the 529 plan of any state, no matter where you live. But it could be advantageous for you to invest in your own state's plan, as you might receive some tax breaks for state residents. (The tax issues for 529 plans can be complex, so you'll want to consult with your tax advisor about your situation.) Investing in your own state's plan also might provide access to financial aid and scholarship funds, along with possible protection from creditors.

"A 529 plan will destroy my child's chances for financial aid." While a 529 plan could affect your child's financial aid prospects, it might not doom them. And the benefits of building significant assets in a 529 plan could outweigh the potential loss of some needs-based financial aid.

Before investing in a 529 plan, you'll want to explore it thoroughly, as you would any investment. You can find details about a 529 plan's investment options, share classes, fees, expenses, risks and other information in the plan's program description or offering statement, which you should read carefully before making any purchasing decisions.

But, in any case, don't let "myths" scare you off from what could be one of your best college-savings vehicles.

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New mayor unveils 100-day action plan for city

By Miles Maguire
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Mayor Lori Palmeri, who campaigned as “the choice for change,” has issued a 30-point action plan for her first 100 days in office.

The specifics of her plan range from some ideas that would seem largely uncontroversial to others that, if implemented, would challenge some of the assumptions about how business gets done at City Hall, mostly by calling for greater visibility for certain activities.

Common-sense, “good government” elements of her plan include her holding regularly scheduled office hours in City Hall and meeting with representatives of all 16 of the city’s recognized neighborhood associations.

Other proposals that might cause some bureaucratic discomfort include a call for a comprehensive audit of special events. Another one is a request that the Redevel-

opment Authority disclose what it wants to do with properties it has acquired outside of areas targeted for investment and consider whether some parcels could be transferred in a low-cost way to potential homeowners.

One element of the plan that has already been adopted is a modification of the Common Council agenda format to include status updates from staff to follow up on previously discussed issues.

The idea of a hundred-day plan is traced to President Franklin D. Roosevelt and the sweeping initiatives he proposed to get the country moving from the depths of economic Depression. Palmeri acknowledged that Oshkosh is in a different situation.

Oshkosh “is a small city, relatively speaking, with a part-time council and mayor, and it’s not necessarily something that requires a 100-day action plan,” she said. “I just thought it would be a good

idea to show that I’m serious.”

Palmeri has mapped her ideas over the city’s 2019-2020 strategic plan and its six focus areas: strong neighborhoods, public safety and health, effective government, infrastructure, quality of life and economic development. In each area she has then identified plans or proposals according to the principles the city has adopted, such as accountability and transparency.

Many of the items on the list are actions Palmeri could take on her own, such as proposing “a Welcome Committee for the purpose of engaging/educating new residents.” But it’s unlikely that City Hall staff would take on additional tasks without direction from a majority of the council.

Palmeri’s election as mayor created an at-large seat on the council, which will not be filled until May 14. In the meantime other council members are taking a wait-and-see approach to her ideas.

Palmeri distributed her draft action

plan by email to council members late last week, but none of the current councilors provided an immediate response to her.

One potential source of controversy is over how far city government should go in promoting diversity and inclusion.

The city’s largest private employer, Oshkosh Corp., highlights the importance of diversity and inclusion as a key element of its corporate strategy, and Palmeri has included this topic as part of her approach to economic development.

But in previous discussions some council members have expressed unease about how best to take up this issue.

According to U.S. Census Bureau data, the city is significantly less diverse than the country as a whole. As of July, Oshkosh was 91.1 percent white compared with the nation at 76.6 percent.

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Kelly’s only bar to host UW-Oshkosh beer garden party

By Miles Maguire
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

And then there was one.

Beer gardens, the traditional outdoor celebration of the end of the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh school year, will be taking place at only one off-campus bar this year as rising costs have prompted Molly McGuire’s to drop its request for a special event permit.

The Common Council voted Tuesday

to allow Kelly’s Bar, 219 Wisconsin St., to hold a two-day “Graduation Beer Garden” May 17 and 18. The council’s approval is needed so that Kelly’s can keep amplified outdoor music going an extra hour past the usual limit of 11 p.m.

But Molly’s owner Tom Taggart said he was dropping out after sponsoring the event for about 25 years. “The costs make it impossible to do,” he said. “Every year the city’s costs go up and up and up.”

The city has estimated that the beer garden sponsors would have to pay \$3,500 to cover costs, including police staffing, barricades and signs. Last year the cost was about \$2,100, Taggart said.

Other expenses have also been rising, including rental fees on portable toilets and generators as well as insurance coverage and security costs, he said.

“It’s a business decision,” Taggart added. He said beer gardens used to include a total of four bars splitting the city charges. But recently the participants are just Molly’s and Kelly’s.

Commencement ceremonies are at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. May 18, just up the street from Kelly’s at Kolf Sports Center.

“Yup, we’re still going through with it,” Danny Schultz, owner of Kelly’s, wrote in an email. “Been in touch with the city spe-

cial event planner and sergeant all week about the event.”

Each year for beer gardens Kelly’s fences off its parking lot and installs portable toilets and a stage.

“It’s one of the busiest days of the year,” said Kelly’s bartender Damian Guenther. He said the bar will be even busier this year without Molly’s running a similar event.

In recent years Oshkosh has been marketing itself as Event City, but the fees charged for providing police and other services have drawn complaints from organizations that sponsor special activities.

“We just can’t handle the cost,” said Taggart.

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Islamic Society shares cultures and gratitude

By the Rev. Thomas C. Willadsen
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

WHERE WE WORSHIP

A look at Oshkosh religious congregations

Mamadou Coulibaly, president of the Fox Valley Islamic Society, meets me in the parking lot a few minutes before worshippers begin to gather on a warm spring afternoon. After he unlocks the door we remove our shoes.

The smell of freshly cut wood fills the building; a renovation of the kitchen is underway. They hope to complete the project before Ramadan, the Islamic holy month, begins Monday "inshallah" (Arabic for "God willing").

Coulibaly grew up in Ivory Coast, a west African country, and moved to the United States in 1991 to attend graduate school. He has taught geographic information systems at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh since 2002. He was educated in French and speaks two African languages as well as English.



Coulibaly makes it clear that he is not a religious leader; he's more the one who organizes the mosque's activity.

About 50 men attend the worship service. Some wear traditional clothes for worship, most are in "business casual." They enter through the door on the west side of the building. Women use the entrance on the east side.

The sexes are separated so attendees are never distracted during worship. Natives of more than a dozen countries are members of the fellowship, which has met at 103 Kappel Drive, Neenah, for about 40 years. A large number of its members come from Oshkosh.

A stunning array of cultures are present each week but they get along very well. "Islam unites us," Coulibaly explains.

At the front of the sanctuary there is a computer screen that shows a countdown of time remaining before the midday

prayer service is to begin. The time is determined by the longitude and latitude of the mosque; each week service times vary slightly; this is true for Muslims all over the world.

Over the course of 30 minutes men arrive to pray and worship. The ages run from preschool to graybeards. Delwar Mian offers the "khutba" Arabic for

"speech." Mian grew up in Bangladesh and has lived in the United States for more than three decades. He is one of several members who take turns leading worship.

Mian begins with his khutba, with a prayer in Arabic that his words be clear and understood by those hearing them.

He speaks without notes. In his message Mian advises worshippers to prepare for Ramadan — physically, mentally and spiritually.

After worship everyone greets each other. We clasp hands together and smile, looking at each other directly.

Mian talks to me in a little more depth following worship. They love to have visitors and are happy to answer their questions. The fellowship also goes into the wider community. Some of their members are part of Esther, an interfaith group that advocates for justice for all. They have also participated in Habitat for Humanity's interfaith builds in recent years.

I am struck by how much Christians and Muslims share. In his homily Mian said, "The Creator, Allah, made all people," which echoes Genesis 1:27, "God created humankind in his image..." We talk about gratitude. We agree gratitude



Photo by Tom Willadsen

Mamadou Coulibaly is president of the Fox Valley Islamic Society that serves Muslim worshippers throughout the Fox Valley area.

should be a reflex, an instinct, for believers of all religions.

The Fox Valley Islamic Society is best known for its annual interfaith gathering. This year it will take place Sunday, Aug. 4. For nearly 20 years people of all faiths have enjoyed the society's warm and generous hospitality under tents erected for this special day. Representatives from many different religious traditions come together and recognize our common humanity.

As one who has attended a great many meals put on by faith communities, I need to stress that this meal is extraordinary. With members from so many different countries bringing foods special to their culture, the tastes and smells are stunning in their variety.

Islam unites the fellowship. The appreciation of delicious food unites the world. Watch for more information about this

year's gathering.

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The follow-up workshop is for people of faith who can gain the knowledge and

tools necessary to help those in need and fill the gap where needs are not being met. Rolph will educate on poverty and its hidden rules, driving force, concepts of time and the role that language plays.

