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Distracted driving toll studied

UWO students bear witness to bad choices

By Joseph Schulz
Herald Contributor

Distracted driving accounted for 9 percent of fatal crashes and 3,166 deaths in 2017, according to a joint study between

the Department of Transportation and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

According to the study, 6 percent of drivers involved in fatal car accidents were distracted, while the age range with the largest percentage of drivers involved in fatal crashes as a result of distracted driving was 15- to 19-year-olds, at 8 percent.

In 2017, cellphone activity accounted

for 14 percent of all distraction-affected fatal crashes, and of those crashes 434 people died, the study said.

According to a DOT and NHTSA study on driver electronic device use, 3.9 percent of 16- to 24-year-old drivers visibly use a handheld device while driving, whereas only 1.9 percent of 25- to 69-year-old driv-

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Photo by Michael Cooney

South Park fountains

South Park has gone from a prolonged period of messy construction to a beautiful park, now highlighted by the two lighted fountains originally designed to keep the water moving in the ponds as well as for their aesthetic value. Lights were added this spring and the Parks Department reports residents are praising the effort.

Prostyle Wrestling league showcases top talent

By Kevin Damask

Daniel Jackson believes a new style of wrestling will grab fans' attention and bring marquee athletes to Menominee Nation Arena this summer.

Jackson, founder of American Prostyle
Wrestling, is preparing



for the league's debut July 7 at the arena. The league of eight teams will showcase its talent in five events — one per month — culminating with the Krimson Kup championship tournament Nov. 16.

Oshkosh also will serve as home for the

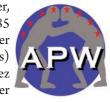
Wisconsin Rowdy Robins, the state's representative in the new league.

Jackson, who wrestled at the University of Minnesota, is excited to bring fans a different format of the sport he loves while providing paychecks to athletes who yearn to continue wrestling.

"Wrestling is near and dear to my heart and I do believe it can succeed at a professional level," Jackson said.

Each team will consist of nine wrestlers, five male and four female, all in separate weight classes. Every team's captain drafted their grapplers Saturday. Rowdy Robins

captain Nick Becker, who will wrestle at 185 pounds, picked Tayler Resuriz (115 pounds) Rulyanne J. Rodriguez (130), Alexis Porter (145), Anna Naylor



(170), Ronzel Darling (135), Bryce Meredith (150), Dylan Ness (165) and Matt Gille (210).

Jackson said APW is attracting some high-quality grapplers, including collegiate stars from all three NCAA levels.

"I'm pleasantly awaiting for the July 7 action because there is going to be some good athletes that are going to be involved," Jackson said. "People will recog-



UW-Parkside Athletics phot

Nick Becker, shown wrestling for UW-Parkside where he won three NCAA Division II national titles, is captain of the Rowdy Robins in the eight-team American Prostyle Wrestling league.

nize some of the names because we will have past state champions who went on to compete in college coming back to the Wisconsin fan base." Along with Wisconsin, teams will be based in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Mis-

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BikeOsh features citywide touring event

Two juniors in the Communities program at Oshkosh North High School have been working with the city to bring the fourth annual BikeOsh here Saturday, a citywide biking event for all skill levels and ages.

Participants get started by riding to any or all of the 25 designated pit stops to win a raffle ticket to enter in later drawings. The stops are at different businesses and restaurants around the city.

The event will be held rain or shine from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. with a celebration at the Oshkosh Seniors Center from 1 to 2 p.m. where raffle tickets will be drawn. Raffle baskets will have gift cards to many of the pit stop locations. Details are on the BikeOsh Facebook page.

Communities is an interdisciplinary, project-based program at North offering students a way to learn English, social studies, and leadership content and skills through community engagement.

percentage of residents without health in-

Eau Claire was the only other Wisconsin city in the top 20 at No. 10. Oshkosh

was ranked fifth on the list last year in

The city ranks first overall in the metric

The report also noted the city's unem-

ployment rate of 2.5 percent, second low-

est of any city in the listing's top 10, and

of bars (2.61 percent of all establishments)

and 34th for entertainment offerings.

SmartAsset's first study of this category.

surance and average commute time.

