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Photo by Michael Cooney

Duane T. Canon, president Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Chapter 437, places flags last week at Peace Lutheran Cemetery ahead of Memorial Day holiday services. About 3,200 flags were being placed at four Oshkosh cemeteries by the local AMVETS organization along with other groups at additional cemeteries. With no map to guide them the teams scan the grave markers looking for veterans. While some have flag holders and military plaques, others are more elusive and can take more than one set of eyes to find them. Canon said the flag placement was about "honor and VVA founding principle that never again will one generation of veterans abandon another."

Memorial Day programs and procession

Memorial Day procession and services begin at 7 a.m. Monday with the Reading of Names at South Park to remember area service members killed in action. A wreath-laying ceremony into the waters of the Fox River behind the Oshkosh Convention Center will be held at 8 a.m. to honor those died at sea.

The 9 a.m. parade procession

begins at Jackson Street and Algoma Boulevard, and concludes at Riverside Cemetery, featuring 30 veteran service organizations, school bands, scouts, military vehicles, police and firefighters. A Memorial Day service follows.

A new display at the Military Veterans Museum and Education Center will be dedicated at 10 a.m.

Council back to full strength

Extended selection process goes to Miller

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Businessman William Miller was selected by the Common Council to fill its vacant position at its May 14 meeting out of 14 people seeking the position created when Deputy Mayor Lori Palmeri was elected by voters in April to be the new mayor.

Miller, a manager at the telecommunications firm NTD Corp., said afterward he was excited for the selection and wants to build bridges between the council and community. He said teamwork is important to him and another goal is to help recruit and keep talented people to fill needed positions in the community.

All 14 candidates were in attendance to make a presentation on why he or she should be selected and what each brought to the position. Miller was chosen through a process that lasted about an hour.

There were women and men of all ages, millennials to seniors, different backgrounds, varying experience with local government, those who already sit on boards and committees or had in the past.

Members of the audience not familiar with the process were anticipating discussion on the candidates but it was completed in silence by taking roll, the anticipation building as the voting went from round to round.

The process begins with each council member able to nominate a candidate. A



Miller

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Hmong festival features former pilot

Annual Memorial weekend event welcomes public

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Hmong National Memorial Day Festival this weekend at Winnebago County Community Park will feature a former CIA pilot sharing his experiences in Southeast Asia during a time when the native Laotians were ultimately displaced for their American support role.

Capt. Neil Hansen, a pilot for Air America during the time of the Vietnam War-era Secret War in Laos, will take part in the opening program of the two-day annual festival about 10:30 a.m.

"I was flying the C-123 in Laos, living

in Vientiane, at the time the Pathet Lao were advancing," Hansen said. "I flew many of the Hmong to safety to refugee camps, although every place I took them to was a stopgap measure until the enemy troops advanced and they had to be moved again."

Hansen recounts the affection he felt for the Hmong while flying for Air America in his book "Flight: An Air America Pilot's Story of Adventure, Descent and Redemption" (History Publishing Co., 2019). A few years ago he formed the Air America Historical Social Club, one of the missions of which is to support and recognize the Hmong special guerrilla units who once fought alongside their American brothers.

"It is important now that I do my part to

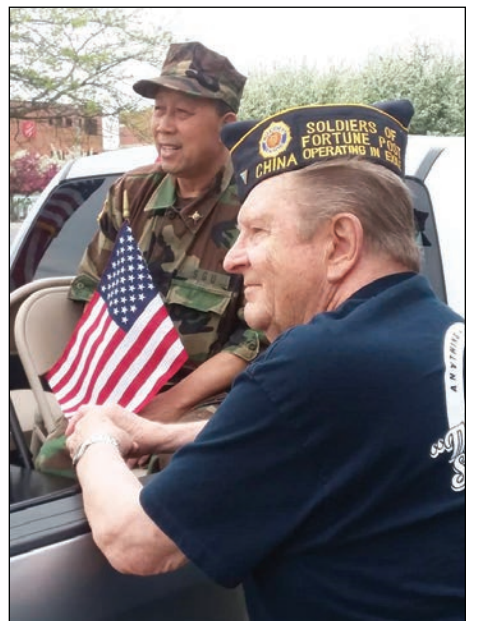
see that they get the recognition that they never received," he said.

Mee Yang, president of the Oshkosh Hmong Service Center, invited Hansen to be a part of the program and two-day celebration at the park that honors veterans who served and died during that Vietnam War era.

"They fought in a war that was not acknowledged," Vang said. "We do this to recognize them, to acknowledge the holiday in general with the rest of the veterans in the United States."

Yang said the two-day festival will have traditional dance and ceremonial performances, along with sports competition in soccer, volleyball and the traditional spin-

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Capt. Neil Hansen is shown with former special guerrilla unit soldier Pao Xiong at an event in Sheboygan.

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Smith school’s future on agenda

Board of Education reviews high repair cost estimates

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Significant structural repair needs at the southside Smith Elementary School have led to recommendations to consider closing the facility at the end of this school year.

The Board of Education will be discussing the future of the 124-year-old school on 1745 Oregon St. at a workshop session during its regular meeting Wednesday. An ongoing district facilities study has identified Smith as needing a roof replacement estimated to cost \$414,000 along with \$3.3 million in other capital maintenance needs.

The roof was slated for patching but the recent harsh winter, which led to other roof collapses in the city, took its toll and contractors found it beyond repair with no guarantee it could make it another winter.

Other immediate repair needs identified are water infiltration problems in the foundation area that have leaked into various locations and deteriorated masonry block.

District officials will present options for Smith as well as the potential moving of students to nearby schools such as Jefferson Elementary and Shapiro STEM Academy. Out of Attendance Area Enrollment requests can be made by families, with a review process in August. The district will provide updates to the process based on the board’s decision.

Smith has 162 students this school year, with 25 percent open enrolled.

Information sessions for families and



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Smith Elementary School’s future is the subject of a Board of Education workshop this week.

community members will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday at Smith, 6 p.m. Tuesday at Jefferson and 6 p.m. Wednesday at Shapiro.

“This is certainly an extremely difficult reality to be faced with,” Superintendent Vickie Cartwright and Smith Principal Marcie Gundlach stated in a letter to families of Smith students.

“As a school and district we are focused on ensuring that all of our students are in a school building that is safe and appropriate for teaching and learning. Our goal is to provide all students with the best possible environment to learn while continuing to afford families with access to high-quality, community-focused schools.”

According to the Wisconsin Historical

Markers website, Smith school was designed by noted architect William Waters and originally built as a one-room school-house with 55 pupils enrolled.

John Smith and his wife, Lois Harrington, were some of the earliest settlers in the area in 1845 and originally had 80 acres farmed. Portions of the land were sold, including a one-acre parcel in 1866 to the city, which became the eventual site of a new school named for the family.

A 1929 addition doubled the size of the original school, with a gymnasium/classroom wing added in 1996. If the school were to be closed the district indicated it would explore options for continued use of that addition for other purposes.

