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District ends foster care connection

By Miles Maguire

The Oshkosh Area School District has stopped contracting with Macht Village Programs Inc., the De Pere company that operated a foster home on West 11th Avenue from which two children were removed after a police investigation of living conditions there.

The district paid almost \$133,000 to Macht Village for educational services covering two foster children who have since been removed from the home, according to data released under a public records request.

The money, billed at a rate of about \$300 a day, was used to cover times when the boys were deemed unable to attend an Oshkosh school and instead sent to Macht Village's treatment center in De Pere.

Students who went to Macht Village "were not ready to be all day in a middle school or a high school," said Linda S. Jones-Pierron, the district's director of



Photo by Madeline Knoblock

Second-graders at Emmeline Cook Elementary School teamed up on an art project that won a place among a Sheboygan garden's book-themed displays.

Book garden welcomes students' 'Mossy' design

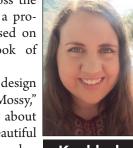
By Dan Roherty
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Emmeline Cook second-graders turned their creative teamwork and book-reading passion into a special design for a garden that brings those books to life.

First-year teacher Madeline Knoblock led her class on a literary journey to produce a set of illustrations that won the Readers Roundup Garden Creation contest at Sheboygan Bookworm Gardens.

Classrooms across the state submitted a proposal-design based on a children's book of their choosing.

Their artwork design is based on "Mossy," Jan Brett's story about a turtle with a beautiful garden growing on her shell. The students now



Knoblock

get to take a field trip next week to help with their creation while planting flowers and visiting the gardens.

The gardens illustrate many children's classic stories such as "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" and "Charlotte's Web" in their designs, while "Mossy" was chosen by the class from one of the many books

they had read this school year. Knoblock was able to meet the author when she visited the Oshkosh Public Museum last year, which has a traveling art exhibit based on Brett's works.

"This was really a project about them and their ideas," Knoblock said, "and so they really came together as a class and worked together in different groups on different parts of it. They worked together to create one cohesive design.

"They had to write book reports to send in about why this book would be good. They even looked into researching about box turtles and how box turtles are endangered in Wisconsin. And we submitted our design and found out that we won."

Knoblock has been inspired by the creativity of Bookworm Gardens in her previous visits there, which her parents recognized when they gave the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh alumna a graduation present containing all the books represented in the gardens.

"Bookworm staff love Jan Brett's colorful illustrators and magical stories and were very excited to learn more about the book 'Mossy." Said Cate Tinker, director of pro-

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Lakeshore Park vision launched

Consultant outlines public input strategy

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A strategy for developing the new Lakeshore Park at the former municipal golf course has been outlined by consultants and public officials who stressed public input into the master plan being created.

Team members from the Madison consulting firm SmithGroup presented the plan schedule at the city's Advisory Parks Board meeting May 6 and highlighted several waterfront projects the firm had developed in other communities in Wisconsin and other states. The firm was selected out of nine submissions to assist in developing the Lakeshore master plan.

Greg Calpino of SmithGroup said residents' views will be important in the design process, including their use of Polco to weigh in on ideas and participation in a public visioning meeting June 10 to discuss results of the survey and analysis of opportunities and constraints. The meeting venue will be determined as they assess the volume of interest.

Oshkosh native Kathleen Duffy is part of the SmithGroup team and shared her excitement to be part of a project in her hometown. She has followed local input on family members' Facebook pages and participated in a walk-through at the park April 2 as topography, landscaping and traffic noise were documented.

Presenters referred to the park as having a "split personality" as the land is north and south of the Oshkosh Corp. global headquarters being constructed and could influence different amenities at each, connected by a trail system. The north side is heavily landscaped whereas the other is more open.

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Park plan schedule

May 17: Polco online questionnaire released

June 5: Polco complete; results compiled

June 10: Public Visioning meeting

July 8: Joint meeting of Advisory Park Board, Pedestrian and Bicycling Advisory Committee, and Sustainability Advisory Board Aug. 12: Up to three conceptual design alternatives presented Sept. 9: Preferred concept plan

Sept. 17 or Oct. 1: Plan Commission presents chosen concept plan

Oct. 8 or 22: Common Council presents concept plan

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Community news briefs

Fourteen vying for open Common Council seat

The vacant Common Council position as a result of Lori Palmeri being elected mayor has resulted in 14 candidates seeking the position, including former councilman Tom Pech Jr., who lost in the general election this year; Nathan Stiefvater, who ran for mayor in 2019 but lost in the primary; former Winnebago County Court Commissioner David Keck; and Paul Esslinger, who had been on the Common Council in the past.

The council was to hear from the candidates and make a selection from the group of 14 to fill the vacancy at this week's council meeting.

Those filing paperwork to seek the seat include Michael Ford, Keck, David Rucker, William Miller, Adam Bellcorellic, Linda Jevaltas, John Scheelk, Allison Knautz, Lynnsey Erickson, Ed Kastern, Pech, Stiefvater, Kai Thao and Esslinger.

Oshkosh Food Co-op sets promotional event

An event to promote and update plans for choosing a location, launching a capital campaign and opening the Oshkosh Food Co-op is set for 4:30 p.m. Monday at the Oshkosh Convention Center.

Members and those interested in signing up are invited to attend as the group seeks 172 more signups to pass the 1,000 member mark. There will be music, hors d'oeuvres, prizes and a cash bar.

The Food Co-op officially began in 2013 when it incorporated as a legal entity. To become a member-owner, individuals purchase a membership share and can

choose to pay in full for \$180 or make 18 payments of \$11.

Member-owners can vote in co-op elections, participate in events and promotions, attend the annual meeting and receive a monthly newsletter, among other perks.

UW-Oshkosh conference center gets new name

A rededication ceremony at 10 a.m. Friday at the UW-Oshkosh Alumni Welcome and Conference Center will officially rename the facility the Culver Family Welcome Center.

UW-Oshkosh alumnus Craig Culver, co-founder and board chairman of Culver's restaurant chain, has given support to the 22,000-square-foot facility and has been supportive of other university initiatives.

Culver has dedicated \$2 million over the next four years to the building in exchange for naming rights.

The center opened in 2014 at Wisconsin Street and Pearl Avenue with a 500-person ballroom, 38-person executive board room, an outside patio, onsite catering and free parking.

Information sought on cause of dog's injuries

Oshkosh police are investigating an animal complaint in which a dog was found with a broken leg and injuries caused by some type of firearm.

A community service officer responded to the area of Jackson Street and Smith Avenue at 5:48 p.m. April 30 for a report of a dog that was loose. The animal was turned over to staff at the Oshkosh Area Humane Society, where X-rays revealed her leg was severely fractured and required amputa-

tion. The dog also had injuries caused by a firearm.

Police believe the dog may have come from the Omro area before being located on Jackson Street.

Those wishing to donate to the dog's care and recovery can make send it to OAHS: Anna; 1925 Shelter Ct., Oshkosh, WI 54901 or online at www.oahs.org.

Suspect in custody for armed robbery on Ohio

Police arrested a 28-year-old Oshkosh man after the armed robbery of a business in the 500 block of Ohio Street in the early hours of May 3.

Devin T. Tuttle, 1902 Grove St., made an initial appearance May 8 by video conference before Winnebago County Court Commissioner Bryan Keberlein, who set a \$10,000 cash bond and scheduled a May 23 preliminary hearing on charges of armed robbery with threat of force.

Police said a man entered the business at 3:15 a.m., threatened the store clerk with a knife and left with an undisclosed amount of cash.