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Oshkosh Bird Fest takes annual flight

Oshkosh Bird Fest celebrates International Migratory Bird Day on Saturday with free activities for all ages at Menominee Park from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. followed by a gallery walk downtown from 6 to 9 p.m.

The day begins in a 17-foot diameter circle for a Big Sit, a special way to bird watch from 6 a.m. to noon. Bring a chair and binoculars while watching, listening, counting and learning about birds seen and heard.

Dick Nikolai, a licensed bird bander, will be monitoring his mist nets and banding birds from 7 to 10:30 a.m. Bird walks begin at 8 a.m. along Menominee Park shoreline and interior. Additional walks will begin at 9:30 and 10:30.

Three presentations are on the schedule. The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation will help with identifying the large variety of

ducks in the area starting at 9 a.m. along with discussion about habitat restoration projects.

The Live Birds of Prey presentation with Aves Wildlife Alliance rehabilitator Beka Weiss begins at 10:30 a.m., where she will have owls and hawks. Aves will also have a booth from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Rob Zimmer, nature writer and radio show host, will give a presentation at noon about snowy owls, a bird of prey that shows itself in winter.

Wild Ones Fox Valley Area Chapter will be selling native plants beneficial to birds. These plants are healthy and well suited to the area. Members will be on hand to offer guidance on planting.

Children's activities will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Kids will be "banded" in

an exercise to show how birds are caught and processed for research; learn about the different kinds of beaks and try to eat like a bird using tools; make binoculars and take a bird walk; play the migration game.

Wren houses can be built from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to take home with a \$5 donation. Only 50 houses will be available.

The fest continues at the Oshkosh Masonic Center during the evening and features an Oshkosh Area School District student bird art exhibit along with bird rehabilitator Ann Rosenberg with a great horned owl. New at the center will be Artists of Oshkosh Bird Fest 2019.

Oshkosh was awarded recognition as a Bird City Wisconsin in 2010 and recertified in 2018 as a "high flyer" bird-friendly community.



Photo by Wildlife Alliance

Bird rehabilitator Rebekah Weiss will give a presentation with live birds of prey during Oshkosh Bird Fest on Saturday.



Photo by Paul Wolters

Chippers bring wood creations to show

More than 60 woodcarvers and pyrographers will exhibit their artistry, including more than two dozen master carvers and 18 Oshkosh wood artists, at the 45th Annual Mid-Wisconsin Chippers Woodcarving Show.

The Oshkosh Convention Center will feature the state's oldest annual show of its kind from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 5 with woodcarvings of songbirds, waterfowl, shore birds, game birds and birds of prey.

Among those featured will be Rebekah Weiss, naturalist from Aves Wildlife Alli-

Wood artists bring nature to life with their carving skills on display at the annual Mid-Wisconsin Chippers Woodcarving Show.

ance, who will have a live birds of prey presentation, and demonstrations on outdoor chainsaw carving by Dave Bartels and pyrography and power carving by Hummul Carving in Beloit.

With the show's theme of "Everything You Need to Get Started and Grow in Woodcarving," carving tools, books and wood suitable for carving such as basswood and butternut will be for sale, along with pyrography tools and supplies.

A raffle of carvings and related items will be held, including three Friendship canes assembled from multiple carvings and woodburnings by artists from the Chippers club and the Waupaca Woodcarving Club.

Gene Bengel, Mid-Wisconsin Chippers Woodcarving Club president, said the club has more than 70 members from 18 communities. He said one reason for the club's growth is that the Oshkosh Senior Center is home to one of the best senior center woodshops in the country.

The woodshop has seen recent improvements with new and safer equipment, safety classes and improved dust collection. Senior Center master carvers Bengel, Dick Christensen and Keith Melzer have instructed many of the carvers whose work will be displayed.

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Local gym owners focus on individual agendas

Early-year rush to fitness facilities can test patience

By Dan Flannery
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Every January, to fulfill our well-meant New Year's resolutions to do something to get in better physical condition, we draw a line in the snow.

We sign up for a gym membership. Maybe take advantage of the Jan. 1 promotion, buy new cross-training shoes, find the old T-shirts and sweatpants. And for a month or so, we battle the snow, the parking and the lines in front of weight machines to make a good effort at fitness.

For some, the battle is worth fighting. For many others, it's frustrating to the point of quitting.

"That's generally how the gym industry goes," said Jacob Colburn, owner of O-Town Fitness, 370 S. Koeller St. "You get the big influx come January and February, and then it tapers off."

"With a lot of new gym-goers, they don't know exactly what they're doing or how to efficiently use their time in the gym," said Marissa Armstrong, owner of Marissa's Fit Boutique, 13 Waugoo Ave. "But if they had a guided program — for 45 minutes, and they knew, 'I can get the most out of this' — they could use their time more efficiently."

Those who need a more individual approach turn to smaller facilities, where relationships are developed with owners, trainers and neighbors. For them, locally owned fitness facilities or smaller gyms can be a better fit.

"Typically, my ideal client looks like a

Fitness in Oshkosh

A not-inclusive list of smaller fitness facilities in Oshkosh:

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crossfitoshkosh.com
102 Merritt Ave.
920-385-0315

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jetfunctionalfitness.com
2325 State Road 44
920-279-5333

Marissa's Fit Boutique

marissasfitboutique.com
13 Waugoo Ave.
920-385-6005

O-Town Iron

otowniron.com
370 S. Koeller St.
92-420-6892

Ufit Personal Training

Ufitoshkosh.com
100A Shops at City Center
920-233-9900

woman who wants to tune out the chaos of the world and wants to tune back into her body and be more aware of her physical stance," said Armstrong, who offers "custom personal training" and small-group sessions in her studio.

"It's so sustainable because I actually can have a connection with the client," she said. "We talk about how they're feeling, what their stress level is, their emotional or mental state, and then from there, create a workout that's beneficial for them and does not hurt them in the long run."

While larger fitness facilities see that New Year's rush of clients, smaller facilities tend to be less affected by that crush of customers in the first month or two.

Austin Phillips owns Crossfit Oshkosh, 102 Merritt Ave., which also offers a tight client/trainer relationship. "Our clients have a coach with them all the time," he said. "We know who's coming and not coming in, we have touchpoints with clients (holding them accountable for sessions)."

Crossfit Oshkosh opened in 2013, and now serves over 110 clients, and two-thirds of them are women, Phillips said.

"We have ebbs and flows like every-

thing else," Phillips said. "We do get more inquiries (in January and February) ... but everybody who comes in here, they go through a no-sweat intro, when they sit down with me or another coach and we see how we can help them. If we're a good fit, we show them our entry-level program. You just can't come in and join a class."

Phillips said each client is asked to share their goals, their fitness history, their injuries, and more. "And then we make sure we can provide what they need," he said.

The initial training program at Crossfit Oshkosh "is going to be a lot more expensive than what somebody who goes into a 24-hour fitness facility will pay to start," Phillips said, adding that his business does not offer membership price discounts.

That initial process serves as a filter, Phillips said. In cases where Crossfit isn't a good match for a would-be client, he and other coaches suggest different trainers, gyms or approaches.

"If you sit there and think, 'How can I actually help this person?' and that answer is not us, we're doing them a disservice by taking them on as a client," he said.

Armstrong has worked in larger, commercial gyms, along with fitness facilities affiliated with hospitals and "high-end wellness centers," and knows that the early-year crush of new clients can be as frustrating for trainers as it is for those being trained.

"As a personal trainer working in a commercial setting in a big-box gym, it's not necessarily your gym and you can't really create your own rules," Armstrong said.

Colburn said the crush of unfamiliar customers in larger facilities often leads to frustration. With so many uninitiated people, it's difficult to build a sense of community, he said.

The staff at O-Town Iron, which opened in early 2018, takes steps to build relationships between clients.

"We walk around and introduce members to each other," Colburn said, "to make people more comfortable with that environment. ... If it does get real busy, it doesn't get that frustrating because there's

just a better flow to the gym, and not just a bunch of strangers working out."

O-Town Iron serves more than 200 customers. It's open 24 hours a day and is staffed from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday; appointments are suggested, Colburn said.

"We get more people coming in during March and April," Colburn said. "We're not really a gym where New Year's resolutions really come. Most of the time, they pick a place like Planet Fitness or the Y ... Our gym is kind of when people get sick of those places. They come to us after the fact."

Armstrong sees an increase in customers, especially first-timers to fitness, in autumn.

"I think a lot of people look at the fall as the turning of the leaf, so they're willing to get themselves on a new schedule," she said. "Back to school, back to work, maybe you get a little bit more serious. They tend to want to put things in their schedule that they can stick with."

Armstrong has 18 clients today and has had as many as 21. But the quantity of clients isn't as important as the quality of her relationships with them.