Community news briefs

School district adds time to high school days

The Oshkosh Area School District's 2019-2020 school year calendar will add 11 minutes to the start of high school days to absorb inclement weather cancellations. District leaders are evaluating transportation options to avoid potential changes to morning busing times or costs for three elementary schools.

The first day of school will be Sept. 3 and the last day will be June 3 unless a sixth inclement weather day is needed, which would add a day to the calendar.

Minutes will not be added to school days for elementary and middle school students. The minutes were added to the beginning of high school days to reduce the amount of instructional time lost for students involved in afternoon and eve-

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ning extracurricular activities and those with work responsibilities. The longer day is in alignment with other Fox Valley dis-

There are 177 student contact days for all students, which brings the OASD into similar alignment with districts throughout the Fox Valley; 190 professional staff days; nine early release dates for professional learning time for staff; and 4.81 inclement weather/snow days built into the calendar.

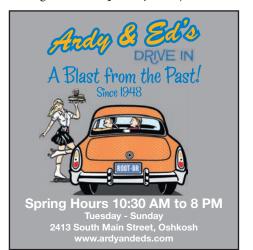
A digital learning day option will be implemented for high school students during the ACT testing for students in grade 11. This will provide the district with a total of 5.81 inclement weather/snow days.

Graduations will take place Monday, June 1, 2020, for Oshkosh West and Wednesday, June 3, for North.

Oshkosh ranks fourth on Most Livable Cities list

SmartAsset, a financial technology company that compiles national rankings on different financial and livability qualities, has listed Oshkosh as No. 4 on its list of Most Livable Small Cities in the U.S.

The company considers cities with populations between 65,000 and 99,999 by looking at 11 factors: concentration of entertainment establishments, restaurants and bars, income inequality; home affordability, housing costs as a percentage of median income, percentage of residents living below the poverty line, jobless rate,



27th overall ranking for commute time, which averages 17.40 minutes. **Utility bills in transition**

mode to monthly cycle

The city's shift from quarterly to monthly utility bills produced transitional statements this month that may be different for each customer based on when they last received a quarterly bill.

Officials said the transition can be different for each customer as it is based on when the last meter read date occurred. Some customers may have seen a higher bill due to the number of days they were billed for.

This transition bill places all customers on a monthly cycle going forward. The Utility Division said the change was prompted by customer requests and will better communicate usage information to residents.

More than 4,800 customers are enrolled in automatic withdrawal payments and more than 500 receive email billing. Information and sign-up forms for email billing and automatic withdrawal are available on the city's website. A frequently asked questions document can be found at www. ci.oshkosh.wi.us/UtilityBilling or customers can call 920-232-5325.





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Ice cream creations bring out good social tastes

By Karen Schneider OSHKOSH HERALD

Handcrafted ice cream is what happens when a businessman ponders how to create an ongoing fundraiser for local charities.

Clark Mueller, owner of the Lunch Box restaurant, was aware of all the separate one-time fundraisers being held and wanted to create a way to raise money for local charities year-round. He came up with the idea of Compassion Creamery, unique flavors associated with partnering companies and the charities the sales ben-

Clark said it wasn't really something he set out to do — "It just sort of happened." He shared his idea with a few other business owners and they were all, "I'm in."

Compassion Creamery was born with the Lunch Box working with four other businesses to create flavors that represented the businesses and nonprofits. Becket's flavor, a lemon basil sorbet in support of the Christine Ann Center, is a nod to the restaurant's lemon basil martini that is a customer favorite and signature drink. The Fire Escape flavor benefits the Day By Day Warming Shelter – Fire and Warming - a spicy chocolate creation that delivers a bit of a kick.



Oshkosh Herald photo

Compassion Creamery ice cream comes in a variety of signature styles created with the help of supporting businesses.

Mueller creates the flavors in his dairy plant inside the restaurant. The license and modifications that were necessary from the state for him to produce small batches of the ice cream in the Lunch Box kitchen label the store as a working dairy plant.