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'Hometown Boys' shines light on Rainbow Division

Brad Larson's book keys on local WWI vets

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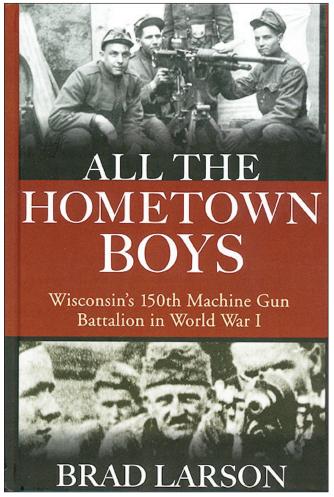
When Brad Larson first brought his historical curiosity to Oshkosh's people and places, one of the questions he had about a location revealed a story of community sacrifice that stayed with him until he had a chance to give the century-old mission its due

The story of Wisconsin's 150th Machine Gun Battalion in World War I is the subject of the Oshkosh Museum director's new book, "All the Hometown Boys," which comprised Oshkosh, Appleton and Fond du Lac soldiers who formed the 42nd "Rainbow" Division.

"The book came about because of Rainbow Memorial Park," Larson said. "When I came to Oshkosh in 1989 I was curious about the park's name and soon learned the name had been changed to simply Rainbow Park. I wondered why. That led to the story of the National Guard unit that was mobilized, who the men were and what they experienced."

The United States declared war on Germany in April 1917, and after passage of the Selective Service Act it drafted 2.8 million men. By the summer of 1918 itwas sending 10,000 new soldiers to France every day.

Arriving in France in November 1917, the Fox Valley men fought in every major battle of the American Expeditionary Forces, including the decisive but costly



May 1918 battle of Chateau Thierry on the front in France under Gen. John Pershing.

Larson said there was no publication of what the 150th Guardsmen were asked to do and what they accomplished, and said information passed on from community members about the unit often turned out to be incorrect.

He learned the 150th Machine Gun

Battalion was a highly decorated, well-known Wisconsin unit of about 800 with members who had received Distinguished Service Crosses for courage and valor. Larson said their story became overshadowed by the larger 32nd "Red Arrow" Division that drew statewide and from Michigan. Oshkosh had a second National Guard company that served in the 32nd.

Community newspapers at the time referred to local National Guardsmen serving with the American Expeditionary Forces as "the hometown boys," which Larson saw as a fitting title for his book. He said the Oshkosh men were primarily working-class men from the south side — many with Germanic background — who belonged to Company F, 2nd Wis-

consin National Guard.

"They knew each other very well, in some cases since childhood. It was not uncommon for brothers to serve in National Guard units, and there were quite a few brothers serving in all three companies," he said. "What this meant was that battlefield deaths had a tremendous impact on the men, and that also hit the community

verv hard"

Larson worked on the project intermittently starting in 1997 and gave it more focus in the past two years by researching, tracking and examining letters and diaries. One such diary acquired by the museum came from veteran Ralph H. Granger in 1997 and set Larson on his story path.

As he realized it wasn't possible to tell just the story of the Oshkosh company, Larson's digging expanded to Appleton and Fond du Lac archives. Researchers Joe Gaerthofner in Appleton and Wayne King in Fond du Lac helped obtain copies of letters, identify men and locate photos. Census records, obituaries and other wartime sources helped complete the story, along with news archives.

"Newspapers in the mid-20th century were a lot different than today's news, for they went in considerable detail, often offering clues that I then followed up on," Larson said.

The centennial of the Great War's conclusion was marked last year nationwide and with exhibitions and presentations at the Oshkosh Public Museum, but Larson said his motivation for the book was largely about recognizing these particular soldiers.

"I did this project because the story of the men, and the larger story of the 150th Machine Gun Battalion, 42nd Rainbow Division, had been forgotten," he said. "I thought the men deserved better."

Published by the University of Wisconsin Press, "All the Hometown Boys" is available in the museum store at 1331 Algoma Blvd.





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Oakwood shifting water supply after arsenic tests

Oakwood Elementary School has shut down its drinking water well source after arsenic levels were found to be above state and federal regulated levels.

The school district was notified by the state Department of Natural Resources after the second of two water samplings taken April 29 and returned May 3 showed an arsenic concentration of 0.174 milligrams per liter, above the mark that requires the district to inform the public that it was not safe to drink.

An earlier sample collected March 26 recorded a level of 0.144 mg/L, which does not require use of a different water supply.

"Upon notification, we immediately followed the guidelines and requirements of the DNR and began communicating

Back in the Day

the information to Oakwood families and staff," said Katie Nieman, school district communication director.

Oakwood will be connected to the Town of Algoma's municipal water supply over the summer, eliminating the use of well water.

Water fountains at Oakwood have been shut off and bottled water and coolers have been made available for all students, staff and visitors, according to a letter from James Fochs, district director of buildings and grounds.

The district regularly monitors its water sources under the testing requirements for well water use, and said Oakwood's water was below the safety threshold for arsenic levels in 2016.

ny, R. McMillan Company, Morgan Company, Radford & Bros. Company, Williamson & Libbey Company, Foster-Haffner Company and the Gould Company. The strike became reality as the result of the manufacturers failed response to a union manifesto sent out previously. The union demands included a 25 percent increase with a minimum wage of \$1.50 per day for all men over the age of 18 years, the nonemployment of women in the factories, recognition of the union and a weekly payday. The strike gained national attention and eventually was resolved later that

year in mid-August.

Source: Oshkosh Daily Northwestern, May 16, 1898



Submitted photo

Suicide awareness help

Singer Franki Moscato presents an \$11,000 check to Community For Hope that was raised at the performer's "Be Kind" music video premiere and fundraiser event Feb. 28. The presentation was made last week at Revs Bowl in Oshkosh. Community for Hope of Greater Oshkosh is a nonprofit organization supporting suicide prevention, intervention and grief support.

Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society May 16, 1898 Oshkosh woodworkers go on strike: More than 1,300 woodworkers (representing approximately three-fourths of the city's

Oshkosh woodworkers go on strike: More than 1,300 woodworkers (representing approximately three-fourths of the city's wood manufacturing workforce) did not show up for work, beginning a strike. The strike affected seven major sash, door and blind factories including Paine Compa-

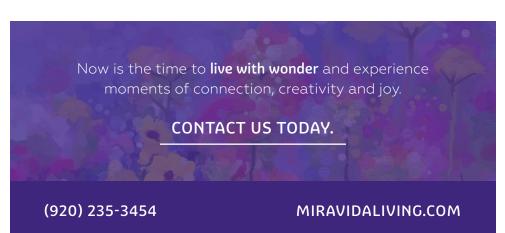
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Main Street fire disrupts businesses, families

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Mabel Murphy's bar had a simple 45th anniversary party in mind last weekend that took on a more serious tone to consider its future after the building was leveled by a fire early last Tuesday.

A posting from the bar's Facebook page expressed appreciation for the community's support and offerings of assistance. In part it said, "Mabel Murphy's will hopefully live on. Not sure if in the same location or somewhere else, but hopefully somewhere. Of course there are always details to work out. Thank you again for all the love we feel."

The local tavern community quickly made known its support for Mabel's with at least 50 establishments signed up for a citywide toast that tipped its glasses Saturday night in a show of solidarity.

ZaRonis' owner Jon Doemel helped organize the tribute while asking that buckets be passed to raise some cash for Mabel's bartenders. Media producer Venture Wisconsin offered to create a montage of any videos made of the tavern toasts.

A mother and three sons who moved to Oshkosh more than a year ago from Kyrgyzstan in central Asia were upstairs tenants along with five others connected to the family in an adjacent apartment when they were abruptly awakened by the fire and only able to grab a cellphone before fleeing.

Black Teak Properties owner Eric Hoopman, who owns the property and helped the family locate to the community, said



The burned remains of structures that housed Mabel Murphy's bar, Phoenix Studios and residential housing are shown last week on North Main Street after the May 7 fire.

the family was becoming self-sustaining from their refugee situation before the fire's disruption. One of the sons requires extra medical care for Hunter syndrome, a rare and progressive disorder that damages mental development, organ function and physical abilities.

Black Teak, which focuses on downtown residential and commercial redevelopment in that area, created a GoFundMe page that raised \$11,000 in five days to help the tenants regroup and obtain basic needs and household items for a new unfurnished residence that is being made available.