"I don't really have a clientele goal," she said. "It's more of a financial goal overall, monthly. My training packages range in price, depending on if you're a one-on-one client or a semi-private client. It's a matter of (determining) what kind of packages I have to be selling each month to be able to maintain the financial goal that I have."

The Crossfit Oshkosh philosophy is similar and has evolved over six years.

"If you have 200 members paying \$100 a month, is that better than having 100 members paying \$200 a month?" Phillips said. "No, because 100 members is half the work, and you can make it more personalized. There's a reason they pay that money."

To that end, Phillips is contemplating capping Crossfit Oshkosh at 150 members. At current trends, membership is fairly stable from month to month.

Colburn said O-Town Iron also is addressing the quantity-vs.-quality issue. "We've been focusing a little more on some of our training programs, partnering with local businesses and things like that," he said.

"It's a little bit more than just pumping numbers (of members) through the door. When someone comes in, we know every client by name, and we know something about them so we can have a conversation. I'm not one who just wants to get a ton of members in here and just play a numbers game."

"I'd rather have a solid membership base, where we know everyone on that level, and we can provide more services to them."














May 10, 1859

Oshkosh's first great fire devastates merchant district: On May 10, 1859, Oshkosh's main business street — Ferry Street — was swept clean of buildings on both sides of the street for nearly a quarter of a mile by fire. It would become known as the first of five "Great Fires" that would decimate the downtown district in the coming years. Seven years later in May

1866 both sides of Main Street from High to Algoma, and from Waugoo to Washington, were burned; also the north side of Washington, from Main to Jefferson. In this fire the post office was destroyed. Another May fire in 1874 started from the lumber yard of Spalding & Peck, near the corner of Hancock and Marion streets, and flying up to Algoma sweeping away \$50,000 worth of property. Then in July that same year another fire destroyed property in a milelong area along Upper Main and North Division streets. Before winter set in, new and better buildings were proudly standing on the ruins. City Treasurer William P. Taylor lost his life in this fire. The final and most severe of the Great Fires would take place on April 28, 1875.

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Governor sparks discussions on state budget

Oshkosh Herald

Gov. Tony Evers brought his statewide town hall series to the Oshkosh Seniors Center last Tuesday to gauge feedback on his 2019-2021 budget proposal and engage residents on topics he will be promoting during his first term in office.

The fifth of the six-stop listening sessions themed as "A Wisconsin For Us" drew public officials from schools and local government, area legislators and residents who signed up for discussion groups on specific topics that Evers, Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes and others in his administration sat in on.

Six tables held about 20 participants each to take up issues surrounding education, health care, transportation infrastructure, criminal justice reform, environment and natural resources, and jobs and tax fairness.

While staffers and security stood by, Evers and his team rotated among the groups for input and questions regarding their specific interests. Evers, who lived in Oshkosh from 1992 to 2001 with his family while he was administrator of its Cooperative Education Service Agency, gave brief remarks before the sessions got underway to encourage the public input.

Evers' touring sessions and those of the Legislature's Joint Committee on Financing that will be writing its version of the



Photos by Michael Cooney

Gov. Tony Evers (center) listens to a town hall topic group at the Oshkosh Seniors Center last Tuesday, one of the six statewide listening sessions his administration held.

biennial spending plan follow the governor's Feb. 28 unveiling of his budget. Among the governor's program priorities are expanded access to Medicaid and other health care programs, a gas tax increase to help fund road infrastructure needs, water quality initiatives, more funding to the UW System and public schools.

Oshkosh Superintendent of Schools Vickie Cartwright participated in the education listening group that Barnes also took part in and shared her thoughts on the proposed budget. She noted areas of the budget that would have a positive impact on the school district and its students while allowing some flexibility in how the funds are allocated.

Revenue per student would be raised by \$200 in the first year and \$202 in the sec-



Oshkosh Schools Superintendent Vickie Cartwright expressed the interests of the school district while taking part in the education discussion at the Seniors Center.

ond. Cartwright said it would give relief here where the district generates \$9,400 per student, below the state average of \$10,000.

More funding for students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds is also proposed. Cartwright said Oshkosh has more than 41 percent of students on free or reduced lunch, with the higher portion receiving free lunch. Most districts have more students on reduced than free lunch.

She also said special education spending would increase at a higher rate, where currently 15 percent of the district's total budget is used in that area, and mental health services would also gain additional support to serve district students.

Republican leaders and the nonpartisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau have pointed to the \$865 million increase in proposed spending compared with the last two-year budget, and said a \$1.96 billion deficit is projected before revenues and costs.



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Shooting threat drill adds to campus awareness

By Joseph Schulz
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Information sessions on dealing with shooting threat situations were held at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh last week that were led by two staff members who brought both the police response and survivor perspectives.

The active threat information sessions held at Reeve Union 209 on April 12, 22 and 26 where University Police Capt. Chris Tarmann and geology professor Joseph Peterson outlined how to intervene before someone creates a situation and how to respond to an active shooter.

The presentation defined an active assailant as an "individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area." Tarmann said the training emphasizes how bystanders can intervene to give people struggling with everyday life the resources they need before they become an active assailant.

"What we can do as a small community is care about our people," Tarmann said. "We can't ignore people who aren't functioning in our community."

The training also promoted the concept of Run, Hide, Fight, where in the event of a shooting situation a person should first try to escape, and if that's not possible try to hide. As a last resort, fighting back becomes necessary.

Peterson said Tarmann brings the law

enforcement perspective to the training while he brings the survivor perspective.

"I was in graduate school at Northern Illinois University in 2008, I was teaching a class and we actually had a mass shooting in my classroom," Peterson said.

He was teaching in a pit lecture when the gunman came in through a door behind him and started firing at the crowd of students. The gunman was carrying a sawed-off shotgun and wore all black with a shirt that had an AK-47 on it and the word "terrorist."

"My initial thought was, 'This can't be real, this has to be some kind of drill,'" Peterson said. "My brain didn't want to acknowledge what was happening, and then he reloaded."

Peterson said as students were running out, he jumped off the stage of the lecture hall, realized he needed to get out of there, waited for the gunman to reload and then made a run for it.

"I kept my eye on him the entire time, and we made eye contact," Peterson said. "He dropped the shotgun, he reached back behind himself and he pulled out a Glock 9 mm and shot me in the shoulder."

Peterson said after realizing he wasn't dead, he kept running. He made it out of the building and reported the incident immediately. The gunman took his own life minutes later.

"I later found out that it was just my classroom," Peterson said.

denied for keeping chickens or bees.

- Asked city staff to present recommendations for building a new Parks Department facility. Rohloff said plumbing and electrical system repairs are needed at the current facility that could total at least \$225,000. He said a new building has his highest priority but did not have a timetable for bringing the project before the council. He said there would likely be a year of planning followed by subsequent years for construction.

- Noted the May 9 deadline for residents to be considered for the vacant council seat. Applicants unable to attend the May 14 council meeting to speak on behalf of their application can make a video presentation to be shared at the meeting.

- Issued a proclamation for the Oshkosh Day of Prayer to be marked Thursday. President Harry Truman proclaimed the first Thursday in May as a National Day of Prayer in 1952. A public prayer gathering will take place at noon by the flagpole at City Hall.

The shooter was a former NIU student battling mental illness who had previously taught in the same lecture hall at the exact same time, so he knew where the back door was.

"He chose my classroom because he knew on this day there'll be about 200 people in that room," Peterson said.

Five students were lost that day.

He said his former students gathered for a 10th anniversary memorial service Feb. 14, 2018, when during a moment of silence, their phones started buzzing with alerts that the Stoneman Douglas High School shooting was happening.

"That kind of stuff does get frustrating, and it motivates me to do more of these kinds of presentations," Peterson said.

He doesn't want anyone to be hyper-vigilant or paranoid, but if they see something out of place they should report it.

"Maybe it's a person that just needs a cup of coffee and someone to talk to," he said. "Bringing back this human connection element, I think, would make a big

difference."

Julie Neubert, College of Education and Human Services budget director, said the session teaches people to be more aware of their surroundings and proactive in looking out for one another.

"I think having an awareness might be a lifelong blessing," Neubert said, "because it might not happen here at school but maybe it will in other places in the community."

The presentation also emphasized being conscientious of entrances and exits when going to a gathering, Peterson said.

"If you go to a movie theater, how often do we actually notice the exits?" he asked. "You should; it takes two seconds."

Peterson said people are creatures of habit that get stuck in routines, making it difficult for us to see things out of the ordinary.

"Every now and then to just kind of look around and if something's making the spider sense tingle, think about it, do something with that," Peterson said.

Lakeshore Park planning underway

The project timeline for Lakeshore Park's master plan was shared by City Manager Rohloff at last Tuesday's Common Council meeting, where he encouraged the public to take part in the meeting discussions.

Lakeshore Park is being developed from the former municipal golf course land that was not part of Oshkosh Corp.'s new global headquarters location.