Compassion Creamery launched about

Compassion Creamery flavors

Blue Moon with Nerds candy from Hirschberg Law for Oshkosh Yacht Club youth sailing

Wheelie Strawberry from Winnebago Bicycle for Cycling Without Age — Miravida Living Frozen Melty vanilla ice cream with Oaks Candy Melty bars from the Lunch Box for the Teachers' Closet Welton's Favorite lemon basil sorbet from Becket's for Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services

three months ago with five flavors and has since increased the line to eight. Mueller has been contacted by several other local businesses and charities interested in participating and plans to cap the line at 10-12 flavors. This will help manage production but also enables the sales to have a significant impact on the nonprofits being represented. Ten percent of the wholesale price on each pint is donated to the charity.

Mueller prefers to stay in the background and compares himself to a wedding coordinator. The event is really about the bride and groom, he explains, or in this case the business and the nonprofit, and says it feels great to do something in a

Cherry Rose cherry rosemary sorbet from Wagner Market for Growing Oshkosh

Spicy Chocolate from Fire Escape for Day By Day Warming Shelter Charitable Charms vanilla ice cream with cereal marshmallows from Za-Ronis A Macaroni and Pizza Pub for Oshkosh Area Community Pantry Living in Cinn cinnamon molasses ice cream from Fifth Ward Brewing Co. for Menominee Park and Zoo

positive manner and have so many people cheering them on.

"I want it to be as local as possible," he said. "I want the amount raised to go where you know it's going. Having local places involved means there's a local connection."

Compassion Creamery nonprofits are not affiliated with national charities. "Seeing the impact you can make as a single consumer is very powerful," Mueller said.

The ice cream is found exclusively at Wagner Market and ZaRonis. Mueller is working on potentially expanding distribution to local supermarkets.

Workforce Development job fair drawing regional companies

The 2019 Oshkosh Area Employment Fair will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. May 21 at the Menominee Nation Arena with about 90 regional companies represented.

The Fox Valley Workforce Development Board event is a partnership with

Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corp., Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce, Fox Valley Technical College, Fox Valley Job Centers and Woodward Communications.

Bobbi Miller, business solutions manag-

er for the Workforce Development Board, said companies will be recruiting for positions from all levels, entry to professional.

"One of the biggest complaints we hear is that job seekers never get to speak directly to someone from the company," Miller said. "This job fair is a great chance to connect with someone from the companies present."

Employers are encouraged to sign up for the event by contacting bmiller@fvwdb. com or 920-720-5600 extension 307.

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Longtime city planner makes N. Carolina move

By Tom Ekvall

The community of Pinehurst, N.C., is a village of 16,000 with a prominent golf resort. The village is also where Planning Director Darryn Burich will be taking that role next month.

An avid golfer and motorcyclist, Burich said the move will allow him to get away

from the cold, climatic conditions of Wisconsin and be able to golf and ride throughout the year.

"I am done with winters," Burich said.

He started with Oshkosh in 1995 as a building inspector and then moved on to



Burich

becoming a principal planner before becoming planning services director in 2004 within the Department of Community Development.

Burich said the city of Oshkosh has made great strides over the last several decades. He said he has fond memories of efforts to revitalize the central city and downtown area, the construction of the Riverwalk project, and the neighborhood revitalization movement being carried on by neighborhood groups throughout the city.

A house fire early Saturday evening at a

The Oshkosh police and fire depart-

ments responded to the structure fire at

5:26 p.m. in the 1100 block of High Av-

enue. Firefighters entered the house and

residence on High Avenue claimed the life

of a 71-year-old Oshkosh man.

Community Development Director Allen Davis said Burich has been "instrumental in the redevelopment of Oshkosh." He said this includes transitioning the downtown area from an industrial base to having the Riverwalk, residential areas and entertainment venues.

"He has worked hard to help neighborhoods develop in Oshkosh and revitalize their areas," Davis said.

City Manager Mark Rohloff also offered praise for Burich's contributions.

"Darryn has been an important part of our city development efforts for 25 years," Rohloff said. "When Darryn started with us we were just starting to acquire old industrial properties in the Marion Road area and relocating the railroad tracks. Those are now a thing of the past due to Darryn's perseverance.