"They're back with other family in town temporarily," Hoopman said. "We have another house that we just finished remodeling and we're going to move them back into that house on Merritt Street. That should be a good landing place for them to get restarted."

The fundraiser ran through Monday but additional donations can be directed to Rise & Grind, A Community Space (www.grindcowork.com/oshkosh).

"It's been very well received; it's moving quick," Hoopman said of the community response to the family's immediate needs.

Besides the initial Red Cross assistance to the apartment tenants, local organizations like the Oshkosh Area United Way and Boys & Girls Club have stepped in to help on different levels.

Phoenix Studios owner Dan Lenz lost most of his equipment in the fire except for his cameras at the location where he had recently moved in. He said he is sorting out his insurance, bringing in a recovery company and will reopen from a new location while replacing other studio gear.

The Neighborhood Play Cafe that offered children's programs had recently moved out of their location at 703 N. Main.

Firefighters were dispatched at 1:42 a.m. May 7 and the first crews reported heavy flames coming from the back of two business buildings that had the upstairs apartments, where it quickly spread to the corner tavern with the aid of gusty winds. There was one minor injury to a firefighter reported.

John Holland, the city Fire Department's public information officer, said the cause is undetermined and still under investigation as they continue to look at what's left of the older structures.

"There's a lot not there anymore where the fire started up on that porch," he said of the upstairs area behind the Main Street apartments.

One firefighter suffered a twisted knee during the response effort but otherwise no injuries were reported from the fast-moving blaze.

"For us it was a very difficult time putting out the fire," Holland said. "We had a north wind blowing that was making things difficult, and also just had some really old buildings."

Mutual aid was provided by the Town of Algoma, Town of Fox Crossing, cities of Neenah/Menasha, and the Town of Winneconne fire departments.

Tourism dollars measured in community and county

Tourism's impact on Oshkosh and Winnebago County's economies reached \$254.2 million in 2018, according to the state Department of Tourism. The findings are a part of a study conducted by Tourism Economics highlighting continued growth across the state's tourism industry.

Last year, tourism supported more than 4,880 jobs and visitor trips topped more than 1 million visits in Oshkosh and Winnebago County. In the county, visitor spending was \$254.2 million, an increase of 5.67 percent over 2017. Tourism supported 4,883 jobs, up 1.3 percent over 2017, with a total personal income of \$136.5 million. Visitors generated \$31.5 million in state and local taxes during 2018, up nearly 2.7 percent.

"From an economic standpoint, tour-

ism plays a critical role in our community," Amy Albright, executive director of the Oshkosh Convention and Visitors Bureau, said. "Last year's numbers are very encouraging and we hope to capitalize on this positive momentum moving for-

Statewide, traveler spending generated \$1.5 billion in state and local revenue and \$1.2 billion in federal taxes, and visitors generated \$1.6 billion in state and local revenue and \$1.2 billion in federal taxes, saving Wisconsin taxpayers \$680 per household

The numbers are estimates from an annual tourism impact study commissioned by the Department of Tourism and conducted by international research firms Tourism Economics and Longwoods In-

Make an offer at Our Savior's rummage sale

The Women of Our Savior's are sponsoring a Make a Fair Offer rummage sale at the church, 1860 Wisconsin, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. They will be accepting fair offers for the items a shopper might want with proceeds supporting mission pledges to local organizations and global efforts in the form of Lutheran World Relief care kits.

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Lawn care business strong amid labor challenges

Year-round care, snow removal services can be hard to staff

By Dan Flannery HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Visit any hardware store or home improvement center and you'll be struck by the volume of yard and lawn care products.

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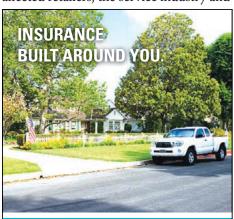
According to the 2018 Garden Research National Gardening Survey, Americans spent more than \$47.8 billion on lawn and garden retail purchases. That includes lawn furniture, bulbs and raised gardens, and everything in between.

That's a record for spending in that sector, but homeowners frequently hire someone else do the weekly work of cutting the lawn, applying fertilizer, doing the spring and fall yard cleanups.

"They seem much more willing to pay for it now, which is all right," said Russ Mathe, owner of Mathe Lawn Service, 155 N. Meadow St.

The Oshkosh area offers multiple businesses, big and small, happy to keep your curb appeal vibrant. Now that winter is over — let's hope — you'll see trailers carrying riding and push mowers, rakes and shovels, moving from job to job.

Mathe — 55, and in his 18th year of business — and his competition will be working hard on lawns until October. He and his 26-year-old son will serve about 60 customers. The labor shortage that has affected retailers, the service industry and



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Before you call for service

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Don't call at the last minute: If you're calling in April or May to get summer lawn care service, good luck. "To turn down anyone, kind of breaks my heart," said Kelly Flanigan, owner of The Grounds Guys of Appleton and Oshkosh. "But at the end of the day, we're turning them down because our company reaches a point where we can only take on so many weekly mowing or maintenance accounts."

The same goes for snow removal. Don't call in January. Call in August or September.

Manage your expectations: Be realistic about what you'll get for your money. Ask questions. If a well-manicured lawn is important, know that cheaper mowers and equipment might lead to a cheaper look. Still, you might have a different thought about what a lawn service can do, should do or will do.

"Some think it's going to be night-and-day difference between doing it on their own and having a landscape company or a lawn maintenance company come in," said Russ Mathe, owner of Mathe Lawn Service. "Generally, that's not the case. Some of this stuff we're going to be much better at. Some of the cases we're not going to be as fussy as a homeowner. So that's always helpful if they have at least some kind of idea in the back of their mind on what their expectations are." Also make sure you know what equipment will be used, and what effect it could have on your property.

Make their job easier: If you know when your lawn service will be at your residence, keep the lawn free of toys, pet waste, tools and more. It's an easy way to avoid damage to your property and their equipment.

other sectors has been especially tough on local lawn care companies.

"Finding good (employees) has been extremely difficult especially in this business," Mathe said. "If you're older and you're free, why? Why are you free? Obviously, there's an issue or whatever and that's what we run into.

"And sometimes you get the young ones, and some of these kids are really good workers. But let's face it, they're not going to stay cutting grass their whole

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Kelly Flanigan, owner of The Grounds Guys of Appleton and Oshkosh, has a staff of 18 full-time employees, plus another 8-10 summer-season workers from local colleges and high schools. Flanigan's company has roughly 200 clients from Omro to Hortonville, Little Chute to Oshkosh.

But even with a deeper bench, Flanigan has experienced staffing issues.

"It seems like that's not as uncommon now as it was five, six years ago," Flanigan said. "It is harder to find good people to join your team today than maybe it has been in the past."

Competition for labor is stiff, with unemployment rates under 3 percent in the Oshkosh-Neenah area. Factor in the manual-labor aspect of lawn care, landscaping and snow removal — many area firms handle all three aspects of home care and you have a challenge.

tling for his two-man operation. He's turned down jobs because he hasn't had enough staff.

"We used to every spring hire them, but I kind of just gave up," he said. "We finally get them to where they know the job, and they quit."

They also have more job options than ever before.

"You try, as a small business, to compete with the larger corporations in this area Oshkosh Truck, Bemis, K-C, companies like that," Flanigan said. "It's a whole different ballgame when comparing us to a company like Oshkosh Truck that's doing several billion dollars a year in business. But then again, you hear that they're always hiring, too.

"But McDonald's is always hiring, too. All these places now are all hiring, and it wasn't like that four or five years ago. ... So, it is tough to continue to add to our growing team. It's definitely a challenge."

The Grounds Guys is part of a 160-location national franchise, which offers Flanigan support in digital marketing, business support, technology, purchasing power and more. He has owned the franchise for four years, after 14 years as Kelly Green Lawn Care.