SmithGroup will present a preliminary park site analysis at the Advisory Park Board meeting Monday. The public is asked

to provide feedback through a Polco online questionnaire on the city website, which will be available from May 17 to June 5.

A Public Visioning meeting will take place June 10 with the Advisory Park Board. Polco results will be shared along with analysis, opportunities and constraints.

On July 8, a joint meeting of the Advisory Park Board, Pedestrian and Bicycling Advisory Committee, and Sustainability Advisory Board will refine elements and outline preliminary designs.

Fourth of July

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In other action, the council:

- Unanimously approved a zoning change and conditional use permit that will allow Nicolet Lumber Co. to construct multifamily housing in the 1400 block of Osborn Avenue. Mugerauer had praise for efforts by the developer to meet with neighborhood residents to work out a mutually beneficial design plan and urged something similar for others seeking planning changes.

- Approved revised ordinances for those keeping either chickens or bees within the city. The Sustainability Advisory Board had advanced the measure for approval after studying comparable ordinances in other Wisconsin cities that focused on rules for sanitation, proper distances and reporting of health issues. The ordinance covers single and two-family residences, prohibits use of vacant lots and provides an appeals process if a permit is initially

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16 JUNE	WISCONSIN GLO vs. INDIANAPOLIS BANDITS	3:00PM	*FATHER'S DAY* CAN KOOZIE
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23 JUNE	WISCONSIN GLO vs. CHICAGO BREEZE	3:00PM	*FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT* KID'S T-SHIRT JERSEYS
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Rock the Block descends on Sacred Heart area

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

Sacred Heart neighborhood properties and a park got some special attention last week as the city's first Rock the Block event drew an army of volunteers for landscaping, cleaning and exterior repair work within the district's boundaries.

Habitat for Humanity brings the Rock the Block initiative to communities, and here its local chapter partnered with Greater Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods (GO-HNI) and the city to coordinate staff, volunteers and Sacred Heart Neighborhood Association members.

Residents donating their time and energy signed up at St. Jude the Apostle Church and were supplied with tools and equipment to work on one of 24 properties designated for outside beautification efforts. Also underway is a playground overhaul at Stoegbauer Park that includes removal of current structures and replaced with age-appropriate equipment, accessible walks and pour-in-place resilient surfacing.

"The impact of our first ever Rock the Block Oshkosh reaches far beyond the beautification and home repair projects completed in the Sacred Heart Neighborhood Association," said Pam Ruder,



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Stoegbauer Park in the Sacred Heart Neighborhood district is getting a playground overhaul that started during Rock the Block efforts by volunteers at 24 locations last week.

GO-HNI executive director. "This event brought a community together to help one another — neighbors helping neighbors — truly a great opportunity for neighbors to know their neighbors."

The 16-square-block Sacred Heart neighborhood district is bounded by the north side of 9th Avenue, south side of 4th, both sides of Knapp Street and west

side of Dakota Street.

Habitat's programs manager Elizabeth Last and others at the church helped line up projects with volunteers who were provided with lunches either before or after the work sessions.

The three-day effort starting Thursday included lawn patching, mulching, raking, edging, tree and brush trimming, caulking

and weather stripping, door installation, and siding, porch and fence repairs. Most of the work was free to homeowners while some larger projects were to be handled through no-interest deferred loans.

Community Development Director Allen Davis, who was manning a corner where a dumpster was accepting materials from the project work, said future Rock the Block events will try to target neighborhoods in spring and fall.

Separate from Rock the Block but related in its promotion of neighborhood improvements was a Pop-up Crosswalk at 5th Avenue and Knapp Street involving high-visibility street markings at that intersection identified as a traffic challenge for pedestrians. Re:Think, a healthy living partnership in Winnebago County, created the temporary safety demonstration to gauge feedback and support for similar projects through community partnerships.

Rock the Block Oshkosh accepts sponsorships and volunteer power from individuals, businesses and groups who want to either work or fund projects. A grant from the Basic Needs Giving Partnership backed by U.S. Venture through the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, J. J. Keller Foundation, Bemis and others helped provide the tools, lunch and other supplies.

Learning in Retirement calendar

Learning in Retirement, affiliated with the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, offers educational opportunities on a wide variety of topics to retirees and pre-retirees. For information visit uwosh.edu/lir.

May 2: What Makes a Tuba a Tuba? Devin Otto, director of bands for UW-Oshkosh, shares the history of the instrument and talks about its use in bands and orchestras.

May 3, 10, 17, 24: Great Courses: The Great Tours—Greece and Turkey, from Athens to Istanbul. DVD course combines photography and travel with geology, archeology, history, philosophy and food. Presenter is John R. Hale, archeologist at University of Louisiana.

May 5: Matinee at the March "Boeing, Boeing." Lunch and a pre-theater talk by UW-Oshkosh Theater Department staff at Primo restaurant will precede a performance by Marc Camoletti at Fredric March Theater.

May 6: Victoria's Secrets, Queen Victoria program will snoop in some of the "hidey-holes" of her reign. Presenter is Tom Herzing.

May 8: Supper with the Chef. Evergreen's chef demonstrates creation of evening meal, which will be different for each

of the two events.

May 9: How to Cure Wisconsin's Lazy Political Journalism. Tony Palmeri, professor of communications at UW-Oshkosh, will describe the problem and propose a solution to political journalism in the state.

May 15: Art of Tea. Learn the history of this stimulating brew through various forms of visual art in the Oshkosh Public Museum's collection and key pieces from other museums. Presenter is Anna Cannizzo, Durow curator of collections, Oshkosh Public Museum.

May 21: Technology and Internet Effects on Our Society. Presenter is Bill Mattes.

May 22: Chef's Choice: Winnebago County Drug Court: Better Alternative Than Jail? Meal with Evergreen Chef's Choice before the presentation, where Judge John Jorgensen will describe the operation of Winnebago County's Drug Court. Lunch at 12:15.

Motor coach trips: May 14: Mosquito Hill: Herptile Habits in Wisconsin's Harshness, with lunch at Mark's East Side; May 20: Baraboo Circus World Museum and Ringling Mansion.

Eagle exhibit gets needed funding

Oshkosh Herald

The new eagle exhibit for the Menominee Park Zoo is ready to move forward, Parks Director Ray Mauer told the Common Council last week.

Situated off the boardwalk between the wolf and elk exhibits, the eagle enclosure was first planned in 2014 with a cost estimate of \$150,000. The cost has since risen to \$228,000, which has been attributed to higher steel prices and tariffs.

The exhibit is completely funded by

private donations. Mauer said Tom and Penny Harenberg, the zoological society and the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation board have been primary funders. The Parks Department was presented with a grant for the last \$25,000 needed from Altrusa International of Oshkosh.

The project under general contractor CR Meyer will be able to house two birds, but only one is planned at this time.

The city estimates it will invest \$2,000 per year for each eagle in maintenance and animal care.

Shelter revival

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ferred to the VA hospital in Milwaukee.

"Being in an ambulance to the VA hospital in Milwaukee makes you think twice about life and your choices. I had 59 years of running into the same wall. At the VA hospital I had time to reflect and gain some sobriety time. This wasn't my first time there. I just relearned things that I forgot and didn't pay attention to at the time when I was there before. I had time to reflect on where I wanted to go. I guess the key thing is that I didn't have to accept that I was just homeless and that was it. I could change that, that I wasn't just a drunk.

"So I addressed that. I just got out of VA in September. I got a voucher from the Housing of Urban Development Veteran's Assistance subsidized housing. I used that

voucher. Now, for the first time since I got discharged in 1981, I have my own apartment. I feel really good. I have a nice place and it's warm and safe. It's not a public restroom floor or some bushes somewhere.

"In my hardest times the Day By Day Warming Shelter gave me a safe place to come to that was warm. I could eat and clean up. The staff would accept you. They would ask how you're doing and urge you to not give up on yourself, and do the work needed.

"Now I work two part-time jobs cleaning buildings in Oshkosh.

"The big thing is that I had to change the people I associate with, the way I think, and the way I react to things. I've got to question my motives a lot and what's the next best step. But I'm good with that now. I just turned 60 and I feel pretty happy and safe where I am. My daughter came by today so I get to see her. Things are good. I'm happy."

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Former Wildcat doing it big in Texas

West grad thriving at plate for Division 1 power TCU

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Journeys in sports are often winding, detour-filled roads that take athletes to unexpected places.

A few short years ago, Jake Guenther never imagined he'd be playing Division 1 college baseball for a big-time program.

Basketball was his preferred sport, and he always thought that if he received a next-level opportunity on the diamond, it would be as a pitcher.

Guenther's path, though, has taken him to a high-profile baseball program in the Lone Star State where he has thrived as a hitter.