"He has also been a mentor to several generations of planners whose careers have included stops in Oshkosh. I appreciate Darryn's positive contributions to our management team and know that he will enjoy similar success in North Carolina."

The Planning Services Division is involved with a wide range of community projects such as historic preservation, housing and neighborhood development, arts and beautification efforts, and urban design. Planning staff are liaisons for eight different city boards.

located the body of the male resident. No

one else was injured and police said he

The cause of the fire is under investiga-

tion. Anyone with information regarding

the incident is asked to contact police at

was the only resident at that address.

920-236-5700.

According to the village of Pinehurst's website, the Planning and Inspections Department has two senior planners, a planning and zoning specialist, code compliance specialist, an administrative assistant and two building inspectors in the Inspections section. The department provides planning services to preserve and enhance the community's character and ambience in the Sandhills Region of North Carolina. The community has also been rated as

the No. 1 Safest City in North Carolina.

Burich's last day in Oshkosh is set for May 28 and he starts his new position in Iune.

Also making the move is fiancee Nicole Peterson, who has served as career and technical education coordinator with the Oshkosh Area School District. Peterson was past president of the Oshkosh Rotary Southwest and a frequent volunteer and emcee for community group events.

Not-guilty pleas entered in foster care abuse case

By Miles Maguire
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The mother-and-son team of foster parents who stand accused of criminally neglecting three teenage Oshkosh boys pleaded not guilty Thursday.

The son, 35-year-old Alan Small, was present in court but has moved to the Houston area, according to his attorney, Amber Gratz. She indicated Small would contest the accusations by filing motions in the near future.

Small and his mother, 60-year-old Barbara Peterson, now face upgraded charges with respect to one of the youths. In the case of the child identified in court papers as EDP, both Peterson and Small are accused of child neglect that led to emotional damage.

This charge is a Class G felony that could result in a fine of up to \$25,000 and a 10-year prison term. The other child neglect charges, which do not specify a harm that occurred, are Class H felonies, carrying fines of up to \$10,000 and terms of up to six years.

Penny Hummel, the adoptive mother of EDP, said in court papers that she was concerned that her son would not easily recover from his experiences at the Oshkosh foster home.

"These kids were put there because they

needed help, and it was supposed to be a safe place," she said. "Now they will need a long time of counseling to get over being in this foster home, if they can get over it."

She said her son has lost weight, refused to take medications and has trouble defecating.

Small and Peterson were charged Feb. 27 with felony child neglect after police were told of living conditions that included a lack of access to the bathroom and alarms on bedroom doors.

The initial police report said the boys in the house were forced to use "toilet buckets" in their rooms and then dump the contents in the yard. But Small has argued that the boys were using portable commodes and has entered a picture of one in the court file as evidence.

Last month Small said he had been offered a job in child care and asked Judge Daniel J. Bissett to amend his bond conditions. But the state objected, and the judge left in place the restrictions, which prohibit the defendants from working or volunteering in a care facility.

Small was told to file any motions in the case within 20 days and to return to court June 6 for further proceedings.

Peterson is scheduled to return to court July 3 for a plea/sentencing hearing.

Miles Maguire is editor of the Oshkosh Examiner news blog.



High Avenue fire claims life Saturday





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High school publications honored

Oshkosh North High School students took home 46 journalism awards and West students earned 32 at the Northeastern Wisconsin Scholastic Press Association Conference at UW-Oshkosh.

Fourteen awards were given to North's newspaper, The North Star, which is advised by Jason Cummings, and 32 awards went to the school's yearbook, Reflections, which is advised by Sara Klein.

The North Star staff received Red Ribbon honors for a newspaper produced by a large school without a newspaper class. In the publication division, North's Reflections staff received Red Ribbon honors for a large school that produces a yearbook.

For West High School, 21 awards went to the school newspaper, The Index, which is advised by Trent Scott.

The Index staff received Blue Ribbon honors for a large school that produces a newspaper without a newspaper class. Ten awards went to the school's yearbook, Notebook, advised by Amy Karoses. In the publication division, the Notebook staff received Red Ribbon honors for a large

Postal food drive set

The Oshkosh Post Office will participate in the 27th annual Letter Carriers' Stamp out Hunger Food Drive on Saturday. The event, where residents are asked to leave a bag or box of nonperishable food by their mailboxs, is coordinated by the NALC and local food pantries.