Flanigan's company offers a benefits package with 401(k) and health care, but even before those were available he had developed a strong rapport with some em-

"We've had guys with us for 10 years, seven years, nine years, eight years, so it's really important to our business to take care of them," he said. "Without them, I'm a oneman operation. So we try our best and we try to have a very open communication."

Mathe and Flanigan, both Oshkosh natives, are happy with relatively warm spring weather after a challenging winter. But higher temperatures aren't the only reason for preferring spring, summer and fall.

"This is much more schedule-able," Mathe said. "... But in the winter, you've got to go (plow) when the snow is done and it doesn't matter when. You really can't make plans in the winter to do anything because you never know when the snow starts coming. This stuff we can at least plan."

"When it snows out," Flanigan said, "every one of our customers needs to be serviced that day. And usually, the bigger the snowstorm, the longer it's going to take us to accomplish and get things done in the way they should be done. That means that maybe you're not getting to every place as timely as you would like.

"I'd like to blink my eyes and have everyone done by 6:30 a.m. ... But every snowstorm is different."



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All things spring coming to life at Paine gardens

By Noell Dickmann
Paine Art Center and Gardens

The blooming magnolia trees and daffodils at the Paine Art Center and Gardens have been joined by nearly 15,000 tulips in full bloom. The signs of spring have finally appeared – and the gardens at the Paine are just waiting to be explored.

The tulips are teasing their beautiful colors – blushing shades of pink, apricot, white and yellow in single- and double-bloom varieties all over the estate. Horticulturist Sheila Glaske said they'll bloom until mid-May, and it's nearly time for the popular fritillaria plants to flower.

Visitors enjoy free admission to the Paine through May.

The annual Festival of Spring is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Plants, supplies, decorations and other gardening gear will be available at the Spring Plant Sale along with more than 100 vendors of original art and fine crafts. The mansion and gardens are open for free during the festival, courtesy of Bemis.

Among the plants available will be unusual herbs and heirloom vegetables. These are organic and come in biodegradable containers. Find butterfly perennials, which attract butterflies and humming-birds, along with a selection of perennial vines and other sun and shade varieties. The plant sale also features hard-to-find plants for containers, as well as ground covers and huggers among other varieties.



Photo by Weston Imaging

Paine Art Center and Gardens has exploded with its thousands of tulips in bloom.

Master gardeners will be available to answer questions and provide tips.

Paine members can begin perusing the sale at 8 a.m. Membership details are at www.thepaine.org.

The exhibition "Tibetan Portrait: The Power of Compassion" with its powerful photo series by social documentary filmmaker and photographer Phil Borges is on view until Sunday. Explore what has happened to Tibetan people and their culture since China's invasion of the independent,

Buddhist nation in 1950. Compelling, personal stories share the experiences of Tibetan people from all walks of life, and quotes by the Dalai Lama offer food for thought.

May wraps up with a new, free program for people with memory loss and their care partners. SPARK meets from

1 to 2:30 p.m. every last Wednesday of the month in the lower-level studio. This small-group environment offers activities with art, nature and other fun.

Visit www.thepaine.org for more information about upcoming events, exhibitions and activities this summer.

Fifth-graders collect plastics for reuse

Fifth-grade classrooms in the Oshkosh Area School District collected plastic as part of a project to support sustainability efforts with the travel company Contiki. The project was led by Peyton Maske and Joshua Hoffman, students of the North High School Communities Program.

The project ending April 22 resulted in 1,364 pounds of plastic collected that was recycled by Trex and repurposed into

items such as backyard decks and park benches.

Contiki and the TreadRight Foundation focuses on sustainability and limiting single-use plastic through programs like Contiki Cares. The goal was to create a generation educated on the harms of plastic, to create a habit of recycling and how certain plastics get recycled, and how to reduce the ecological footprint.

Volunteer opportunities

The Community Blood Center needs volunteers in the Oshkosh/Omro/Fond du Lac areas to greet and assist blood donors at area drives during the registration process. Various days and hours are available. CBC also seeks volunteers for its Oshkosh donor center to serve and monitor donors post-donation in the cafe. Four-hour shifts are available on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. For orientation/training, contact Kathy DeGroot at kdegroot@communityblood. org or 920-560-6632.

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help at the North Reception Desk, Information Desk or Oakwood Desk. Volunteer duties include customer service, computer entry, flower and patient mail delivery, and escorting patients and family. If you are active and like to assist others, call 223-0225 or email MHVolun@ascension.org.

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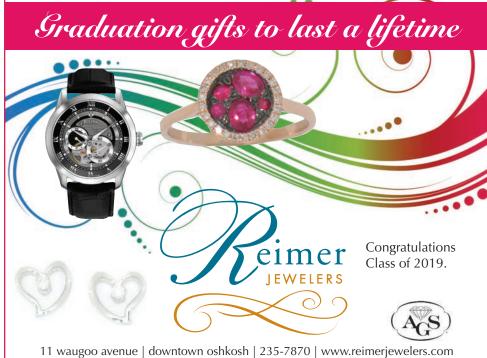
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Marion Road complex to get finance district

By Tom Ekvall HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

A new tax increment finance district for the Marion Road Redevelopment Area and related approval of a general development plan for a multifamily residential and commercial use complex at Marion Road and Jackson Street was recommended for approval May 7 by the Plan Commission.

The new district, known as No. 36, encompasses almost six acres divided into three separate areas. The parcels were acquired by the city as part of the Marion Road and Pearl Avenue Redevelopment Project with the mixture of industrial, commercial and residential buildings removed and the site graded for develop-

The southwest corner of Jackson and Marion would be the primary focus for development of 240 units on 2.62 acres proposed by Merge Urban Development Group of Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Developers told the Plan Commission they would construct three buildings with associated surface parking. The first building would be a five-story multi-use structure and would have 111 upper-floor residential units with commercial and office space on the ground floor. The building would be split in the middle to include a pedestrian walkway leading to Jackson

The second building would also be a multi-use, five-story building, including nine walkup residential units on the ground floor, 29 upper floor residential units, and commercial space on the ground floor. Building 3 would have a two-story row home building with eight residential units.

"The plan Merge Urban Development Group is proposing will transform a series of empty and underutilized lots into a neighborhood with population density, retail activity, waterfront views and access for both tenants and the greater community," the developers stated in their application to the city.

The city staff anticipate that the projected expenditures would be \$10 million, including \$9.8 million in "pay as you go" development incentives and another \$200,000 for administrative costs. The development is expected to generate \$26 million from the redevelopment effort.

The second parcel of land is at the southwest corner of Jackson Street and Pearl Avenue. The developer is proposing to develop a two-story mixed-use building with 14 upper floor residential units and commercial space on the first floor.

The third site is on the north side of Marion Road where Merge Development is proposing to construct nine two-story town home units, conceptually depicted as three three-unit buildings.

Retail space is designed to include a waterfront restaurant, offices, food market, health/fitness activities and micro space for entrepreneurs.

In another action, the commission recommended approval (4-3) of a request by Culver's Restaurant at 2770 West Towne Ave. to install another electronic message sign at their vicinity off State 21 despite the planning staff recommending denial of the application. Plan commissioners said they felt conflicted whether to recommend approval of the request.

Staff had recommended denial since they felt the request did not meet hardship requirements. At the meeting, the restaurant owner and a representative for a sign company noted that the size of the sign would be reduced and that "slip and fall" hazards would be eliminated due to use of technology to change the sign's message.



U.S. Bank volunteers (from left) Michelle Bauer, Connie Bartel and Jeff Mortenson assemble and package the meal kits.

Day of Caring draws record work turnout

Oshkosh Area United Way

More than 170 volunteers registered to clean, plant and construct last Wednesday during Oshkosh Area United Way's 24th annual Day of Caring event.

Volunteers from 28 local companies tackled 22 community service projects, a record-breaking turnout for Day of Caring that saw a 30 percent jump in volunteer participation and projects, and a 22 percent increase in participating companies compared with last year.