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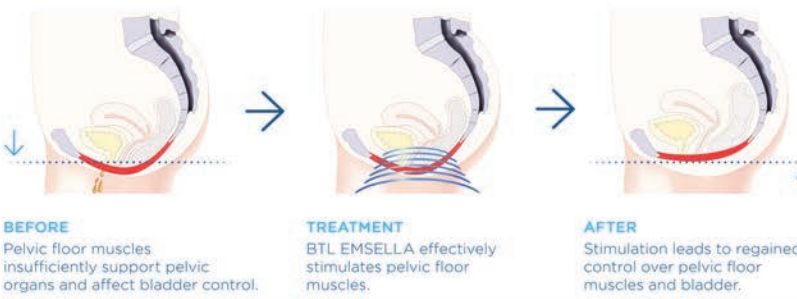


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Oshkosh high schools ready to graduate Class of 2019

Graduation ceremonies for the Oshkosh Area School District Class of 2019 will take place June 2 at the Menominee Nation Arena. The Oshkosh North ceremony will start at 11 a.m., followed by Oshkosh West at 3:30 p.m.

District and school leaders have worked with arena staff and law enforcement in organizing the ceremonies. Carpooling is strongly encouraged and guests are asked to allow ample time to park and make their way to the arena on time.

Details and frequently asked questions can be found on the OASD website link FAQ - 2019 OASD Graduation.

Parking is available in the arena parking lot but space is limited; street parking around the arena is suggested to offer an easier exit after each ceremony.

All attendees will be subject to walk-through or hand-held metal detectors upon entry, no bags larger than 14x14x6 inches are permitted and are subject to inspection, and no carry-ins, balloons or noisemakers are permitted.

Water and concession items will be

available for purchase, as will be flowers.

“The Oshkosh Area School District is committed to providing graduates and families with a dignified and memorable graduation experience that recognizes and celebrates the incredible accomplishments of every graduate,” said Vickie Cartwright, superintendent of schools.



Photo by Art Eichmann

Nighttime art event set to premiere on the square

Oshkosh into the Night, An Art Experience for your Senses is a new art-focused event described as an art fair meets cirque du soleil planned for Thurs and Sept. 19 in Opera House Square.

The night-time event from 5 to 9 p.m. will feature performance art such as onsite painters making wall murals, fire performers, aerial dancers, chefs cooking onsite, wine makers, master brewers, photographers, art and craft booths, and magicians.

Vendors participating will be Fox River Brewing, Manila Resto, Tortilla Flats, Caramel Crisp, and Vines and Rushes.

For almost a year a committee has worked out all the details with the city to bring this inaugural event to the community.

Proceeds will help support institutions such as exhibits at the Menominee Park Zoo and local art installations like public murals and sculpture. For more information check out “Oshkosh Into the Night” on Facebook.

Alumni center takes Culver name

By Miles Maguire
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh renamed its campus alumni building the Culver Family Welcome Center on Friday, marking another step toward closure of the legal dispute between the university and its fundraising arm, the UW-Oshkosh Foundation.

Craig Culver, who graduated in 1973 and went on to start the 707-restaurant Culver’s chain, called it a “healing day” for the university and foundation. He obtained naming rights to the 40,000-square-foot building that overlooks the Fox River in exchange for a promised donation of \$2 million.

The structure was built under the direction of the school’s previous chancellor, Richard Wells, who is facing civil and criminal charges for his use of the foundation to further university building projects, including the Alumni Center.

Culver credited his years at UW-Oshkosh as leading him into the frozen custard business, saying he visited Leon’s on Murdock Avenue as often as he could to snack on vanilla cones.

He has been a big supporter of the

school, sponsoring the Culver’s Business Model Competition, contributing financially to the Sage Hall academic building and serving on the foundation board.

“It wasn’t too long ago when I wondered whether or not we would be here today,” said Tim Mulloy, the chairman of the UWO Foundation. “The foundation board was steadfast in its resolve in seeing that the right outcome was the end result.”

The Culver Center is “now the property of the UW System and the university,” Mulloy said. “That’s where it belongs.”

Miles Maguire is editor of the Oshkosh Examiner news blog.

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First Baptist Temple pastor keys on connections

By the Rev. Thomas Willadsen
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

First Baptist Temple is in its fourth building at 138 Church St. The congregation was founded in 1854 and lost their first two homes to fires that devastated the whole city. Their third building also burned in 1901, but the congregation rebuilt on the same spot and have been worshipping there since 1901.

Pastor Daryl Marco has been First Baptist's shepherd for more than 16



Marco

years. He and his family moved to Oshkosh to serve this General Association of Regular Baptists congregation in 2002. He and his wife, Allison, are the proud parents of six children and five — so far — grandchildren.

I joined the congregation for worship on Mother's Day. About 70 people of all ages gathered in the worship space. The singing was led by Vic Lindblom; he gave a brief reflection on each hymn's lyrics before we sang.

Musicians playing bass guitar, electric guitar, drums and electric piano accompanied the singing. Special music was offered by Kayla Wilson who played violin and sang "Great Is Thy Faithfulness." The hymns were all familiar to my Presbyterian ears.

Pastor Daryl is an engaging preacher. He spoke without notes and was quite honest about how all people struggle in their faith — pastors are not immune



Photo from Wisconsin Historical Society

First Baptist Temple has been at its 138 Church St. location for more than a century.

from doubts and failure. He strives to be the same person in and out of the pulpit. During his sermon worshippers make use of an insert in the bulletin that helps them connect with the sermon's theme. He makes good use of the screen on which the main points of his sermon are projected.

The worship space is intimate; Pastor Daryl calls it "cozy." The sound is rich and full. There is not much space between the worship leaders and the congregation. The configuration of the

worship space reflects Pastor Daryl's approach to ministry. In his message he said, "God calls servants, not celebrities. And God doesn't expect anyone to be perfect, just faithful." Pastor Daryl keeps it real.

Pastor Daryl did not grow up in a Baptist church. After the death of his parents he started to ask hard questions about life and eternal life. He had a turning point when reading the sixth chapter of Matthew's Gospel where he found these words, "Seek ye first the kingdom of

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A look at Oshkosh religious congregations

God." As he explored what those words might mean for him he began working with his church's youth group. He and Allison quit their jobs so Pastor Daryl could work on a master's degree at Faith Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary in Ankeny, Iowa. His dyslexia made his studies difficult, but he persevered.

After completing his degree, he found himself looking for the place where the Holy Spirit was calling him to. He was asked one simple question about serving First Baptist Temple: "Can you love these people?" For more than 16 years his answer has been an emphatic, "Yes, I can."

At this point, the congregation is looking for its fifth home. Their current building, though in good repair, is not a good fit for the ministry they feel called to. They are renovating a new home for the congregation in Omro and hope to move there this autumn.

First Baptist Temple worships each Sunday morning at 9:30. Worship is followed by a time of fellowship, then Sunday school begins at 11. They gather for prayer every Wednesday at 6 in the evening. Visitors are always welcome.

Tom Willadsen is a minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and author of "OMG! LOL! Faith and Laughter," Gemma Open Door, 2012. He finds humor everywhere he goes.

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May 24, 1957

Renumbering of residences and other premises in Oshkosh planned for July:

Oshkosh will undergo a general change in the system of numbering the homes and other establishments on its streets. The long-standing project began in 1949 by former city planner Vernon Irish. More than 15,000 premises will be updated with a more modern system that will improve advantages to mail service and fire and police calls. The numbers will be displayed with a uniform design and size to eliminate dissimilarities that exist today. The numbers will be in white enamel in a white

metal frame that will be located uniformly on house fronts for easy sighting by the public. The city engineer expects it will take three or four months to finish the work of attaching the numerals. Meanwhile, the engineering department will begin immediately to survey street intersections to determine the number of street marker signs needed. It is estimated about 1,500 intersections exist in this city. The plan also includes the renaming of some streets which now cause confusion because of similarity of sound or spelling or on account of different sections of the same street having different names. Also, the streets avenues, boulevards, courts and places will have distinct meaning and location. Avenues will extend one way, streets another. Boulevards will probably designate diagonal streets. Places, dead-ends and courts will be classified as turn-arounds.