Ready to respond

Students at Shapiro STEM Academy in Oshkosh learned how to respond to disasters and emergencies during a Student Tools for Emergency Planning (STEP) event last month hosted by AT&T, Wisconsin Emergency Management and Winnebago County Emergency Management. Nearly 45 fifth-graders received starter emergency kits as part of the program. The basic lesson is one hour of instruction but teachers can expand the lessons to cover eight hours of materials. Wisconsin became the first state in the Midwest to teach the STEP program.

Merrill Middle School host to open house

Merrill Middle School is holding a Community and Family Night from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. May 14 that will showcase student work, including the Genius Hour projects of eighth-grade science students.

The event will have hands-on science,

technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) activities for all ages and also be host to Fit Oshkosh's Color-Brave Photo Exhibit in the media center.

Attendees can enjoy a free hot dog and chip dinner while meeting with staff and

learning about the school community.

Merrill students are grouped into grade-level teams who work with a team of teachers, which allows for individualized attention and cooperative learning.

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Communityevents

Ongoing events

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

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

Wednesday, May 8

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

Fit Oshkosh Color-Brave Conversation, 6:30 p.m., Rise and Grind, 240 Algoma Blvd.

Thursday, May 9

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

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

Friday, May 10

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

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

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

N. Main St.

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

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

Saturday, May 11

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

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

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

Silver's Secret: A Pirate Adventure, 2 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

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

Taylor Cross, 4 p.m., Bare Bones Brewery, 4362 Country S

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

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

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

New Generation Singers, 6 p.m., Peniel Welsh Chapel, W9644 Zoar Road Comedy Improv Show, 9 p.m., Backlot Comedy House, 424 N. Main St.

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

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

Sunday, May 12

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

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

Mother's Day at the Paine, 11 a.m., Paine Art Center and Gardens

Mother's Day 5K Run/Walk, 5 p.m., Winnebago County Community Park

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.

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

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.

Slim Workshop, 1 p.m., Fire Escape, 428 N. Main St.

"Fievel Goes West," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

Wisconsin Glo Game, 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

Reach leads protection efforts on sexual assault

Oshkosh Area United Way

April was Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention month, which promotes awareness and taking action. For those who experience violence or abuse, this trauma can be overwhelming.



Luckily, one organization provides care and hosts events so community members can learn more about the signs of abuse. Reach Counseling, one of Oshkosh

Area United Way's agency partners, is a nonprofit organization that offers help for individuals that experience abuse and counseling for offenders. They are the only sexual assault center in Winnebago County.

Reach's Advocacy program saw more than 100 clients in Oshkosh in 2017 who were sexually assaulted or abused. Marianne Radley, advocacy manager and volunteer coordinator at Reach, works directly with clients. She provides legal, medical and personal advocacy to hundreds of survivors of sexual violence and their loved ones. She works with survivors and families in the hours after a sexual assault has occurred, and provides emotional support, information and resources during the forensic exam.

Brynn began working with Reach after her therapist referred her due to a recent sexual assault by someone she knew and trusted. Like many abuse victims, she was confused about what happened to her and what to do about it. Brynn needed help from an expert to open up and process everything.

When she first met with a Reach Counseling advocate, Brynn was quiet but bravely recalled her assault. Ultimately, Brynn decided to make a police report, so the advocate and Brynn went to the police department together to make a

statement

It wasn't long before they were notified that the District Attorney's office decided to file charges against her perpetrator. Brynn wished to attend court hearings and her advocate from Reach was by her side for every appearance.

Through discussions with the prosecutor and advocate, Brynn made the empowered decision to accept a plea agreement ensuring he receives consequences. She gave a passionate and beautifully written victim impact statement and bravely conveyed her truth aloud in front of the judge, attorneys, and her perpetrator. She painted a picture of the hurt she was working to overcome and the strength she possesses today.