About 600 hours of service were provided, which translates to \$15,000 in economic impact for the community and frees up organizations to do their regular work that will impact the quality of lives for community members.

"We're grateful to be a part of Day of Caring," said Nick Cluppert, emergency services manager for the American Red Cross. "Volunteers save us precious time and resources. It's an opportunity to share our mission with new people and thank them personally.

"Because of these volunteers, we sucresefully installed smake alarms in 18

different mobile homes for a total of 32 smoke alarms installed in one morning."

The event was presented by BMO Harris Bank and supported by SNC Manufac-

The United Way also hosted a Day of Caring Food Drive to support the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry. 222 pounds of nonperishable goods and baby diapers were collected and delivered to the pantry by volunteers from Verve, a Credit Union.

"Volunteerism is important because it improves health by strengthening the body, improving mood and lessening stress in participants," said Mary Ann L. Dilling, president of the Oshkosh Area United Way.

She said volunteers, regardless of expertise, built social networks and community resilience.

"Those who volunteer regularly have a 27 percent better chance of gaining employment," she said. "Ninety-two percent of human resource executives agree that contributing to a nonprofit can improve an employee's leadership skills"

Public library calendar

Morning Book Club: Beartown, 10 a.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.

Winnebagoland Genealogical Society Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Tech Open Lab, 1 to 4 p.m. Teen DIY: Patriotic Tie-Dye T-Shirt,

May 18

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

May 20

Monday Movie Matinee, 12:30 p.m.,

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Oshkosh North Link Crew members learn how to help freshmen transition into high school.

North Link Crew leaders learn from the experts

Ali Starr and Alison Garner recently empowered student leaders at Oshkosh North by giving them tools to help the Class of 2023 transition from middle to high school.

More than 50 student leaders from North visited Fox Valley Technical College on April 30 to work with leadership experts Starr, founder of Tashi Delay; and Garner, founder of Align Coaching. They incorporated three activities on different aspects of leadership to support incoming freshman. The activities placed students in vulnerable situations, reminding them of the insecurities that high school newcomers may possess.

"This is an amazing opportunity that our Link Leaders have been provided," said Emma Leib, president of Link Crew. "I hope that each and every one of the students here today walk away with one new tool to use within the homerooms next

Link Crew is a transition program for freshmen throughout their experience. The Boomerang Project transition program trains mentors from sophomore, junior and senior classes to be Link Crew leaders.

Business notes

Meritor announced last week that it is acquiring AxleTech from the investment firm The Carlyle Group to strengthen its off-highway, defense and aftermarket business. Meritor will pay about \$175 million in cash and the deal is subject to regulatory approvals. Based in Troy, Mich., with Oshkosh operations at 1005 High Ave., AxleTech produces independent suspensions, axles, braking solutions and drivetrain components. Meritor had previously owned AxleTech. The acquisition will help accelerate Meritor's global sales and growth, the company said in a release. AxleTech generated \$248 million in revenue in 2018.

Fit Oshkosh has announced two staff additions. Rajon Hall has joined as a research assistant, where he will be interviewing current and aspiring black entrepreneurs in the four-county area of Winnebago, Fond du Lac, Outagamie and Brown to learn about their experiences,

goals and successes as a joint effort with the University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension. Henri Parker has been hired as an Intercultural Development Inventory administrator focused on assessing an individual or organization's intercultural competence and developing an action plan for growth. Parker is a Chicagoan who has an extensive background in technology training, financial planning and college admissions.

Kathy Backus, an Ascension Mercy Hospital Children's Screening Services volunteer, is this year's winner of the Gae Lach Sight Saver Award. The award is presented by Prevent Blindness Wisconsin in honor of Lach, a vision screener that made a difference to countless children with the gift of sight. Backus has dedicated more than 3,200 service hours as a Mercy volunteer and has been its vision testing coordinator since 1992.

Pie on the Porch at market seeks helpers

The Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society brings its Pie on the Porch service back to the Oshkosh Farmers Market from June 1 through Aug. 31 in front of Crescent Moon at 537 N. Main St.

Table service with coffee, lemonade, bottled water to go with home-made pie

slices will be offered. Those who can bake a pie to donate should contact volunteercoordinatorwchas@gmail.com.

The group also needs volunteers to help set up and break down the booth, cut pies and serve tables. A second orientation meeting will be at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Country breakfast fundraiser set at park

The Van Dyne Lion and Lioness clubs are sponsoring the 34th Annual Country Breakfast at Van Dyne Lions Park from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday. The breakfast includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, ham, sausages, applesauce, hash browns, orange

juice, milk and coffee, and dessert.

Advance tickets can be purchased from members and area Van Dyne businesses or at the door. Profits are donated to Lions projects and local charities.

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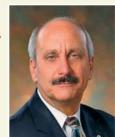
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Foster home

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special education. "If they are injuring themselves or others, that's usually when we look at placement" at an outside agen-

She said no district money was spent at the 11th Avenue home, which has been owned by people or entities affiliated with Macht Village for the last decade, according to city land records.

The money paid to Macht Village ultimately came out of federal grants provided under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, according to the school district.

Since 2013 the school district paid a total of \$209,083 to Macht Village. The money was spent for fewer than 10 children during that time for "educational day programming," Jones-Pierron said.

The goal of such programming is to teach students self-regulation and get them ready to return to an Oshkosh classroom. While in the program, students are taught by a licensed teacher using materials provided by the school district, she

The OASD figures, coupled with the estimated \$850,000 that Winnebago County has paid Macht Village over the last five years, indicate that local government agencies have spent more than \$1 million with the De Pere company. It operates on a for-profit basis, providing a range of specialized services for children with severe emotional disorders.

Jones-Pierron said the school district stopped contracting with Macht Village in the wake of criminal charges filed against the foster parents who lived at the 11th Avenue home. Winnebago County officials have similarly said they have been looking for alternate providers.

Mary Macht, president of Macht Village, did not respond to a request for com-

In the criminal case the foster parents — a 35-year-old man and his 60-year-old mother — pleaded not guilty May 2 to multiple counts of felony child neglect. Children were confined to their rooms at the home without access to the bathroom, according to police.

"I did have two (students) getting parttime services (at Macht Village in De Pere), and I removed them immediately," Jones-Pierron said. "We are looking for other service providers."

The 11th Avenue home was licensed as a Level 4 treatment facility, meaning that it could take in children with the highest level of behavioral adjustment needs. Because such facilities are in short supply, the Oshkosh residence became a place where social workers from other counties

would send children in need.

"We are responsible to kids who lay their head within our district boundaries," Jones-Pierron said. "Other counties place them, and then they enroll. They become our financial responsibility once they enroll and are laying their head here."

The school district's responsibility is to provide what's called "free appropriate public education," Jones-Pierron said. "We have to provide the same number of educational minutes" for all students, she explained.

If behavioral issues force the district to send students to other facilities, the costs can mount quickly. She said one treatment center in Waukesha County charges \$167,000 per student per year.

Until about four years ago, the school district would place students temporarily at Waterwood School, which is part of the Winnebago Mental Health Institute. But that facility is now full and can no longer accept students from Oshkosh, Jones-Pierron said.

She said she is hopeful that other service providers will come to Winnebago County because the need has been demonstrated by the publicity about the living conditions at the 11th Avenue home.

"The good that will come from this is everyone is hypervigilant," she said. "I'm hopeful that change will come, and this never happens again."

Miles Maguire is editor of the Oshkosh Examiner

Book gardens

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gramming. "Mossy is sure to become a fan favorite in the Gardens as a read-aloud story for the 2019 season and beyond."

Bookworm employees, including founder and former Emmeline Cook student Sandy Livermore, have visited the students to talk about the design project and get more ideas from the young artists. Knoblock said she was impressed by the teamwork of the entire class to put it all together.

"I have a very diverse population here and I have four kids who were born in different countries, and some of them have only been here for about a year," Knoblock said. "And for them to be able to see the books that we've been reading and then also something that they designed come to life, I'm just very excited about."