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Winnebago’s ecosystem treasure right on schedule

By Rob Zimmer
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Every year it happens right on schedule. Mother Nature never disappoints. The annual hatch of lake flies along the shores of Lake Winnebago in Oshkosh has commenced.

Emerging right around Mother’s Day annually, the robust swarms of lake flies looking for love is here. This is their mating flight, an erotic dance in the skies as untold numbers of these inch-long midges take wing and spend their short lives as adults insects mating and laying eggs for future generations.

For those who live along the shores, it is an annual tradition. The sighting of the first lake fly means the big swarms will follow quickly. Hatch time depends upon water temperature, triggering larva that have spent their whole lives up till now beneath the surface, to break free and transform into the winged adult insect.

Lake flies are harmless. Members of the midge family, their only purpose in life is to mate and lay eggs. This is accomplished in a very short period. Some lake flies may only live as adults for 24 hours.

Their dance, though it appears erratic and frantic, is actually quite elegant and graceful when viewed in slow motion. Lake flies in flights are not just flying about randomly, but are following a specific pattern in their mating dance. Watch an individual lake fly among a swarm, and you’ll quickly discover this.

On warm days like we experienced earlier this month, a brown haze can envelop areas along the shore where millions upon millions of lake flies bubble into flight, sometimes forming towering columns that rise like smoke.

As much a part of the ecosystem as they have always been, there are still residents who don’t fully appreciate or understand the role these creatures play in the health of our natural world here along the shores of Lake Winnebago.

Lake fly larva are food for many species of fish, including the mighty lake sturgeon that thrive on these insects in their aquatic stage.

The arrival of swarming season is perfectly timed with peak migration of hundreds



Photo by Rob Zimmer

Lakeflies serve a valuable purpose in the Lake Winnebago ecosystem, providing food in larval form for fish and other aquatic creatures and for songbirds, bats and more as flying, winged adults.

of thousands of songbirds that follow the shoreline north during the middle of May.

Swarming lake flies feed young birds in the nest, including martins, swallows, robins, thrushes, bluebirds and many more. Without this readily available feast, we may not have the healthy bird population we have here along the shore in the spring.

Colorful warblers that are migrating through just about now arrive to find a delicious delicacy everywhere as the lake flies take wing.

As quickly as they appear, the massive swarms of lakeflies vanish for another sea-

son. Their shriveled bodies accumulate along the shore in drifts, creating a perfect natural fertilizer for keen gardeners who grow here. The rich, organic material feeds the soil and enriches our lawns and gardens beautifully.

Enjoy the short season of the lake fly and gain a new appreciation for just what these impressive displays mean to the health and vitality of our ecosystem.

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May 23

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May 28

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May 30

LEGO Wall Open Build, 5 to 7 p.m., Ages 16 and older.

May 31

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Correction

MAY 15, PAGE 7: The Paine Art Center and Gardens offered free admission for May 18, but not through the month.



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Rotary steps in to serve Philippines projects

By Michael J. Cooney
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

It all started with baking a cake. Dave Sennholz, a longtime member of the Oshkosh Rotary Club, was hosting Methusella Rhea Endriga, a Rotary International Group Study Exchange student from the Philippines in 2008. Endriga joined Sennholz's wife Bev in the kitchen and together they not only baked a cake but also bonded for life.

While Endriga's visit with the Sennholzes lasted only three days, they have stayed in contact via email.

When Typhoon Sendong struck Dec. 17, 2011, Endriga's hometown of Iligan City on the island of Mindanao was in the center of the storm. The Sennholzes reached out and learned that Endriga had been trapped in her home in the middle of the night and barely escaped drowning. The area needed all the help they could get and Endriga put Sennholz in touch with the Maria-Crista Rotary Club in Ilian City.

The small club of 17 women was engaged in building temporary housing for those displaced by the typhoon. Sennholz working with Oshkosh Rotary Club sent \$2,000 and a club-to-club relationship was formed.

Thus when the second typhoon Haiyan leveled the Island of Malapascua, the women of the Ilian City club went to work even though the island was more than an hour flight away. In a second partnership with the Oshkosh club, together they provided another \$2,000 for metal roofing, and concrete for rebuilding and well drilling.

With two successful projects complete the Philippines Club asked the Oshkosh Rotary Club to help 13 students attend school until they graduated. Starting in 2013 the club provided books, uniforms, and supplies until the students graduated in 2017. Without this support, the students would not have been able to attend school and would have faced a very bleak future.

In 2016 the Philippines club proposed to their now faithful partner that together they fund and help establish a sewing



Photos by Michael Cooney

Members of the Maria-Crista Rotary Club in Iligan City worked with the Oshkosh Rotary Club on projects in the Philippines community.

and tailoring program that a survey by the Maria-Crista Rotary Club showed to be a pressing need in their city. Housed at the local post-secondary school the program teaches the students the skills needed to open their own independent business and support their families for life. The Oshkosh club raised \$15,000 to help create what has become a national model program that may be adopted by other schools in the Philippines.

Iligan City is in the far southern area and has a history of unrest. In 2016 ISIS terrorists captured the nearby city of Milwau for a period of time resulting in nearly 100,000 refugees seeking refuge in Iligan City. The Maria-Crista club with the assistance of the Oshkosh club helped supply two evacuation centers and two schools with food and other necessities for several months.

In 2017, as he was nearing 80 years old, Sennholz proposed one final program with the Maria-Crista club.

The Oshkosh and Maria-Crista Rotary clubs developed plans to remodel and equip the Iliam City Girl Scout Conference Center that had fallen into disrepair. In the Philippines, the Girl Scout program is the primary youth development program for young women with more than 7,000 young



A sewing and tailoring program was established at Suarez National High School in Iligan City.

ladies enrolled.

The project was completed in 2018 and Sennholz along with a fellow Rotarian made plans to go to the Philippines for the dedication of the building and to meet many of the young people who were beneficiaries of the joint Rotary programs.

Unfortunately while Iligan City is relatively secure for local residents, foreign

visitors are not guaranteed safety. When Sennholz learned that kidnapping insurance was highly recommended by the U.S. State Department, what was going to be a "bucket list" trip was canceled.

The Iligan City council had a special meeting to recognize the contributions of Sennholz and the Oshkosh Rotary Club and to acknowledge the turnover of the complete building to the community.

In reflecting on the years of cooperation, Sennholz said "that because there were so many poor people with few options in Iligan City the projects were very rewarding for me personally and also for our entire Rotary club and will have long-term impact for both the individuals served and the community. Working with this small but determined club was remarkable in their willingness to provide documentation regarding projects and responsiveness almost immediate.

"They were not looking for a handout, rather a partner that had the ability to utilize local resources to accomplish local initiatives.

"We have done a lot and I am grateful to be a small part of helping young people who will never know who I am to have a future in life."