"I wouldn't be where I am today if it wasn't for this program (at Reach). Marianne guided me through court dates, visits with the DA, and just coping with everyday life," said Brynn. "She was always there for me, she always was on top of my court dates, and she reminded me almost daily I was strong and that I could do this, and I did. I was never alone in this because of this program, and I'll forever be grateful for that."

Brynn is currently in a healthy, caring relationship and has a career that she loves. Eventually, she would like to become an advocate for other women who have had similar experiences like her own.

In the U.S., one in four women and one out of six men are sexually abused in their lifetime.* Brynn is only one of many success stories that Reach Counseling helps support.

If you or someone you know has been affected by sexual violence, help is available through Reach's 24-Hour Sexual Assault Crisis line at 920-722-8150. For additional information about programs visit reachcounseling.com/programs.



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AirVenture invites P-51 aircraft, WWII veterans

World War II ace Clarence "Bud" Anderson, a National Aviation Hall of Fame member who was a triple ace during World War II, will be saluted during warbirds activities at EAA AirVenture 2019.

The program will be highlighted by a reunion of North American P-51 Mustangs, the aircraft flown by Anderson in his "Old Crow" markings during the war. EAA has invited all flying P-51 aircraft to Oshkosh for the event, particularly for a salute to Anderson during the July 25 afternoon air show. Those flying demonstrations are part of AirVenture's "Push to Victory" theme for World War II anniversaries, which also encompasses the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landing in Normandy.

"Bud Anderson is well known and lauded for his courage and abilities as a flying ace from World War II, so EAA wants to bring together as many P-51 Mustangs as possible to salute him," said Rick Larsen, EAA's vice president of communities and member programs. "His entire aviation

career is also one for the record books, deserving of recognition at the World's Greatest Aviation Celebration and another 'Only at Oshkosh' moment."

P-51 Mustang owners interested in participating in this year's activities can preregister at the EAA.org/MustangsForBud website. EAA AirVenture is the world's largest gathering of warbird aircraft - former military aircraft now privately owned - with more than 300 aircraft participating in displays and flying activities each year.

Anderson, who earned more than 25 awards during his military career, served with the renowned 357th Fighter Group based in England during World War II and totaled 161/4 air victories. His unit was credited with more than 600 air victories in 15 months - the highest pace of victories during the war.

He retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1972 and worked for more than a decade in flight test operations for McDonnell Aircraft.



World War II triple ace Bud Anderson with a P-51 Mustang painted in the colors of his "Old Crow" airplane from World War II.

EAA Museum calendar

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

June 6: The museum opens a new gallery in its Eagle Hangar that highlights the massive D-Day operation that landed on

the beaches of Normandy on June 6, 1944. June 6, 6:30 p.m.: "The Longest Day"

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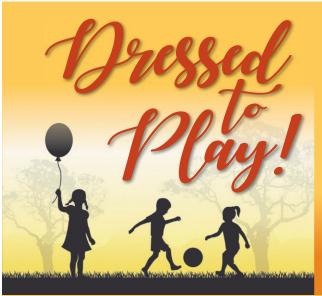
a motion picture which opens at the Raulf Theater that evening. Preview time will be from midnight (Tuesday) to 2 am Wednesday and she will be the only member of the audience. She answered a Daily Northwestern classified ad in which the theater management sought a woman who would view the entire film "without fear or hysteria." If Mrs. Spanbauer sees the whole show she will be \$25 richer. If not ... an ambulance will be on standby duty.

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Lewis named UW-Oshkosh head coach

University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh interim men's basketball head coach Matt Lewis, who guided the Titans to their first National Collegiate Athletic Associ-

ation Division III title, has been named head coach.

Lewis had been interim head coach since taking over the program in May 2018 after six seasons as the Titans' top assistant.

"Matt has done an outstanding job for UW-Oshkosh the past

seven years and has earned the right to lead our men's basketball program on a permanent basis," said Darryl Sims, assistant chancellor and director of athletics. "Matt is committed to the student-athlete mission of the university and has the competitiveness, grit, knowledge and tireless focus on recruiting and player development to be a very good head coach at the collegiate level for a long time."