Knoblock, who was a college scholarship winner through the Women's Fund of the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, also had her class team up with

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Madeline Knoblock's second-grade class at Emmeline Cook will make a field trip to Bookworm Gardens in Sheboygan next week to help with their "Mossy" book design.

Mark & Susie's Piggly Wiggly in a separate project to help build an indoor Little Free Library decorated with "puzzle pieces" that students created from their favorite books. The library is registered and

mapped on littlefreelibrary.org.

Bookworm Gardens is situated at 1415 Campus Drive in Sheboygan, adjacent to the UW-Sheboygan campus. There is a \$5 suggested donation to visit.

FVTC holding spring commencement

Fox Valley Technical College will hold its formal cap and gown spring commencement ceremony Sunday at Kolf Sports Center. Rachel Bertzyk, a graduate of FVTC's Mechanical Design Technology program, is representing the class as student speaker, and Abe Weber, director of the Appleton International Airport, will deliver the commencement address.

The ceremony can be viewed via live stream with captioning at www.fvtc.edu/ FVTClivestream. After the event, the video will be posted to www.fvtc.edu/Gradu-

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

Thursday, May 16

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

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

Friday, May 17

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

The Temptations and The Four Tops, 7:30 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

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

Reverend Raven, 8:30 p.m., Becket's, 2 Jackson St.

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

Ask Your Mother Acoustic, 9:30 p.m., Fletch's Local Tap House, 566 N. Main

Saturday, May 18

Winnebago County H and PP Horse Show, 8 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Oshkosh Kennel Club All Breed Dog Shows, 8 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Oshkosh Garden Club Plant Sale, 8 a.m., Oshkosh Public Museum, 1331 Algoma Blvd.

Festival of Spring, 9 a.m., Paine Art Center and Gardens

Flying Start Event, 9 a.m., Wittman Regional Airport, 525 W. 20th Ave.

Razz Handz and Jazz Bandz, noon, Fifth Ward Brewing Co., 1009 S. Main St. Slime Workshop, 1 p.m., Fire Escape,

428 N. Main St.

Richards School of the Dance "Entertainment" anniversary show, 1 and 7

p.m., 219 State St. Fievel Goes West, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

Wisconsin GLO vs. St. Louis Surge, 7

p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

Lip Sync or Swim, 7 p.m., Algoma Club, 103 Algoma Blvd.

Arya Cares 5k Family Bike Ride, 9 a.m., Menominee Park

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

Truck & Tractor Test and Tune, 11 a.m., W9975 Olden Road, Pickett

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

Sunday, May 19

Winnebago County H and PP Horse Show, 8 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Oshkosh Kennel Club All Breed Dog Shows, 8 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

A Night at the Time: UWO Student Film Showcase, 5:30 p.m., Time Community Theater

Van Dyne Lion and Lioness Clubs Country Breakfast, 8:30 a.m., Van Dyne Lions Park

Monday, May 20

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

Tuesday, May 21

Oshkosh Chamber Invitational, 11:30 a.m., Oshkosh Country Club, 11 W. Ripple Road

Slow Roll, 5:30 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena/Maple Pub, 1212 S. Main St.

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

Thursday, May 23

Into the Night, 5 p.m., Opera House Square

Ardy & Ed's Cruise Night, 5 p.m., 2413 S. Main St.

Pat McCurdy, 7 p.m., Bare Bones Brewery, 4362 County S

Glenn Miller Orchestra, 7:30 p.m., The Howard, 405 Washington Ave.

Friday, May 24

Memorial Day Classic Horse Show, Sunnyview Expo Center

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

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

Saturday, May 25

Memorial Day Classic Horse Show, Sunnyview Expo Center

Hmong National Memorial Day Festival, 6 a.m., Winnebago County Community Park

Kidsfest Kick-off Carnival and Children's Parade, 1 p.m., Menominee Park Children's Amusements Center

Bad Habitz, 7 p.m., Bare Bones Brewery, 4362 County S

The Godfather, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Terra Bella, 7:30 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

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

Sunday, May 26

Memorial Day Classic Horse Show, Sunnyview Expo Center

Hmong National Memorial Day Festival, 6 a.m., Winnebago County Community Park

Lakeshore Park

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The group is also looking at how to integrate Mary Jewell and Rainbow parks into the overall plan.

SmithGroup has met with city staff on a list of amenities — as diverse as a four-season event space and cultural/heritage interpretative signage to bait vending and pickleball courts. The Polco survey will be presented in categories for public feedback.

The draft shared at the meeting included basic infrastructure and eight other categories: habitat restoration, water access, community gathering spaces, trails and parkways, picnicking and small events, art venues and recreation amenities/activities.

Duffy also shared a list of stakeholders and partners in the community that have been identified for inclusion in the process and asked, "Who are we missing?"

Becky Metz, park advisory board member, said she is feeling good about what she has heard so far.

"I hope more people get involved and come to the public meetings and complete the Polco," she said.

Both members of the public who spoke at the meeting had positive reflections on

the presentation. Kathleen Propp of Oshkosh shared she liked the broad vision being presented. Alex Hummel, co-founder of the running group Running Water City, said these are exciting times for Oshkosh and the project needs to engage a lot of different residents.

"As part of a running community using its trail systems — public features that welcome those who run, walk, use wheelchairs — it's an opportunity to make something really distinctive and we're just getting started," Hummel said.

SmithGroup will develop a conceptual design from the time of the public visioning session until Aug. 12 after the online survey is complete. At the Advisory Park Board follow-up meeting, consultants will present up to three conceptual design alternatives, solicit more input and confirm a preferred design. Direction then turns to development of the preferred concept plan.

United Way seeks signups for golf event

Oshkosh Area United Way is hosting the 11th annual Golf To Give event at Lake Breeze Golf Club in Winneconne on June 12.

Team registrations, sponsorships and volunteer opportunities are available for 18 holes of golf, cart, breakfast, lunch, beverages, prizes and an after-party.

The Beat the Celebrity contest for lon-

gest drive returns with UW-Oshkosh basketball head coach Matt Lewis.

Golfer check-in begins at 7:30 a.m. with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Register at www. oshkoshunitedway.org/golf-to-give. Early bird pricing ends today (May 15). For sponsorship or volunteer information, contact Melanie Robinson at oauw@oshkoshunitedway.org or 920-235-8560.

Employment fair booths still available

Some business booths are still available until Thursday's deadine for the Oshkosh Area Employment Fair that runs from 1 to 4 p.m. May 21 at Menominee Nation Arena.

Sponsored by the Fox Valley Workforce Development Board, contact Bobbi Miller, business solutions manager, at bmiller@fvwdb.com or 920-720-5600, extension 307.



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Prep sports roundup

SOFTBALL

Lourdes/Valley Christian goes 2-0 last week

The Lourdes/Valley Christian softball team picked up two wins last week, a dominating 14-1 win over Hustisford on Friday after edging Dodgeland on Thursday in a crazy 18-17 victory.

On Friday, the Knights scored three runs in the third, five in the fourth and five more in the sixth.

Lourdes only had five hits but was walked 12 times. Saraah Blanchard, Hope Burns and Marley Wesenberg had 10 of those walks. Burns, Grace Syson, Charleigh Reinardy, Sophia Laib and Adri Geddes had the lone hits while Syson had a double and two RBIs in the win.

Blanchard started the game in circle, tossing four innings — giving up one run on three hits and struck out three.

On Thursday, the Knights allowed nine runs in the sixth inning to get behind 17-15 but scored three in the bottom half to help seal the win.

Lourdes scored 12 runs in the third inning and finished with 18 hits.

Adri Geddes was 4-for-4 with two RBIs, Syson was 2-for-4 with two RBIs and Burns was 3-for-4 with two RBIs.