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Council seat

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second round of nominating is available, but Steve Herman was the only member to nominate a second candidate, bringing the original slate in the first round to seven. Roll was taken and each member voted for their nominee. A vote was taken a sec-

ond and third time to get an outcome with a candidate receiving a majority of four votes. Both rounds ended with Lynnsey Erickson and Tom Pech Jr. tied at 3-3.

This brought a second round of nominations that began with five nominees. After two rounds of voting the results were the same: 3-3 for Erickson and Pech. Round three nominations did not include Pech but Miller was added, and he received the

needed four votes in the second roll call with Bob Poeschl changing his vote from Erickson to Miller.

This is the first time double-digit candidates have applied for an open council seat, according to Herman, and in many cases the person who had been on the city ballot but not one of the top three vote getters has been chosen for the one-year assignment.

This is the fifth time in 10 years the council has appointed someone to fill a vacant seat. In 2009, Harold Buchholz, who recently passed away, was appointed to serve the remainder of Paul Esslinger's term after he was elected mayor. Jef Hall was appointed in May 2011 to serve the remainder of Burk Tower's term after Tower was elected mayor. Kyle Clark was appointed in 2013 to fill a vacancy as well as in 2015 when Steve Cummings was elected mayor.

Herman said the pool of people seeking the council post represented "a most talented pool of candidates."



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Marion Road complex development cleared

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Common Council unanimously approved plans last week for the Marion Road Redevelopment Area project to build a multifamily residential and commercial complex on the Fox River at Marion Road and Jackson Street.

The area 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 a mixture of industrial, commercial and residential buildings removed and the site graded for development. The Plan Commission recommended approval of the project May 6.

The council must still approve creation of a Tax Increment Finance district for the 240-unit project to be built by the Merge Urban Development Group of Cedar Falls, Iowa.

The southwest corner of Jackson Street and Marion Road (2.62 acres) would be the primary focus for development. Developers told the Plan Commission they would construct three buildings with associated surface parking. The first would be a five-story multi-use structure with 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. The third would be a two-story row home building with eight residential units.

City staff anticipate that 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 situated 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.

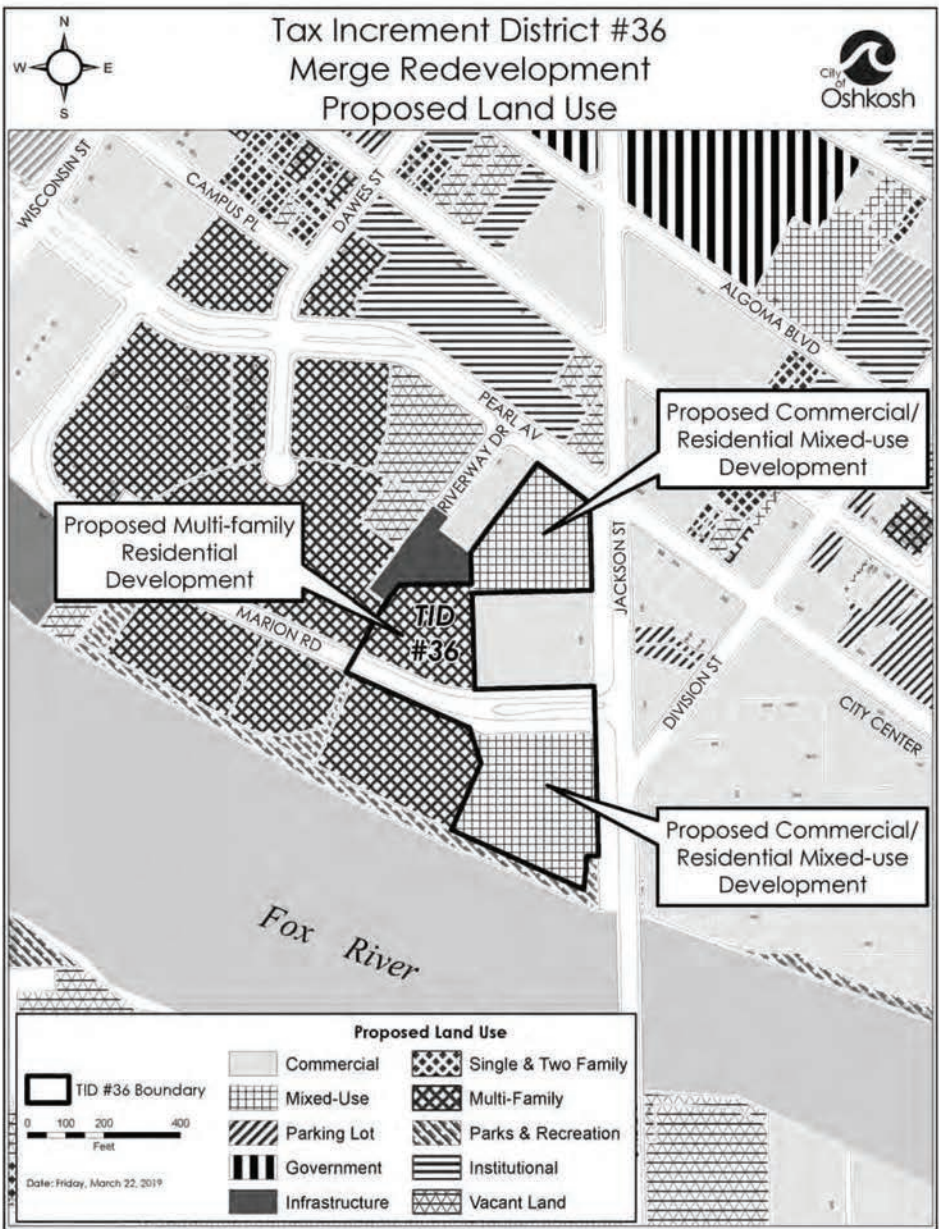
Retail space is designed to include a waterfront restaurant, offices, food market, health/fitness activities, and “micro space” for entrepreneurs.

In other action, the council:

- Authorized the Redevelopment Authority to acquire vacant property adjacent to Pioneer Drive and the Canadian National Railroad Tracks between 6th and 10th avenues for \$1.5 million plus closing costs. The property is within the South Shore Redevelopment Project area and owners have agreed to sell to the Redevelopment Authority.

According to a report submitted to the council, the proposed purchase deals with concerns that potential developers have expressed regarding the 43 E. 7th Ave. parcel. The city received no proposals for that property last year amid concerns about the land to be acquired not being in the redevelopment site.

Finance Director Trena Larson said that funding sources for the property acquisition



Oshkosh Planning Services

A map of the proposed TIF district for the Marion Road Redevelopment Area.

tion would come from a combination of fund balance and capital improvement program acquisition/blight removal funds.

- Approved an ordinance amending requirements for the keeping of chickens and bees within city limits. Steve Wiley, assistant planner for the city, said those setting up chicken or beehives will no longer need to get permission from all neighborhood residents. The ordinance estab-

lishes requirements for keeping chickens or bees and is in compliance with similar measures found statewide.

The city passed its first chickenkeeping ordinance in 2011 and a beekeeping ordinance in 2017. The revised ordinance establishes standards as to how many chickens (hens or pullets) and bees may be kept on the property, which is limited to single- and two-family dwellings.



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A veterans-focused workout program is being offered Friday at the 20th Avenue YMCA.