The former Oshkosh West multisport star is having an outstanding season at Texas Christian University. A left-handed-hitting first baseman with power and speed, Guenther has been a hitting machine for the Horned Frogs. Forty-one games into the season, Guenther led the Frogs in batting average (.379), slugging percentage (.572), on-base percentage (.497) and stolen bases (10 in 10 attempts). He was also tied for the team lead in home runs (5).

Guenther, who usually hits in the No. 3 or cleanup spot, was selected as the Big 12 Conference's player of the week (April 1-7) after delivering three straight multi-hit games in leading the Horned Frogs to a 3-1 record. He has led the Big 12 in batting average for most of the season.

Not bad for a former hoops star who was only lightly recruited by smaller schools after graduating from West in 2015.

"I've really been blessed," Guenther said in a phone interview. "A few years ago I was just trying to get a spot on a junior college team. I never would have expected this."

Guenther is the second former Oshkosh prep athlete to make his mark in the Big 12 this season. Former North basketball star Tyrese Haliburton was a starting point guard as a freshman for Iowa State.

"I'm good friends with Tyrese," Guenther said. "We basically grew up together and our families are close. I was talking with him recently and said, 'Who would have thought back then that we'd be playing sports in the Big 12?'"

Not Guenther. He always wanted to play college ball but dreamed of doing it in basketball, which was his favorite sport. College baseball was in the picture, too, but Guenther figured he'd be using his powerful left arm to do so. As a senior at West, Guenther hit a team-high .404 and compiled a 2-3 pitching record with a 1.44

earned run average. He worked in the off-season — primarily as a pitcher — with Chris Bosio, the ex-Milwaukee Brewers pitcher and former pitching coach for the Brewers, Chicago Cubs, Tampa Bay Devil Rays and Detroit Tigers, but wasn't getting much attention from college recruiters.

Bosio suggested Guenther go with Plan B — the junior college route — and take his game to Sacramento City Junior College, where Bosio had played collegiately.

"Chris had played there and told me to call him in two years after I got drafted, but he was talking about as a pitcher," Guenther said. "A few weeks later, I was driving to California. At the time I was seriously thinking about playing basketball and baseball at UW (University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh)."

UW-Oshkosh's loss became TCU's gain, but it took a position switch to launch Guenther into D-1 baseball. Guenther was experiencing arm problems when he arrived at Sacramento City and never made a contribution on the mound. Instead, Guenther put together a pair of strong seasons as an outfielder/first baseman, hitting .292 as a freshman and .337 as a sophomore with 43 RBIs.

"My arm just kind of shut down on me," Guenther said. "It wasn't like a serious arm injury, but it just kind of needed a break. During that time off from pitching, I thought I'd try and see what kind of hitter I'd be and it's kind of crazy where it's taken me. To be honest, I wasn't in shape at all to be a college pitcher. I had done both in high school and never really fully committed to be a pitcher."

"Going to Sacramento City was a great decision. I worked my tail off there and they gave me the freedom to kind of figure myself out as a hitter."

Guenther figured it out and began spraying base hits all over the field. In between productive seasons at Sacramento City, Guenther played a breakout season of summer ball for the Wisconsin Rapids Rafters in the highly regarded Northwoods League, where he hit .284 with eight home runs and 46 RBIs in 68 games. He was named by Baseball America as one of the league's top 10 prospects.

That prestigious honor along with a highlight video created by his father, Chris, caught the attention of high-level college baseball teams, including TCU.

"Playing at Sacramento City gave me a chance to play in the Northwoods League and that was huge," Guenther said. "I had a really good hitting coach there (Kirk Schrider) who really educated me and helped me a ton. I learned about plate discipline, getting hittable pitches and about staying within myself."

Guenther arrived at TCU as a smart, disciplined hitter and hasn't changed many things mechanically since joining the Frogs.

"Our hitting coach (Bill Mosiello) is one of the smartest baseball minds I've ever



TCU Athletics photo

West High graduate Jake Guenther is having a standout season for the Texas Christian University baseball team in the Big 12.

been around," Guenther said. "He's not a guy who wants you to change what got you here. He's not going to change your swing, but he's going to add things to it."

TCU has an outstanding baseball reputation. The Horned Frogs have won at least 48 games in each of the last four seasons and made three straight College World Series appearances. The team is currently 23-18 overall and 6-8 in Big 12 play.

"The big thing you notice about playing at the Division 1 level is the coaching," Guenther said. "I've had really good coaching everywhere I've been, but these guys are next-level coaches. I've got two assistant coaches here who could be Division 1 head coaches."

"As far as the competition level, guys are just a lot more talented. We have a pitcher, Nick Lodolo, who is sitting at 95 (mph) over seven innings with a nasty slider. You rarely see a guy throw under 90. We have players coming in that can run 6.3, 6.4 40s and hit the ball 400 feet. You just don't see that every day, and those guys are your teammates. Every single guy on our roster is just loaded with potential."

Guenther considers himself to be a singles hitter but can knock the ball out of the park. He's a big man at 6-foot-4, 230 pounds and has filled out through strength training and conditioning since his high school days when he weighed in the neighborhood of 180.

"I've put on about 20 pounds of muscle since last year," Guenther said. "The extra strength has allowed me to drive the ball a lot farther."

Oshkosh West baseball coach Wayne (Tony) Gerharz isn't surprised with Guen-

ther's success. Guenther was a three-year varsity letter winner for Gerharz and a first-team all-FVA selection as a senior. Guenther was also a standout on the hardwood, averaging 16.5 points and 7.2 rebounds for the Wildcats basketball team in 2015.

"You could see back then that he definitely had a lot of potential," said Gerharz, who communicates regularly with Guenther through text messages. "He was a big, athletic kid with a real nice swing. He covered a lot of ground for us in center field and as a pitcher he had one of the best pickoff moves we've ever had here."

"You could always see that athletic ability, but then again, we get a lot of kids that come through that are really good athletes who never pan out. Some decide they want to do other things in life than athletics, or other things socially. What really helped Jake is that he committed himself to the sport and became really dedicated to it. It's really nice to see how things have worked out for him."

As a junior, Guenther has one more season of collegiate eligibility but his baseball career may extend for years. If he continues his progress, Guenther has a legitimate chance of being selected in the Major League draft. Several TCU players have been drafted over the years, including Philadelphia pitcher Jake Arrietta and St. Louis third baseman Matt Carpenter.

"TCU is kind of a feeder program for pro ball," said Guenther. "When you become part of this baseball program, it (playing professionally) becomes something that could be a reality. I'm excited for every opportunity TCU gives me and just trying to enjoy my time here."

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Prep sports roundup

BASEBALL

Wildcats rally falls short in 5-4 loss to Spartans

The Oshkosh West baseball team rallied in the seventh but came up short in a 5-4 loss Friday to crosstown rival Oshkosh North in a game at E.J. Schneider field.

North led 5-1 going into the final inning and the Wildcats were able to score three before West held on in a game that was rescheduled because of Thursday's weather.

Charlie Stenson picked up the win for North, pitching a solid game. He threw 6.2 innings — allowed one earned run on four hits and struck out eight against walking three.

Riley Frey took the loss for West despite giving up only one earned run on four hits in three innings. Ryan Klatt pitched three scoreless innings in relief for the Wildcats. The two combined to strike out seven batters.

Offensively, Colby Snell, Isaiah Palmquest, Lucas Pinkerton and Ben Schneider had the scattered four hits for North while Kaden Wright was the lone Wildcat to have a multihit game — including a double and three RBIs. Snell, Palmquist and Mitch Bendickson had the RBIs for North.

North led 1-0 after the first inning before scoring four more in the second to jump out to a 5-0 lead.

Big fifth inning lifts Lourdes/Valley Christian

The Lourdes/Valley Christian baseball team scored six runs in the fifth inning to help secure a 8-3 win over Hustisford/Dodgeland in a Trailways-East Conference game on Friday.

The Knights trailed 3-1 before the big inning as Lourdes outhit Hustisford 9 to 4.

Jack McKellips was the leader at the plate, going 3-for-3 with three RBIs — hitting two doubles and a triple — while being walked twice.

Jake Krueger and Colton Clark each added two hits for the Knights.

Clark had two RBIs while Dominic Kane, Josh Bauer and Trevor Bengson each had an RBI.

Clark picked up the win, tossing 6.2 strong innings. He allowed five hits and two earned runs while striking out 10 against one walk.

SOFTBALL

West dominates Terrors in 19-4 conference win

The Oshkosh West softball team pound-



Photo by Emil Vajgrt

An Oshkosh West runner goes for third base as a North infielder throws to first in their game Friday that the Spartans won 5-4.

ed out 16 hits in a crushing 19-4 Fox Valley Association win on Friday night.

The Wildcats scored 13 runs in the third inning and was led by Alyssa Ebel, who hit her first varsity home run — a grand slam — in that big inning. She finished 3-for-4 with a double and seven RBIs.