Gauthier leads the way for North over Kimberly

Brie Gauthier led the way for the Oshkosh North softball team as it picked up a 11-2 Fox Valley Association win over Kimberly.

Gauthier hit a 3-run bomb in the fourth inning, capping off a 6-run inning which helped deliver the win.

Sydney Supple picked up the win, allowing five hits while striking out 12 batters. She also had a 2-run double in that fourth inning and had a triple in the first inning. She finished 3-for-3 with three RBIs and three runs scored.

Sophie Averkamp had a solo home run in the third inning and her, Libby Neveau, Brooke Ellestad and Emma Leib all had multi-hit games.

Then on Thursday, the Spartans were led by Brie Gauthier as the they dominated once again, beating Fox Valley Association opponent Appleton West 19-1 in five innings on Thursday.

Gauthier went 5-for-5 at the plate with a home run and five RBIs. As a team, the Spartans hit five home runs.

In the 8-run second inning, Brooke Ellestad, Sydney Supple and Libby Neveau hit back-to-back-to-back home runs. Neveau had another home run later in the fifth inning as North drove in 16 runs.

Neveau was 3-for-4 while Ellestad, Supple and Courtney Day each had two hits.

West gets past Lightning in FVA conference game

The Oshkosh West softball team scored two runs in the top of the fourth to break a 2-2 tie en route to a 5-3 win over Appleton North in a Fox Valley Association game Friday

That fourth inning scoring got started when Taylor Emory and Leah Engstrom reached on a single and fielder's choice, then Emily Miller followed that with a 2-run double to right field.

The Wildcats added one more in the sixth when Miller had an RBI single. In the first inning, when West scored the first



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Lourdes' Raechel Rauch tags out a Oakfield runner at second base in their game May 7.



Photo by Art Eichmann

Oshkosh West played host to a golf match against Kaukauna on Friday at the Oshkosh Country Club.

two runs, Brianna Geis and Annika Johnson had RBI singles.

Johnson pitched all seven innings for West, striking out six against no walks.

BOYS TENNIS

West crushes Kimberly

The Oshkosh West boys tennis team got wins from all its singles players in a dominating 6-1 win over Kimberly on Friday.

Picking up wins in singles play included Grant Counts, C.J. Counts, Jeremy Fleck and John Koth. At doubles, the No. 1 team of Daniel Rucinski and Aaron Jorgenson, along with the No. 3 team of Anders Larson and Holden Robertson also picked up a win.

BASEBALL

Big inning hurts North

The Oshkosh North baseball team allowed five runs in the fourth inning as

Hortonville picked up an 11-4 win in Oshkosh Friday.

The score was 3-3 before Hortonville broke out in that fourth inning.

Charlie Stenson had two hits for the Spartans and took the loss on the mound. Mitch Bendickson drove in two runs for North.

Then on Thursday the Spartans lost a close 5-3 decision to Kaukauna at home.

Trevor Verhagen had a big night for Kaukauna — going 3-for-3 with a double, a triple and a home run to lead the Ghosts.

Stenson led the way for North again, going 2-for-3 with a double while Isaiah Palmquist had a triple. Colby Snell also had a double for the Spartans.

GL/Princeton walks off for win against Lourdes

The Lourdes/Valley Christian boys baseball team scored five runs in the final two innings — including two in the top of the eighth — but Green Lake/Princeton responded with three in the bottom half to

pick up a 9-8 win on Friday.

The hits were scattered for the Knights — six different players had one — but Jack Dolan and Josh Bauer each had two RBIs while Dominic Kane and Ian Sobojinski added the other RBIs.

Colton Clark pitched 7.2 innings of relief for Lourdes, allowing four earned runs on five hits while striking out eight.

Lourdes led 3-2 going into the sixth before GL/Princeton scored four in the bottom of the sixth. It snapped a six-game win streak for the Knights.

BOYS GOLF

Spartans drop FVA dual

The Oshkosh North boys golf team lost a Fox Valley Association match against Kimberly on Friday, shooting a 211. Kimberly won with a 175.

Josh Hoffman led North with a 49 while Josh Stephanie shot a 52. Nikolas Tjugum had a 53 while Alex Bork fired a 57 to round out the Spartans' scoring.

GIRLS SOCCER

North comes up empty against Pulaski

The Oshkosh North girls soccer team dropped a 3-1 nonconference game against Pulaski on Friday.

Meghan Gruse scored the lone goal for North while Maggie Hernandez scored a hat-trick for Pulaski.

Then on Thursday, the Spartans lost a 3-1 Fox Valley Association game against Appleton West.

Ellie Lieder had the lone goal for North, which held West scoreless in the second half after giving up three first-half goals.

West shut out on road

The Oshkosh West girls soccer team was shutout on the road on Thursday, losing 7-0 to Appleton East.

Lourdes shut out at home

The Lourdes girls soccer team was blanked at home against Winnebago Lutheran on Thursday, falling 4-0.

TRACK & FIELD

Lourdes boys, girls third in conference meet

Both the girls and boys track and field teams finished third Saturday in the Trailways Conference Meet.

On the girls' side, Joely Hurkman had three top three finishes as she was the winner in the 200 (27.85) while taking third in the 100 hurdles (18.02) and third in triple jump (32-3.5).

Ellen Moore had a nice showing, finishing second in the 1,600 (5:24.75) and 3,200 (12:04.40). Ava McGuire was second in the high jump (4-8).

For the boys, Noah Rolofsky had a first-place finish in the 110 hurdles (17.33) while taking second in the 300 hurdles (45.77).

Nathan Barfknecht and Peyton Kane had second-place finishes in the 200 (23.87) and 3,200 (10:33.68).

The 800 relay team (Brock Pecore, Cameron Kelly, Keely Mains, Caden Chier) took first while the 3,200 (Kane, Michael Tushar, Logan Wolff, Dylan Konop) and 400 (Pecore, Kelly, Mains, Chier) were third.

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Knights girls basketball coach turns to family

By Brad Hartmann HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Reed Tyriver's decision to step down as Lourdes Academy girls basketball coach came down to one word: family.

"It was a very tough decision. I have a son that is going to be 2 and a 4-year-old daughter. My wife works full time and she has sacrificed all these years to allow me to coach. I felt it was necessary to be more of a dad," Tyriver said. "If I am going to coach it's going to be 100 percent and not 75 or



Tyriver

80. I just didn't think I could do that anymore and that wouldn't be fair to the kids."

In Tyriver's five years at the helm he has guided the Knights to a 98-25 record along with an impressive 70-4 mark in the Trailways conference that

captured four conference crowns.

"He was a major part of the success of the girls basketball program. He has put his heart and soul into that program," Lourdes activities director Kevin Wopat said. "That is what you want to see every coach do and he was fully invested. He is a guy that we were lucky to have."

The 2018-2019 season didn't start out the way Tyriver expected as the Knights dealt with some early adversity of a 1-5 start, but said he was extremely proud on how his team responded with an eightgame winning streak to finish the year 14-9 and advanced to the WIAA Division 4 Regional finals before a close 62-60 loss to Mishicot.

"I broke down in front of the girls when we almost upset Mishicot as the ninth seed and they were the one. It took me a good five or 10 minutes as I was trying to talk to them. I didn't tell them at that time I was stepping down," Tyriver said.

He knew the most difficult group to talk to would be the incoming freshmen. This past year Tyriver's wife, Kelly, coached the eighth-grade squad and Reed taught them inside the classroom, but once he told his team his decision they all understood his reasoning.

"I was pretty devastated," Lourdes junior Raechel Russo said. "He is more than a coach to me. He is like family to me. I am happy for him but I am really going to miss him.

"I never had a bond with a coach as I did with him. He has a great sense of humor. He has this phrase — peachy keen — and it makes us laugh. He knows what to say to make you happy."