Memorial workout event offered at YMCA

The Oshkosh Community YMCA will be hosting a Memorial Day ceremony and workout to honor the country’s fallen patriots starting at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the 20th Avenue location in the family gym.

The Oshkosh AMVETs will be posting the colors at 10:30 a.m. The commencement and veteran speakers, including Mark Nielsen, Veterans and Military Affairs Constituent Services representative for U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson, will start at 10:40 a.m.

U.S. Marine Ryan Jerabek and others that have made the ultimate sacrifice will be honored. The Health & Wellness Team will offer a motivational one-hour workout for all to attend led by a local veteran, part of a veteran initiative program called Beyond Limits offered free to veterans. For more information contact

richroehrick@oshkoshymca.org or call 920-230-8919.

The YMCA is also holding a Senior Health and Fitness Day on May 29 at both locations that is free for anyone over age 55 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

At the Downtown YMCA there will be free breakfast provided by Clarity Care from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the teaching kitchen. There will be injury screenings provided by ATI Physical Therapy from 8:30 to 10 a.m. in the multipurpose room. Contact sirismits@oshkoshymca.org or 230-8916 to sign up.

The Downtown YMCA will offer low-impact aerobics and aqua zumba at 9 a.m., stretch, flex and balance at 10 a.m., senior water fitness at 10 a.m., SilverSneakers Circuit at 10:45 a.m., arthritis aquatics at 11 a.m., and aqua zumba at noon. A senior TRX demonstration is

from 9:15 to 9:45 a.m. and preregistration is required.

At 20th Avenue there will be an intro to pickleball from 7:45 to 8:45 a.m., open pickleball from 8 to 10 a.m., Silver Sneakers Circuit at 9 a.m., water fitness at 9 a.m., senior core and arthritis aquatics at 10 a.m., and chair volleyball from 10:45 a.m. to noon. Free testing by Hometown Pharmacy is from 10 to 11:45 a.m. in multipurpose room 3. Contact sirismits@oshkoshymca.org or 230-8916 to sign up.

A free lunch is offered at noon sponsored by Home Care Assistance in multipurpose rooms 1 and 2. Preregistration is required. Fitness format demonstrations are from 1:15 to 1:45 p.m. A Senior TRX demo is at 2 p.m. and preregistration is required at locations or by calling 236-3380. No registration is necessary for any other classes.

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Oshkosh boy in NBA Math Hoops competition

Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh member Byron Little Jr. participated in the third annual NBA Math Hoops National Championship in California’s San Francisco Bay Area, hosted by Learn Fresh and the Golden State Warriors on May 10-12.

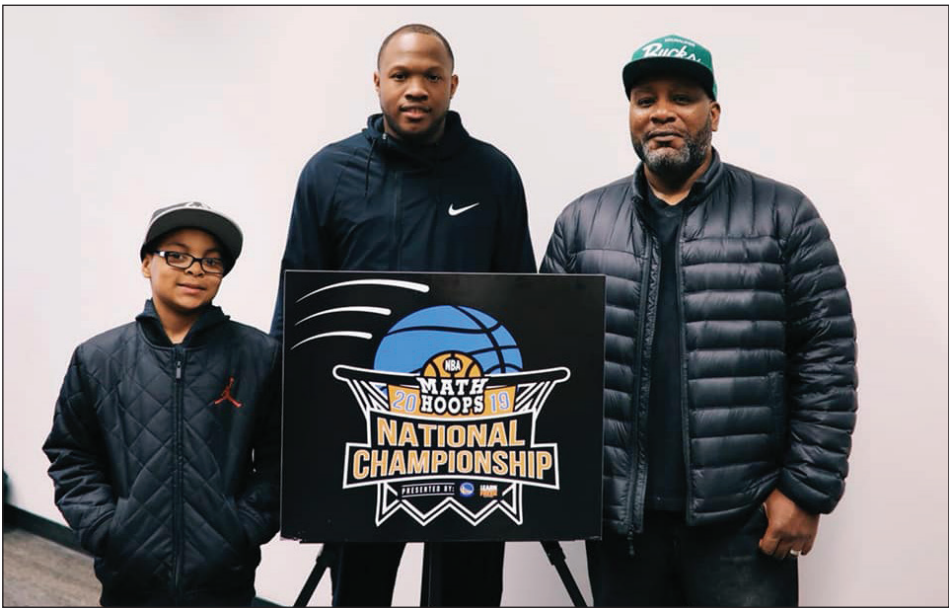
Twenty students from across the United States were selected from a national population of 1,700 qualifiers and more than 50,000 national participants in the NBA Math Hoops program. The students represented 17 NBA and WNBA franchises, 18 geographic regions, and hailed from many of the nation’s most prominent academic institutions for young learners.

Byron, a fifth grader at Merrill Elementary, made it into the “elite 8” during the competition held after school at the Boys & Girls Club this past year.

“The plane ride and the competition were a lot of fun and I received too much cool NBA swag to mention. I’m so glad I got to participate,” he said.

Throughout National Championship weekend, students engaged with prominent institutions in Northern California. As the event’s primary sponsor, the Golden State Warriors hosted guests in multiple events that highlighted the team’s facilities and talent. The Sacramento Kings, who are a Learn Fresh partner, also contributed to programming.

The University of California and the



Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh member Byron Little Jr., shown with club staff member Hiram Moss (middle) and Byron Little Sr., participated in the 2019 NBA Math Hoops National Championship Learn Fresh program earlier this month in Oakland.

Exploratorium ran sessions that connect STEM learning and sports, while exposing the students to higher-level academic environments. A hands-on activation was hosted by Hasbro to engage students in community service, through the company’s Be Fearless Be Kind initiative. Hasbro also donates every NBA Math Hoops board game.

On Sunday of championship weekend, all participating students competed for the

championship title in Oakland.

“We truly appreciate the partnership we have with the NBA and Learn Fresh with this program and how it has helped some of our young people, and especially Byron, succeed,” Boys & Girls Club CEO Marc Dosogne said. “We look forward to running this program again next season and helping more of our young people improve their skills with math and statistics.”



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Amazing teams

Mid-Morning Kiwanis, in partnership with students from Communities at Oshkosh North, held this year’s Amazing Oshkosh event May 4 with proceeds to help continue Kiwanis projects such as Project Undercover, iPads for Autism, scholarships, and grants to local teachers. Twenty-one teams raced throughout Oshkosh to win the \$1,000 prize with challenges such as making a banana split sundae while blindfolded and performing a choreographed dance. The final stop was at Menominee Nation Arena where teams completed a rock star challenge. Faster Than Sea Biscuit won the race in 1 hour, 11 minutes and 35 seconds. They donated their winnings back to the Kiwanis.

Hmong festival

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ning top game of tujlub. She said between 8,000 and 10,000 attendees are expected each day.

Yang encourages the public to share in the experience. “If anybody wants to come and just check things out and enjoy themselves and the opportunities, we welcome everybody,” she said.

In early years of the event starting in 2007 it was focused on the Hmong community but organizers have made it more inclusive.

“We also invite other citizens in Oshkosh that we know — whether it’s a friend or neighbor — we invite them to come over and have some fun,” she said. “So we’re starting to draw the general public more and more into the event, and I think that’s a good starting way of getting people educated to know more about the event



Photo by Mee Yang

The Hmong National Memorial Day Festival returns this weekend to Winnebago County Community Park.

and what the purpose is.”