Emily Miller, Brianna Geis, Lacey Cruz and Dominique Bauer each had multi-hit games and combined for six RBIs.

Annika Johnson secured the win, going 3.2 innings, giving up four runs while striking out five. Tatum Duff pitched 1.1 innings in relief, not allowing a run.

On Thursday, Hortonville scored eight runs over the final three innings to pick up a 9-4 win over the Wildcats.

West was led by Miller, who was 3-for-4 with a triple and two RBIs.

Cruz took the loss, going all seven innings — giving up three earned runs — striking out five against four walks.

Supple strikes out 15, North stops Fond du Lac

Mathena Higgins' two-run triple sparked a five-run rally as Oshkosh North picked up a 10-1 Fox Valley Association win over Fond du Lac on Friday night.

That triple in the third inning all came with two outs — and Libby Neveau added a two-run double while Noelle Frank added a RBI single as they scored three runs in the fifth.

Higgins and Courtney Day each had two hits as North pounded out 10 as a team.

Sydney Supple pitched another gem for the Spartans, striking out 15 batters while allowing only two hits.

On Thursday, the Spartans shut out

Neenah 12-0 in five innings.

Supple and Ashley Borowitz combined for the shutout, allowing three hits.

The top three in the lineup for North combined to go 8-for-10, scoring seven runs while driving in seven as well.

Supple homered in the game as they scored five runs in the second. Brooke Ellestad went 2-for-4 while Supple and Neveau were 3-for-3.

GOLF

Blando leads North golfers in conference loss

Anthony Blando led all Oshkosh North golfers with a 49 as North dropped a Fox Valley Association match against Appleton West on Friday, 183-203.

Josh Hoffman and Isaac Geffers fired a 51 for North while Alex Bork added a 52.

Austin Georger shot a 40 to lead West. On Thursday, Josh Stephanie led the way with a 51 while Hoffman and Bork shot a 51 while Blando had a 52.

Kaukauna's Zachary Klingseisen led the way with a 34. That match was played at Westhaven Golf Course.

Spiller leads Wildcats with 49 in FVA loss

Oshkosh West Michael Spiller fired a 49 as the Wildcats lost a 179-211 Fox Valley Association match on Friday at Oshkosh

Country Club.

Trent Krause shot a 52 while Faysal Amin and Dominick Fosso fired a pair of 55s for Oshkosh West.

Then on Thursday, Krause led the way with a 44 followed by Drew Lasky's 49, Amin's 50 and Spiller's 53.

TRACK & FIELD

West boys, girls finish sixth in Neenah invite

The Oshkosh West boys and girls track teams finished sixth out of 11 teams Friday in the Neenah Co-Ed Invitational.

Oshkosh North boys were eighth while the girls finished ninth.

On the boys side, Sam Blaskowski was second in the long jump with a jump of 21-2.5 feet for West.

The West 400 and 800 relays finished second as Sean Bougie, Riley Taylor, Isaac Kohl and Blaskowski had a time of 44.72 while Andrew Stender, Jake Ketter, Aidan Zeimet and Blaskowski finished in 1:33.08.

For North, Dominic Brown had two second-place finishes — in the 110 and 300 hurdles with times of 15.30 and 41.86.

Jack Scherer added a second place finish for the Spartans in the 3,200 with a time of 9:40.03.

On the girls side, Megan Best had a second place finish for West in the 100 meter with a time of 12.76 while Rachel Mueller won the pole vault with a mark of 10 feet.

The Oshkosh West 800 relay (Best, Nithya Ambati, Claire Sugrue and Devin Hable) won with a time of 1:48.48 while the 400 relay (same members) were second with a time of 50.85.

Lourdes teams take fifth, sixth in Pewaukee

The Lourdes girls track and field team finished fifth out of nine teams while the boys were sixth out of eight teams in the Alzheimer Invitational on Friday, which was held in Pewaukee.

Ellen Moore had two second-place finishes for the Knights in the 1,600 and 3,200 — finishing in 5:33.90 and 12:15.48.

Ava McGuire added a second-place finish in the triple jump (31-06) while she was also third in the high jump (4-08).

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Lourdes basketball coach Clark steps down

By Brad Hartmann
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Brad Clark era at Lourdes Academy came to an end after four years at the helm of the boys basketball program with his resignation announcement last week.

Clark led the Knights to an 77-27 record during that stretch along with a trip to the WIAA Division 4 state championship game this season that ended with a 67-62 loss to New Glarus.

"For some it was a shocker. I told them it was my decision. No one forced me out," Clark said. "I could tell they were sad with the expressions on their face. I saw some disappointment and blank stares. I told them how much I love coaching them and how proud I was of them. They are going to be good. They got a good core of guys coming back."



Clark

Clark said the decision wasn't easy but thought it was in the best interests of his family.

"I didn't want to quit. I am not that person," he said. "My plan was when I first started four years ago was to coach my son and stay there. This year some things changed."

Clark informed his players Thursday in a team meeting about his tough decision that had many mixed emotions.

"It is sad. I thought he was a really good coach. We had a lot of fun this year and I was hoping that would continue," Preston Ruedinger said. "At the end of the day he did what was best for his family. He has meant a lot to the school. He has worked really hard at his job and he gave it his all."

Clark's players describe him as caring, hard-working, fun, a great defensive mind and a competitor.

"I really enjoyed playing for him. He is a good coach and good guy. He cared for me as a player," Ben Huizenga said. "He was there for me every step of the way with my past injuries. I just want to thank Coach Clark for the four years he gave to Lourdes."

With Clark now on the market for his next coaching opportunity he said he was amazed at how many calls he has received after he made the announcement.

"I am not done coaching. This was a great four-year run," Clark said. "I got at least another 35 years of coaching left in me. I work at a great place at Tipler Middle School. I think there is something better on the horizon and people have told me that and waiting to see what that may be. This is just halftime."

Prep roundup

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Joely Hurkman was third in the 200 (27.42) while Alexis Rolph and Mia Maslowski added fourth-place finishes in the 200 and 3,200. Rolph finished her race in 27.43 while Maslowski finished her two-mile run in 13:26.59.

The 800 relay was second with a time of 1:53.29.

On the boys' side, Peyton Kane was third in the 3,200 (10:40.20) while Tyler Johnson was also third in the discus (109-07.50). Josiah Jungwirth had two top-five finishes, finishing fourth in the discus (106-02) and fifth in the shot put (40-11).

Nathan Barfknecht added two top-five finishes as well, taking third in the long jump (36-02) and fifth in the 200 (24.16).

The 3,200 relay was third and the 1,600 was fifth.

Pewaukee won the invite on both the girls and boys side.

GIRLS SOCCER

North draws scoreless tie

The Oshkosh North girls soccer team played to a 0-0 tie on Friday, tying De Pere in a nonconference game.

North is 2-3-3 on the season.

Compiled by Alex Wolf
Herald contributor

North grad earns Midwest honors for LU

Cade Francour, Lawrence University tennis standout and an Oshkosh North graduate, was recently chosen as Midwest Conference Player of the Week.

The junior went 4-0 during the week of April 15 to help Lawrence clinch a berth in the four-team Midwest Conference Tournament.

In Lawrence's 7-2 victory over St. Norbert College, Francour won 6-2, 6-3 at No. 3 singles and teamed with Connor Malo-

ney for an 8-6 victory at No. 1 doubles.

Francour moved up to No. 2 singles against Ripon College and grabbed a 6-0, 6-0 victory. He again teamed with Maloney for an 8-2 win at No. 1 doubles as the Vikings rolled to a 7-2 victory over the Red Hawks. With the win the Vikings clinched the No. 2 seed in the league tourney.

This is Francour's first MWC Player of the Week honor, who has a team-best 13-6 singles record.



Photo from ABBA

An instructor at the American Black Belt Academy trains with a student last week ahead of this weekend's tournament.

Black Belt Academy hosts tae kwon do invitational

American Black Belt Academy will hold its 31st annual invitational tae kwon do tournament Saturday at Lourdes Academy.

This year's tournament is dedicated to the memory of Charlene Dishaw, a former Lourdes teacher whose daughter Margaret trained for a black belt while Charlene helped American Black Belt Academy (ABBA) integrate with the community.

This year a Team Forms category has been added to the lineup. This competition allows students in groups of two to five the chance to show their creativity while performing a traditional tae kwon do form.

The ABBA tournament is now a qualifier for the United Taekwondo Association nationals in June. First-, second- and third-place finishers in the tournament will have the opportunity to be on the national team led by instructor Sandra Swartwood.

ABBA teaches traditional tae kwon do to children and adults to promote life skills through goal setting, and operates as a not-for-profit while volunteering time to Oshkosh area public and parochial schools. This year's tournament will have two of the group's special needs students participating in their first tournament.

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Huizengas

FROM PAGE 1

In an 81-47 victory Dec. 29 over Ripon, Benny reinjured his right knee patella that was damaged in his junior year and took two months to recover.