Senior standout Alexis Rolph credits Tyriver for helping her find her confidence and developing her into this year's 2019 WIAA Scholar/Athlete award winner. "My freshman year I was really scared to come and play with the juniors and seniors at the time. He came to me and said you don't have to be perfect. He let me be who I am as a player," Rolph said. "Coach Tyriver was like my second dad. He was such a caring and loving guy. He is so supportive and knows a lot about the game. It is such a blessing to play for him for four years."

"He never yelled at us unless we did something really wrong and if he did we knew we had to change things because this is not what we are use to," Brooklyn Berenz, a 2016 graduate, said. "I remember there was one game we played at Oakfield where we came out and played really sloppy. He called a timeout in the first half and yelled at us that quieted the entire gym. As players we knew we really messed up. We then came together and did what he wanted us to do by passing the ball and not playing selfishly."

When asked if not winning a state championship would be one of his biggest regrets, Tyriver replied, "Yeah. That is going to be something that is always going to bug me. Just getting to state back in 2012 — we won the silver ball and had a dynamite team. It's probably not in my top five to win a state championship but, it's definitely something you want to do because you know it's that important to the kids."

Wopat said he wasn't shocked about Tyriver's announcement and respects his decision from where he was coming from.

"Honestly it happens all the time. He has been the coach for five years and if you look at the state average that might be above the state average," he said. "Hiring him was an easy choice. He was the top assistant from Ali Fett's staff. Every kid has a respect level for him. He was incredibly invested in the youth programs."

Since Tyriver's arrival in 2007 he would be considered a jack of all trades, putting his skills to the test as softball assistant coach, baseball coach, girls basketball assistant and head coach. In Tyriver's third year coaching baseball he guided the Knights to their first state appearance in school history.

He may have been teary eyed when he decided to step down but he won't rule out a possible return to the sidelines.

"Yes, I don't think I am done coaching. It wouldn't be for a while either. I could see myself five years or so down the road if something opened up, especially here at Lourdes," he said.

Assistant coach Quinn Heintz was named Tyriver's successor and is eager to start the 2019-2020 campaign.

"I've been with the program for the past three years. It's a great opportunity," Heintz said. "The program has a very rich history and tradition and it's such a great school to be a part of."



Josh Dukelow and Karen Schneider discuss local Headlines from the



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Lourdes Academy senior Alexis Rolph, shown with her parents and a WIAA official, was one of 32 students statewide to receive a WIAA scholar-athlete award.

Lourdes' Rolph finalist for WIAA scholar-athlete award

Lourdes Academy senior Alexis Rolph was recently named one of 32 finalists to receive the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Scholar/Athlete Award.

The award, which recognizes high academics as well as athletic achievement, had more than 807 seniors from 400-plus high schools nominated this year.

Rolph joined the other finalists May 5 for an awards luncheon and ceremony in

Marshfield. Rolph is the fifth recipient from Lourdes to receive the honor, joining Josh Kalmus (2013), Maddy Reed (2014), Kathryn Van Scyoc (2017) and Carly Vandenhouten (2018).

A live webcast of the awards program can be found at www.wiaa.org and will be broadcast on the Brewers TV station after the Brewers game of May 15.



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Landscape design presentation offered

The Millers Bay Neighborhood Association Streetscape Committee is hosting a presentation called Landscape Design and Our Community at 9 a.m. Saturday at Emmeline Cook Elementary School. Speaker Alex Thill will discuss how landscaping on private property, when integrated with public streetscaping, creates

a sense of community, cohesiveness and engagement.

Thill is an urban and landscape designer in Madison who focuses part of his work on using design as a means to identify character of place. For more information on the free event contact info@millersbayneighborhood.org.

Rec softball results

May 5

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May 6

MONDAY COUNTY PARK

Molly's def. Screwballs II	16-1
Felix Auto and Tire def. Christianos Pizza	14-4
Oshkosh Trophy def. Wyldewood Baptist I.	18-7
Evil Roy Slades I def. Mr. and Mrs. Eggroll	17-3
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Konrad Behlman Funeral Home def. Ratch &	
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Ratch & Deb's-Bernier def. Central WI Storage	11-6
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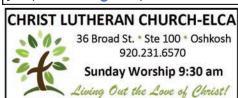
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May 7

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Jerry's II def. Molly's II	18-4
Mabel Murphy's def. Andy's Pub & Grub	30-21
Oblio's I def. Barley & Hops	14-4
Trail's End def. Terry's I	14-2
Retros I def. Evil Roy Slades III	13-4

May 9

THURSDAY COUNTY PARK

Jockey Club def. Revs I13-1
Jirschele Insurance def. Players Club II24-2
Screwballs III def. Wyldewood Baptist Church II 20-0
The Magent I def. LeRoy's/Speaker City6-5
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THURSDAY COED DIVISION I

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Glo in action

The Wisconsin Glo women's professional basketball team made its debut last weekend at the Menominee Nation Arena with a pair of victories over the Flint Monarchs. Shown here is action from Friday night's game, which the Glo won 88-58, followed by a 79-60 victory Saturday. Gabby Ortiz led the Glo on Friday with 18 points and six assists. Steph Kostowicz added 13 points and 12 rebounds. The team will play host to the St. Louis Surge this coming Saturday night at the arena before traveling to Nashville to take on the Music City Icons on June 1.

Nonprofit grant applications accepted

The Oshkosh Funding Consortium is seeking grant proposals from local nonprofit organizations for the program year running through April 30.

The city uses federal Community Development Block Grant funds to support service activities if at least 51 percent of residents served have low and moderate income. The funds can be used for administration staff, supplies, materials and other costs related to the program.

All clients benefiting must live within city limits and applications can't fund capital expenditures such as vehicles or facility renovations.

Applications are due by 3 p.m. May 22 and available at www.ci.oshkosh.wi.us under Community Development/Economic Development. They must be submitted electronically to Darlene Brandt, grants coordinator, at dbrandt@ci.oshkosh.

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Water City Toastmasters set open house

Water City Speakers Toastmasters' is having an open house at 5 p.m. Monday at Fox Valley Technical College.

Guest speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Tom Willadsen of Oshkosh, who has spent more than 25 years in parish ministry. He is the author of "OMG! LOL! Faith and Laughter," writes a humor column for The Cressent and covers faith topics for the Oshkosh Herald.





Anniversary





Ron and Connie Koch

Ron and Connie Koch met while working at Leon's on May 16, 1958, and were married exactly one year later. They are the parents of four daughters: Lawanda, Ronda, Camilla and Angela, and have eight grandchildren. They will be celebrating their 60th anniversary at Jeff's on Rugby with their children, grandchildren and siblings.

Nonprofit jobs site expands to county

Jobs That Help, the Milwaukee-based online jobs listing for nonprofit organizations and job seekers, has expanded to Winnebago County and the rest of the state.

Jobs That Help was launched in February and all services continue to be offered for free. The website draws thousands of visitors weekly, and is now the largest job board exclusively for nonprofit career opportunities in the state.

"Whether our job-seeking visitors are experienced professionals or enthusiastic newcomers, they come to Jobs That Help because they are mission-driven candidates who are looking specifically for the nonprofit job opportunities that we list," said Ben Hastil, job site founder.

Currently, www.JobsThatHelp.com features more than 250 openings in the state from more than 70 nonprofits.

Humane Society gets Silver Paws grant

The Oshkosh Area Humane Society has been awarded a \$20,000 grant from the Petco Foundation to support its new Silver Paws Program, which funds medical care for senior animals to help get them ready for adoption. The investment will help to remove barriers to adopting senior animals by ensuring they get needed care and giving peace of mind to owners who may have to surrender a pet because of changing needs.

Correction

MAY 8, PAGE 3: Clark Muller's name was misspelled in a story about his Compassion Creamery.





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The Oshkosh Community Back to School Fair provides 1,000 low income Oshkosh and Winneconne students with backpacks and school supplies needed in order for them to start the year prepared to achieve academic success. Each student also receives a new outfit of school appropriate clothing, along with socks, underwear, and hygiene items. Over 500 students also receive a new pair of shoes!

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