Hansen is an Oshkosh resident who began his aviation career as a pilot for Teamster boss Jimmy Hoffa. He later spent

nearly a decade with Air America, landing on the dirt mountain landing strips of Southeast Asia when flying conditions were risky and avionics technology comparatively primitive.

During the making of the 1990 comedy/drama “Air America,” he worked with the producer of the movie, Tri-Star’s John Eskow, as an adviser and was the inspira-

Faith discussion at First Congregational

A discussion series titled Animate: Faith led by the Rev. Nancy Taylor of the First Congregational Church of Oshkosh will be offered at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Women’s Center on Monday evenings from June 3 to July 15.

Animate: Faith uses video, journals, conversation and questions to explore

ideas central to Christianity. Discussions will begin at 6:30 p.m. and registration is needed by Saturday at office@fccoshkosh.org or 920-231-7520.

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North softball team rolls into playoffs undefeated

By Brad Hartmann
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

In softball a pitcher’s best friend is her catcher. Thursday afternoon both Sydney Supple and Sophie Averkamp shared an emotional hug as Supple earned her 900th career strikeout in a 15-0 win hosting Neenah in a Fox Valley Association conference game.

“It’s pretty incredible. Syd and I have been friends for about a decade. I don’t see her as a teammate. I see her as a sister. It’s incredible to share those experiences with her,” Averkamp said. “I always knew she was going to be a pitcher. It wasn’t until I came into my seventh-grade year and started working with the North program and I was kind of dragged into catching. I wasn’t a big fan of it at first and as the bond of Syd and I grew closer that I knew I wanted to finish with her.”

Entering the top of the fourth inning, Supple was unaware that she was about to make history before Averkamp told her as the two walked out of the dugout. The Rockets (2-20, 2-15) went with pinch hitter Melanie Johnson, who knew she had her work cut out for her.

“I was nervous but trying to relax to get a hit because it’s hard to get a hit off her,” Johnson said. “You go out there and hope for the best. She has got good pitches. She throws a really great rise ball. It’s hard to time and hard to hit.”

On Supple’s 41st pitch on a 0-2 count she was able to get Johnson to chase the third strike as Supple was able to rejoice and yell out a loud “yes” of excitement as Averkamp went running to cherish the moment with her pitcher. Spartans (25-0, 18-0) coach Ken Dischler then made the move to relieve Supple as she waved to the capacity crowd and shed tears as she moved to first base.

“I just knew what I wanted to get done. When I found out it was 899 it was even more motivation to get that girl. It’s always my goal to get them to swing and miss. We are always hammering the zone,” Supple said. “This one will be always really special.”



Photo by Emil Vajgrt

North pitcher Sydney Supple and catcher Sophie Averkamp celebrate Supple’s 900th strikeout en route to a 15-0 win over Neenah on Thursday and a 25-0 record going into the playoffs.

Alicia Hollowell (1999-2002) of Fairfield, Calif., owns the national high school record of 2,328 career strikeouts while in Wisconsin it’s Kayla Schwebke (2014-2017) of Laconia with 1,333.

“Averaging 225 strikeouts a year, it’s pretty impressive. Supple is a self-motivated kid. She sets goals and goes after them,” former Spartans coach Cindy Suess said.

Coming off a 2-1 nailbiter that could have ended the Spartans perfect season with cross-town rival Oshkosh West, Sup-

ple struck out the side in the first inning on 11 pitches with nine of them strikes.

Spartans senior third baseman Libby Neveau led the charge offensively 3-for-3 with crushing two three-run home runs (14) to go along with seven RBIs (58). Neveau currently is tied as the states home run leader, tied for third in hits (46), and leads the state in RBIs.

In the bottom of the third Averkamp, on a two-out, 0-1 count, blasted a two-run home run to give the Spartans its 43rd

Prep sports roundup

SOFTBALL

Lourdes falls in regional against Sturgeon Bay

The Lourdes softball team’s season came to an end Thursday after the Knights lost 9-2 to Sturgeon Bay in the WIAA Division 3 regional opener.

Lourdes got behind early as Sturgeon Bay scored a run in the first, fourth and fifth innings to take a 3-0 lead before making it 5-0 after scoring two more in the top of the sixth.

Lourdes was able to get one back in the bottom half of the sixth but Sturgeon Bay put it away with four runs in the seventh.

Lourdes had five errors in the loss.

Sophia Laib was 2-for-2 with two walks while Charleigh Reinardy was 2-for-2 with an RBI. Hope Burns also had two hits for the Knights.

Saraah Blanchard took the loss in circle, giving up five earned runs in seven innings. She struck out five and walked three.

Wildcats go 1-1 last week

Hortonville used a big fifth inning – including a 3-run homer – as they picked up a 9-6 win Thursday over Oshkosh West.

Leah Engstrom had three hits for West while Lacey Cruz and Taylor Emery each homered.

On Wednesday, West scored three runs in the bottom half of the fifth inning en route to a 4-2 Fox Valley Association conference win.

Annika Johnson picked up the win for the Wildcats, tossing seven strong innings – giving up two runs on five hits with seven strikeouts against one walk.

Emily Miller led the Wildcats, who finished with seven hits, going 2-for-3 with an RBI at the plate.

In that fifth inning, West scored two runs off an Appleton East error and then the Miller RBI scored Leah Engstrom to make it 4-1.

The Wildcats earned the No. 3 seed in the WIAA Division 1 tournament and played No. 14 Sheboygan South on Tuesday.

GIRLS SOCCER

Singstock records hat trick

Oshkosh West got a hat trick from Lauren Singstock as the Wildcats picked up a 4-2 win over Oshkosh North in a Fox Valley Association game Thursday.

West got another goal from Jocelyn Schmidt while Ashley Rock, Schmidt and Singstock recorded assists.

Lourdes has big 2nd half

The Lourdes/Valley Christian girls soc-

cer team scored four second-half goals in a 5-2 win over Wayland Academy on Thursday.

The Knights got two goals from Maria Tushar and Addie Masini while Cielo Gutierrez rounded out the scoring. Gutierrez chipped in two assists in the win.

Lauren Hamill had 10 saves in the win.

BOYS TENNIS

West third, North fourth in conference meet

The Fox Valley Association conference meet was held Friday and the Oshkosh West boys tennis team finished fourth with 39 points while Oshkosh North was fourth with 32 points. Overall standings were the same as Neenah was first, followed by Appleton North, Oshkosh West and Oshkosh North.

For West, Grant Counts, C.J. Counts and Jeremy Fleck all finished second in singles play while John Koth was fourth at No. 4 singles.

At No. 1 doubles, Daniel Rucinski and Aaron Jorgenson won their third-place match to finish third while the No. 3 doubles team of Holden Robertson and Anders Larson finished fourth.

team home run and a 12-0 lead. The Spartans scored 15 runs on 18 hits. The Rockets were shut out while only mustering one hit.

Supple (23-0, 0.77 era) pitched 3.1 innings while striking out 10 Rockets in 41 pitches. Ashley Borowitz pitched 1.1 innings striking out two Rockets and pitching in her senior night Brie Gauthier (2-0) earned the last out in five pitches.

“It was really special because with senior night we all wanted to win. Even though it was the last out it was important. Just to be able to be the one to end the game was cool,” Gauthier said.