"I tried to contest a step-back on defense and all of a sudden it felt like someone stabbed me in the knee. I couldn't walk on it and I thought some cartilage popped out," Benny said. "We were playing Laconia the first game of the year and Jack McKellips threw me a pass and it was a little over my head. I went to try to save it and I twisted and felt a really loud pop in my knee."

Both Benny and his younger brother Jack suffered the same injury weeks apart in the 2017-2018 season.

"Benny actually dislocated the patella. It just popped out of place and by doing that it will either tear a ligament or it can break it," said Dr. Paul Fagan, who treated both boys. "He actually broke a small piece off the patella. Jack actually tore the ligament of the patella. It was probably better that he broke the bone. It's more predictable that bone is going to heal to bone as opposed to a ligament tear."

"Could this be a genetic occurrence? Yeah it's likely. In the adolescent population about 29 out of every 100,000 kids this will happen to so it's not super common."

Fagan describes both Huizenga brothers as tough, calm and with a maturity level you usually don't see in teenagers.

"I really commend the both of them. They are very motivated," Fagan said. "They excel both inside the classroom and in athletics. I think that's a testament to their parents and family values."

The three words that any young student athlete dreads hearing — season-ending surgery — was not in the vocabulary for Benny. Green Bay Packers team Dr. Patrick McKenzie suggested that option but Fagan believed that by rehab the bones would come together again.

"Doctor McKenzie gave me good advice, but at the same time I wanted to play again and you have to take that risk," Benny said. "It was difficult every day not knowing if you will ever play again or



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Benny Huizenga came back from a knee injury late in the season to spark the Knights into the WIAA championship.

when you are going to make your comeback. You have to stay persistent and try your best."

On Jan. 23 Benny had his knee scoped and it was off to rehab with physical therapist Ben Benesh, who had him ready to go five weeks later against Saint Mary Catholic in the opening round of the playoffs.

"I was nervous as heck the entire time watching him. He did great. He scored 13 points in the state championship game," Benesh said. "It was fantastic to see his success story. This is the kind of stuff that you would hope would happen to kid like Benny."

Basketball has played an influential role for the family as Ben grew up on a farm in Randolph and started playing in third grade and continued into high school at Central Wisconsin Christian. He was a two-sport athlete in track and basketball as he helped capture the D3 WISAA state championship in 1993 as a junior.

Ben and Benny both experienced runner-up finishes in their senior year in state championship games. Jack is next in line to meet that challenge.

"On the court we have that different type of bond where we are friends and family. It's so special words can't explain it," Jack said. "It's an awesome feeling having both of them with me this year. It was an awesome feeling playing with him. I will never forget sharing the hug in the locker room after the sectional finals."

Two main ingredients to be a successful coach are a passion for the players and the game. Twenty years ago former Lourdes coach Dennis Ruedinger surprised Ben by asking him to be his assistant.

"No question that this was one of my best coaching decisions. Ben has been a phenomenal high school basketball coach," Ruedinger said. "I think the greatest trait of a coach more so than the X's and O's is helping develop kids' character. Ben has that quality to mentor and develop young kids through the game of basketball."

When Ruedinger ended his coaching time the Knights hired Brad Clark from Ripon College, who after meeting with Ben knew he had one of the most loyal assistants he could ask for.

"He is passionate. He has a passion for Lourdes Academy and the kids. He is the type that will always have your back when things are going bad," said Clark, who announced last week he is stepping down as head coach. "He told me when I got the job four years ago, 'I got your back 100 percent of the time.' And having an assistant that says that and does that is a good one because now these days you need to have thick skin."

In Benny's absence on the court he cheered on his teammates and offered his perspective on things other teammates couldn't see.

"Benny always said he never wanted others to see himself get down on himself with the injury and I think he did a great job on that," teammate Henry Noone said. "I think if we would have seen him down we might have followed and wouldn't have the successful season that we did. He is a class act."

Benny has had many basketball highlights but many of his teammates remember a game against Ripon in seventh grade, down by 15. After cutting the deficit to two with four seconds left, Huizenga hit a game-winning three at the buzzer.

One game Benny recalls is the time he spent playing two-on-one pickup games against Jack and best friend Preston Ruedinger while growing up.

"Usually it was Jack and I versus Benny," Ruedinger said. "Most of the time we didn't win or if we did win Benny would get mad, but we all loved each other and we knew that one day we would be on the court together and it turned out pretty cool."

In Benny's four years at Lourdes he was named second-team all-conference (Trailways-North) and this year was all-conference honorable mention (Trailways-East).

"They are all special. This one means more especially coming back from an injury," Benny said. "It showed because they knew what kind of player I was before the injury."

Next year he will be attending the University of Wisconsin- La Crosse majoring in biomedical sciences while Jack enjoys his junior year at Lourdes.

Benny doesn't have a nickname like some of his teammates, but one that would suit him well would be Comeback Kid.

"For all my years of coaching, the way Benny handled the adversity through his injuries and how he stuck together with the team motivated and staying positive is one of the most incredible things I have seen during my life as a coach," Ruedinger said. "And that's what Lourdes basketball is all about."



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Public library calendar

May 1
 Evening Book Club: "The Husband's Secret," 6 p.m.
 Six-Word Short Story Contest for Teens, May 1-31

May 2
 LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3:30 to 5 p.m.
 LEGO Wall Open Build, 5 to 7 p.m., ages 16 and older
 Roadmapping Your Novel in 90 Minutes, 6 p.m.

May 3
 Smart Starts Play Stations, 9 to 11 a.m., ages 1-4
 Teen Book Club: Haunting the Deep, 4:30 p.m.

May 4
 Oshkosh Area Writers Club, 10 a.m.
 LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

May 6
 Tech Open Lab, 3 to 6 p.m.
 Homework Helpdesk, 5 to 7 p.m.

May 7
 Chess Club, 5 to 7 p.m.
 The Oshkosh Herald: One Year Later, 6 p.m.
 Online Anytime Book Club: Books about mothers. Library's Facebook page, 7 p.m.

May 8
 Memory Cafe: Cinco de Mayo Fiesta, 1 to 3 p.m.
 Tech Open Lab, 1 to 4 p.m.

What's Cooking Book Club, Family Faves, 6 p.m.

May 9
 Afternoon Book Club: Books by Nevada Barr, 1:30 p.m.
 LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3:30 to 5 p.m.
 LEGO Wall Open Build, 5 to 7 p.m., ages 16 and older

May 10
 After Hours Open Mic Night, 7 p.m.

May 11
 BikeOsh 2019, Pedal Pass Pit Stop, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Business notes

Silver Star Brands announced last week it will lay off 62 employees June 24 at its electronic shopping and mail-order houses at 250 City Center. In a letter to the state Department of Workforce Development under the 60-day layoff notice requirement, the company said a certain portion of that work is being outsourced. Sales consultants and customer experience specialists account for 47 of the positions being eliminated.

Sodexo Services informed the DWD on April 15 that it was closing its operations at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and eliminating 87 positions after its contract was not renewed there. A vi-ands food service company based in Minneapolis will replace Sodexo on campus. Sodexo Services will end operations there July 10. The university informed them of the decision Feb. 21.

Breakfast event about dementia

"A Breakfast You Will Never Forget" will be served from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. May 13 and hosted by the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Winnebago County and the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation.

The free event led by the local Dementia Awareness Team is at the Oshkosh Convention Center and attendees do not have to be a Winnebago County resident.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with breakfast at 8 a.m., followed by presentations.

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Annual Neighborhood Rummage Sale Overland Trail, Woodridge Drive, Forest View Road (Town of Algoma just south of Hwy 21) Thursday, May 2nd & Friday, May 3rd 8:00 - 5:00 Saturday, May 4th 7:00 - 2:00 (See Craigslist for more info)

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HUGE Rummage Sale: United Methodist Church 1174 Algoma Blvd at New York, Oshkosh **Friday, May 3, 7am-4pm; Saturday, May 4, 7am-2pm All day Saturday half-price** Furniture, jewelry, books, craft supplies, fabric, plants/garden items, tools, office supplies, vintage, toys, puzzles, dishes. Men's and women's clothes in all sizes including plus sizes, children's.

NEW GUN SHOW! May 3, 4, & 5. Merrill Expo & Enrichment Center, **MERRILL WI.** Fri. 3-8:30pm, Sat. 9-5pm, Sun. 9-3pm. Info: **563-608-4401, or marvkrauspromotions.net**

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Carpenters music captured in 'Close to You' at Grand

"Close to You: The Music of the Carpenters" is coming to The Grand Oshkosh at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The Carpenters, featuring brother and sister Karen and Richard Carpenter, had a dozen Top 10 hits on the Billboard charts in the 1970s and early '80s. Named after their second studio album, "Close to You" features singer and playwright Lisa Rock on lead vocals and her six-piece multi-instrumental band.