Supple had an outstanding day at the plate as well going 4-for-4. Senior Courtney Day went 3-for-3 (3 RBIs), Noelle Frank collected 2 RBIs with a pinch hitting single, and Ellestad collected two hits.

Not only was the afternoon special for Spartan seniors but the win extended their conference winning streak to 54 games to go along with a third consecutive undefeated mark in the Fox Valley Association and for the first time a perfect 25-0 season.

“I don’t think expect is the right word. Were we capable of doing this? Yes. This is a difficult task and the girls stayed grounded,” Dischler said. “The only thing we look behind on is how to get better. We don’t look ahead. An undefeated conference season was one of their goals. It didn’t come easy; they had a really strong test with Oshkosh West the other night. We are very blessed to be where we are at.”

The No.1 state ranked Spartans will host the WIAA D1 regional finals against the winner of No. 8 Menasha (11-15) and No. 9 West Bend West (9-13) Thursday afternoon at North.

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At No. 1 and 4 singles, Charlie Bock and Kaulden Larson finished third while David Burns was fourth at No. 2 singles.

In doubles play, No. 2 team of Bryce Butzlaff and Michael Grant won 6-0, 6-1 to finish third while Dane Laufer and Cade Schmitz won 6-2, 6-0 at No. 3 doubles to finish third.

North drops FVA dual

The Oshkosh North boys tennis team dropped a Fox Valley Association match last Wednesday, falling 5-2 against Neenah.

The Spartans got a win at No. 4 singles from Kauldon Larson as he picked up a 6-2, 1-6, 7-5 win over Caden Breier. The last win came from the No. 3 doubles team as Dane Laufer and Cade Schmitz won 7-6, 1-6, 7-5.

BASEBALL

3rd inning haunts North

The Oshkosh North baseball team gave up six runs in the third inning as they dropped a nonconference game against West De Pere, 9-3, Saturday.

Mitch Bendickson took the loss for the Spartans while Lucas Pinkerton led them offensively, going 2-for-4.

Lourdes falls to Springs

The Lourdes baseball team allowed four runs in the third inning and couldn't finish a rally in a 9-5 loss Friday.

The Knights scored one run in each of the first three innings and led 3-2 going into the bottom of the third, but the Ledgers scored four runs in the third, one more in the fourth and two more in the sixth to pull away.

All of Lourdes' four hits were scattered while Ian Sobojinski led the way with two RBIs.

Colton Clark took the loss, giving up seven runs in five innings. He struck out six.

Oshkosh West falls twice

The Oshkosh West baseball team lost two Fox Valley Association games last



Photo by Emil Vajgrt

Oshkosh North and West girls soccer teams met Thursday in the conference match that the Wildcats won 4-2.

week, falling 15-5 against Appleton North and 5-4 against Appleton East.

In the loss against Appleton North, Alex Gray had a double to lead the Wildcats at the plate. No information was available in the loss against the Appleton East.

BOYS GOLF

West ninth, North 10th

The Fox Valley Association conference golf meet was held Friday at Chaska Golf Course and Oshkosh West was ninth with a 377 while Oshkosh North was last with a 448.

Kaukauna won the meet with an outstanding 296, followed by Fond du Lac (326) and Hortonville (332).

Trent Krause led the way for the Wildcats with an 85, followed by Faysal Amin (91), Michael Spiller (97) and Dominick Fosso (104).

For the Spartans, Josh Hoffman led the way with a 105, followed by Nikolas Tjugum (111), Alex Bork (115) and Josh Stephanie (117).

Tyler Cleaves of Kaukauna was medalist with a 67.

West 6th in Neenah invite

Oshkosh West competed in the Neenah Invitational on Thursday and finished sixth out of nine teams.

Leading the way for the Wildcats was Faysal Amin who fired an 80 while Trent Krause came in with an 82. Dominick

Fosso shot a 93 while Michael Spiller had a 97. Neenah's Spencer Stern was medalist with a 76.

TRACK & FIELD

Lourdes boys win at Markesan invite

The Lourdes Academy boys track and field team finished with 123 points, winning the eight-team Markesan Invite on Thursday.

Valley Christian was sixth for the boys

with 53 points. On the girls' side, Lourdes was seventh with 39 points while Valley Christian was eighth.

For Lourdes boys, Peyton Kane picked up a win in the 800 (2:10.57), Trent Kofka won the 3,200 (10:57.97) while Noah Ralofsky won both the 110 and 300 hurdles (17.48, 46.48).

Adding second place finishes include Brock Pecore in the 200 (24.93), Logan Wolff in the 800 (2:11.99), Dylan Konop in the 1,600 (4:58.95) and Tyler Johnsen in the discus (114-02).

The 400 and 800 relay teams (Nathan Barfknecht, Keely Mains, Caden Chier and Will Pollack) both took second.

For Valley Christian, Elijah Wade won the 1,600 (4:56.23) and Josh Geffers was second in the 3,200 (11:15.87). The 1,600 relay (Andrew McFarlane, William Kehoe, David Tuchscherer and Isaac Heinen) took third as well as the 3,200 relay team (Josh Geffers, Diego Griesse, Isaac Heinen and Josh Lehman).

On the girls' side, Joely Hurkman and Ava McGuire had the lone top three finishes as Hurkman was second in the 200 (27.64) while McGuire was third in high jump (4-10).

The 800 relay team (Hurkman, Alex Rolph, Mackenzie Havlik and Maria Tushar) were third with a time of 1:57.20.

Compiled by Alex Wolf, Herald contributor

Valley Christian included in 8-man alignment change

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Control approved a first consideration of a conference alignment plan for eight-player football beginning in 2020 at its May meeting Sunday.

The plan places eight-player programs into eight, six-team conferences. Each conference will be paired with another six-team league in their region to provide crossover games.

Valley Christian is one of the team's affected by this alignment change as they will be co-opped with St. Mary Catholic

and will join the South Region B Conference – those teams include Abundant Life Christian/St. Ambrose, Elkhart Lake/Glenbeulah, Oakfield, Williams Bay and Wisconsin Heights.

Membership rules require a 40-day window for schools involved in conference alignment plans to appeal the first consideration of the board before it takes final action. Thus, schools have until June 26 to file an appeal of the initial vote. The board will give final consideration of the plan at its meeting Aug. 9.

UW-Oshkosh's Sims appointed to NCAA panel on naming issues

From UW-Oshkosh Sports Information

Darryl Sims, UW-Oshkosh assistant chancellor and director of athletics, has been named to a 19-member National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) working group that will examine issues highlighted in recently proposed federal and state legislation related to student-athlete name, image and likeness.

The NCAA Board of Governors Federal

and State Legislation Working Group will be made up of member representatives from all three NCAA divisions. According to the board, the group will not consider any concepts that could be construed as payment for participation in college sports.

The Board of Governors charged the working group with writing a set of overarching principles to guide each division as it devises consistent legislation. A final report is due in October, with an update provided in August.

Sims is in his ninth year as assistant chancellor and director of athletics.



Sims

Raymond Melvin Schinker

Raymond "Ray" Melvin Schinker, 80, of Wittenberg, passed away Monday, May 13, 2019 at Aspirus Wausau Hospital.



Raymond was born July 12, 1938 in Port Washington to the late Henry and Margaret (Claussen) Schinker. He married Dorothy "Dolly" J. Cegielski on July 12, 1958 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Milwaukee. Ray worked for Local 139 as an Operating Engineer, and became a lifetime member in 2013, serving 55 years.