Rock has the same four-octave range that allows her to sing hits like "We've Only Just Begun" and "Rainy Days and

Mondays" in their original key, keeping the songs recognizable.

"When she hits the lower range of her marvelous voice," notes critic Alan Bresloff, "if you close your eyes, you can see Karen Carpenter's face."

Joseph Ferlo, director of The Grand Oshkosh, added, "Lisa Rock's performance remembers Karen Carpenter with her music and a little storytelling, too."

The show is part of the Alberta S. Kimball Foundation Series. Tickets start at \$25 and are available at The Grand, calling 920-424-2350 or at thegrandoshkosh.org.

EAA Museum calendar

Thursday, 6:30 p.m.: "Last Man Club" is a 2016 film drama on a World War II veteran who escapes his difficult family situation and embarks on a cross-country adventure to find the remaining members of his B-17 bomber crew.

Saturday and Sunday: Pioneer Airport becomes a re-creation of a 1920s aerodrome open for the flying season with 50 vintage airplanes on display. Flights for adults are available, at additional cost, in a choice of two fully restored antique biplanes. In addition, Young Eagles flights

are free for young people ages 8-17.

May 16, 7 p.m.: U.S. Air Force Special Operations pilots talk about flying the AC-130 gunship for combat missions that provide support to other aircraft and soldiers fighting on the ground.

June 6: The museum opens a new gallery in its Eagle Hangar that highlights the massive D-Day operation that landed on the beaches of Normandy on June 6, 1944.

June 6, 6:30 p.m.: "The Longest Day" is a 1962 movie based on the Cornelius Ryan book.

Obituaries

Tamara Lynn Fletcher

Tamara (Tami) Lynn Fletcher (Hough), Oshkosh, WI (June 12, 1959-March 16, 2019) sadly passed away at age 59, after a two-year battle with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

She was born on June 12, 1959 to the late Roland Hough and Orlene (Anderson) Hough and graduated from Onalaska High School in 1977. She was a Graduate of College of St. Theresa, Winona, and went on to practice as an OB-GYN Registered Nurse helping to deliver, coach, and assist new moms and their babies.

Tami's natural beauty shined brightly from the inside and out enhanced by her vivid choices in style and character, both feminine and bold; traits which also defined her true personality. Tami loved to have fun and had a gift of keeping things simple and living in the moment. These traits are the things that made a 14-year old boy named Mike Fletcher fall in love with her and Tami and Mike shared their life as childhood sweethearts, husband and wife, parents and grandparents. It was a love out of a storybook that was steady, laughter-filled and was a beautiful example of a true partnership and love story.

Tami had an ease to her, taking life in stride, always calming with her gentle laugh and smile. 'It is what it is' was often uttered amidst her most difficult moments. Her intent was kind and sweet and her love for her sister Jodi Hough Garlie, her children, Brandon, Jason, Austin and Katie, daughter-in-law, Kim, and boyfriend of Katie's, Tyler Resop, was evident during their family gatherings at their home or on family vacations. She cherished her sweet grandchildren Max, Olivia and Claire and adorned them with her hand-knitted creations and infinite Grandma spoiling. The love and support for her stretched wide from her large extended family of her in-laws, Ken and Shirley Fletcher, three brothers-in-law

(Lee Fletcher, Dick Richardson, Geoff Klos) and five sisters-in-law (Diane Bean Fletcher, Jan Fletcher Richardson, Sandy Fletcher Berman, Diane Fletcher Klos and Jill Bassuener Fletcher), 17 nieces and nephews and 7 great nieces and nephews. She enjoyed her large community of friends, including her beloved group of KIE women who loved to knit and travel together. Tami could play any sport, especially golf and was an accomplished water and snow skier. She later took up scuba diving and obtained her Master Dive Certification and often took warm weather trips with her family to explore the oceans and beaches throughout Mexico and the Caribbean. Her favorite beach was Anna Maria Island, Florida, walking the beaches, picking up sand dollars and watching the sunset. She was a talented cook, baker and entertainer and it was a treat to be invited to the Fletcher household for any type of gathering. As an avid community volunteer, Tami could always be counted on to support numerous school and soccer club events, local community organizations and help friends and families in need. A newspaper column is not enough space to capture someone's life but Tami's philosophy and the way she lived will be a reminder for all of us to take life in stride, count your blessings, accomplishments and goals; living it as she did, shining ever so beautifully.

A visitation will be held on Friday, May 10, at Konrad-Behlman Westside (100 Lake Pointe Drive) from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. On Saturday, May 11, a 10:00 a.m. visitation will be held prior to an 11:00 Memorial service at Calvary Lutheran Church (2580 W 9th Avenue). A Celebration of Life will follow the ceremony at The Waters (1393 Washington Avenue). You are invited to dress in light and bright spring colors to reflect her spirit. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation for a memorial bench that will be dedicated on Tami's behalf on Anna Maria Island, Florida.

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Community events

Ongoing events

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

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

Wednesday, May 1

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

Thursday, May 2

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

Friday, May 3

KhaosKon, 4 p.m., Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel and Convention Center

NPAA Future Angler Fishing Clinic, 4:30 p.m., Millers Bay/Menominee Park

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

String Spring: Feed the Dog with Lou Shields, 7:30 p.m., O'Marro's Public House, 2211 Oregon St.

Lisa Rock in Close to You: The Music of The Carpenters, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

Nature: The Band and Horace Green, 5:30 p.m., Fifth Ward Brewing Co., 1009 S. Main St.

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

Saturday, May 4

Oshkosh Bird Fest, 6 a.m., Menominee Park, 520 Pratt Trail

Amazing Oshkosh, 8 a.m., Lake Aire Shopping Center, 257 W. 20th Ave.

KhaosKon, 9 a.m., Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel and Convention Center

Oshkosh 5K for Mental Health and Suicide Awareness, 9 a.m., Oshkosh North High School

EAA AirVenture Hiring Event, 9 a.m., EAA Aviation Museum, 3000 Poberezny Road

African Violet Show and Sale, 10 a.m., St. Jude, 1025 W. 5th Ave.

KhaosKon Catan National Qualifier Tournament, noon, Best Western Hotel and Convention Center

Junk for Jerseys, 8 a.m., Sadoff E-Recycling and Data Destruction, 36 E. 10th Ave.

Oshkosh Gallery Walk, 6 p.m., downtown

Oshkosh Choraliens Annual Concert, 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium, 375 N. Eagle St.

Starship featuring Mickey Thomas, 7:30 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

Harvest Pre-Cinco de Mayo Show, 8:30 p.m., The Spot, 1226 Oshkosh Ave.

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

Gabe and the Boogie Bandits, 8 p.m., DD's Barbeque, 815 Ohio St.

Sunday, May 5

KhaosKon, 9 a.m., Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel and Convention Center

Mid-Wisconsin Chippers Wood Carving Show, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

Military Veterans Museum Open

House and Battle Re-enactment, 10 a.m., Military Veterans Museum, 4300 Poberezny Road

African Violet Show and Sale, 11:30 a.m., St. Jude, 1025 W. 5th Ave.

Cinco de Mayo Celebration featuring N.E. W. Piano Guys, 4:30 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

Monday, May 6

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

Tuesday, May 7

History of Brewing in Winnebago County, 6 p.m., Oblio's Lounge, 434 N. Main St.

Open Mic Comedy Night, 8 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

Wednesday, May 8

Day of Caring, 7:30 a.m., La Sure's Banquet Hall, 3125 S. Washburn St.

Thursday, May 9

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

UWO Orchestra Concert featuring Concerto Winners and Camerata, 7:30 p.m., UW Oshkosh Arts and Communication Building

Friday, May 10

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

Mom and Kids Pancake and Pajama Party, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Community YMCA, 3303 W. 20th Ave.

Silver's Secret: A Pirate Adventure, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Hysterical Productions presents "Little Women," 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

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

Saturday, May 11

OPD Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness 5K, 9 a.m., Menominee Park

EAA AirVenture Hiring Event, 9 a.m., EAA Aviation Museum, 3000 Poberezny Road

BikeOsh, 10 a.m., Oshkosh Seniors Center, 200 N. Campbell Road

Silver's Secret: A Pirate Adventure, 2 p.m., Time Community Theater

unWINEd Downtown Oshkosh Wine Walk, 2 p.m., downtown

Wisconsin Glo Game, 7 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

"Little Women," 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

"Drop Dead Gorgeous," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

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

Jeremiah James Band, 9:30 p.m., Fletch's Local Tap House

Lourdes Academy Booster Craft Fair, 9 a.m., 110 N. Sawyer St.

Sunday, May 12

"Little Women," 2 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

Wisconsin Glo Game, 3 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

Mother's Day Celebration and Brunch, 11 a.m., Oshkosh Elks, 175 W. Fernau Ave.