Ray's life was enriched by "his two boys" son Jeff Schinker (Elaine "Lainey" Studelska-Schinker) of Oshkosh and son Steve (Karen Schremp-Schinker) of Wausau. He found joy in his grandchildren: Chelsea Schinker, Chase Bohan, Eric and Alex Schremp. He was preceded in death by his wife, of 50 years, Dorothy in 2009.

Ray loved his country and honorably served in the National Guard. Ray was a competitive race car and snowmobile driver. He loved John Deere tractors, playing cards, going to church, and a hot cup of coffee in the morning. Hobbies included raising cattle, riding ATVs, watercrafting, cooking, making soup, gardening,

hunting, and baking delicious pies. In the last few years Ray shared laughter and companionship with Kim Sloan.

Ray's life was one in which he overcame many obstacles and challenges through hard work and persistence. He raised his family on the "Square 40 plus 4" ranch in Saukville in the 1960s. The '70s saw he and the family move to Mosinee where many friendships were formed while he worked with Tork Trucking in Wisconsin Rapids. Retirement and travel soon followed and many new dreams were realized. His dry sense of humor impacted many lives. Raymond Schinker was resourceful and served God well.

The family would like to especially thank Dick and Kathy Bauman, Keith and Julie Truax, all the Monday Night card players at "Tangled Horn" and Vern and the men's prayer group (he loved you all).

A celebration of life will take place July 12, 2019 at 2pm at St. Joseph Family Parish in Phlox, WI, 54464 / Phone: (715) 489-3330 with food and refreshments following at "Tangled Horn" W18225 Eland Rd, Eland, WI, 54427 / (715) 253-2626

In lieu of flowers, memorial's in Ray's name can be sent to Brainard Funeral Home.

To share memories and condolences with Raymond's family, please visit www.brainardfuneral.com

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Getting ‘smart’ while acting foolishly

By Karissa Niehoff and David Anderson

We communicate on smart phones, drive smart cars, make purchases using smart cards and even drink smart water. But, really, how smart are we?

Between college admission and internet privacy scandals, sexual misconduct investigations, stolen trade secrets and the growing concern about how we communicate and connect with each other, technology seems to be outpacing our capacity to understand the most responsible way to use it.

In other words, how are tomorrow’s leaders being groomed to make decisions that provide the perspective, balance and strength of character that today’s advanced world needs? The answer is by participating in high school sports like the ones offered in Wisconsin.

Most researchers agree that leaders are made, not born, through relationships with others. Human interaction and life experiences enable young men and women to develop leadership characteristics such as trust, mutual respect, integrity and accountability. These are the same values that are learned as a result of playing on a high school sports team.

And while club sports often have only a singular focus — the participant’s athletic abilities — research documents that high school sports programs have an unparalleled positive effect on the physical, academic and emotional growth of teens, including a more mature level of character development.

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grams in Wisconsin—including music, speech, theater and debate—typically account for only about 1 to 3 percent of a school’s overall budget, making them one of the wisest investments your community makes. You can help by attending as many games and events as possible, donating to the booster club and volunteering to work in the concession stand.

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Karissa Niehoff is executive director of the National Federation of State High School Associations. David Anderson is executive director of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association.

‘Behind My Wings’ authors to speak

“Behind My Wings” author and speaker B.J. Elliott Prior and co-writer Linda Coombs Wiese will make appearances here to talk about Prior’s experiences as a young stewardess helping transport troops in and out of Vietnam from 1969 to 1971.

Prior writes about her life as a retired flight attendant with 40 years of service with Continental Airlines and with Military Airlift Command Operations and stories of the veterans she met.

They will appear at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Omro Legion Post 234, 7 p.m. Friday at Park View Health Center, 2 p.m. Monday at Riverside Cemetery after the Memorial Day Parade, and at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Oshkosh West High School.

Youth Choir auditions set

Students interested in joining the Oshkosh Youth Choir can attend auditions Tuesday at South Park Middle School: 5 to 6 p.m. for grades 3-5, 6 to 7 p.m. for grades 6-8, and 7 to 8 p.m. for grades 9-12.

Damascus Road to hold anti-trafficking discussion at arena

The Women’s Fund, in partnership with Girls Educational and Mentoring Services and the Menominee Nation Arena, invite

the community to a presentation at 7 p.m. today (May 22) from Damascus Road at the arena on the topic of human trafficking.

Lisa Sennholz, executive director of Damascus Road, will provide awareness and education on trafficking in the area.

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Clean Boats, Clean Waters boat inspectors made up of volunteers, regional aquatic invasive species partners and DNR staff will be at launches around the state. At many lakes and river accesses, they will also hand out icepacks and other Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers items while they remind people that icing is the best way to keep fish fresh.

This is the third year the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance will be participating in the campaign. Connecting Our Waters, a partnership of the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance and the Waterways Association of Menominee and Shawano counties, will be talking with anglers in Shawano and Menominee counties. In the Lake Winnebago area, the Winnebago Waterways Program will have volunteers and staff at many boat launches around the system.

Those who use social media can also spread the word about the importance of draining livewells and other equipment by posting photos and messages using #JustDrainIt.

More information about invasive species and their impacts to Wisconsin's waters and economy are at <http://dnr.wi.gov/lakes/invasives>.

Community events

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 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 Brew-

ery, 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, Winnebago County Community Park

Monday, May 27

Memorial Day Classic Horse Show, Sunnyview Expo Center
Memorial Day Procession, 9 a.m., Algoma Boulevard to Riverside Cemetery

Wednesday, May 29

Zoozort, 10 a.m., Menominee Park and Zoo

Thursday, May 30

Paper Valley/WAQHA Classic Horse Show, 8 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center
An Evening with Bluebirds, 6 p.m., Utica Golf Club, 2330 Knott Road

Friday, May 31

Paper Valley/WAQHA Classic Horse Show, 8 a.m., 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, June 1

Paper Valley/WAQHA Classic Horse Show, 8 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center
Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown
Father Carr's Bridge Walk, 9:30 a.m., Father Carr's Place 2B, 1062 N. Koeller St.
An Evening on the Avenue, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Public Library, 106 Washington Ave.
Upper Midwest Power Boat Association Drag Races, 11 a.m., Menominee Park
Oshkosh Gallery Walk, 6 p.m., downtown
In & Out, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.
The Second City: It's Not You It's Me, 7:30 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena
Comedy Improv Show, 9 p.m., Backlot Comedy House, 424 N. Main St.

Sunday, June 2

Paper Valley/WAQHA Classic Horse Show, 8 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center
Oshkosh YMCA Kid's Mud Run, noon, Oshkosh Community YMCA, 3303 W. 20th Ave.

Aurora Health Care sponsors Mud Run's return to YMCA

The fourth annual Oshkosh YMCA Kids Mud Run will be held June 2 at the 20th Avenue location for children ages 4-16. The event starts at noon and there also are multiple family competition op-

portunities to join in starting at 12:30 p.m.

The milelong course has more than 14 obstacles. Sponsored by Aurora Health Care, the event's proceeds are donated to the YMCA Annual Campaign for scholar-

ships and other funding.

Visit www.oshkoshymca.org for more information. Preregistration closes today (May 22). Day of registration is available for family waves only.

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