Lewis and the Titans capped off last season's 29-3 campaign with a 96-82 victory over Swarthmore College in the national championship game.

"Gaelyn, my fiancee, and I are beyond excited to be continuing at UW-Oshkosh," Lewis said. "This season, and the past seven years, have shown us what a special place this is. UW-Oshkosh and the Fox Valley have become a home for us and we are

thrilled to continue building our life here."

The Titans claimed their first outright Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) title since 1978 before going on to win six NCAA postseason games by an average of 15.5 points en route to the national title. UW-Oshkosh averaged 93.7 points in its six tournament victories and set the school's NCAA postseason scoring record with its 108-point performance against University of Northwestern (Minn.) during the second round.

UW-Oshkosh established school records with 29 wins, 2,715 points, 961 made field goals, 2,018 field goal attempts, 1,308 rebounds, 325 made 3-pointers, 866 3-point attempts, 148 blocks and a 21-game winning streak.

Painting event at YMCA helps cancer program

Paint for a Purpose is a YMCA fundraiser being held May 19 at Fire Escape, with proceeds going toward its Livestrong program, a free 12-week cancer survivorship program.

Participants can attend from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and choose from hundreds of painting projects, including specialty ribbon projects that can be painted in someone's honor or memory.

People can also sign up for one of three mini-yoga classes or an essentrics class led by YMCA staff, with a \$10 donation asked.

Pro wrestling

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souri, Nebraska, Ohio and Pennsylvania. On the mat, wrestlers will utilize various skills and styles to earn victories. Jackson's vision for the league began with him scribbling a few notes on paper.

"When I sat down and worked with developing the league I thought, 'What are the most exciting things about wrestling?"" Jackson said. "There are three main styles of wrestling: freestyle, Greco-Roman and folkstyle. The league will have a combination of all three of those styles."

Jackson said competition will be fastpaced and all eight teams will compete at each event. Two dual meets will occur simultaneously in timed matches to keep the action flowing. Fans will get to see four dual meets throughout the night. Those

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While 16- to 24-year-olds are the age

group with the most electronic device use

while driving, Anderson Merchandisers

employee Amanda Heyn said she travels

across Wisconsin providing merchandise

for local retailers and sees distracted driv-

ers visibly use a handheld device.

Distracted

ers of all ages.

unable to attend can catch events through a livestream broadcast at apswrestling.

Jackson, from Janesville, began competing in middle school and quickly developed a passion for wrestling. After a standout high school career, Jackson joined Minnesota where he competed from 2003-2008. During his time with the Golden Gophers, Jackson helped Minnesota win the 2007 NCAA Division I national title.

"That was just an incredible opportunity," Jackson said.

In 2008, Jackson finished his degree and returned to Wisconsin. He pursued opportunities in education but never lost his fondness for the mat. Jackson feels there is a void to fill. Most wrestlers finish their careers in college but they are still young, in tremendous shape, and possess a thirst for competition.

ing back into theirs while checking out their phone, going past me over 70 mph

University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh juas a delivery driver and said she sees distracted drivers every single shift.

didn't even know their light was red."

on the highway in any direction," Heyn said. nior Ishani Sharma works at Jimmy John's

"One time I was about to start driving when the light turned green and a distracted driver just blew a red light long after it was red," Sharma said. "They weren't even speeding; they were just so distracted they



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"I feel wrestlers are some of the greatest athletes in the world, but they do have limited options after competition ends in college," Jackson said. "Mostly, they pursue coaching; some are now going into mixed martial arts. Some can train for the Olympics and world championships but those who break that line and compete at that level are very few."

For Becker of the Rowdy Robins, APW presents a chance to continue pursuing his passion and make some money doing it.

Becker, from Hartford, brings impressive credentials to APW. Competing for UW-Parkside, Becker won three NCAA Division II national titles and was the division's wrestler of the year twice.

"At Parkside we've always had a strong wrestling program and some of my teammates are going to be in the new league too, so that's exciting," Becker said.

Becker is excited for the opportunity to

Distracted driving isn't a new phenomenon, and it isn't limited to cellphone use. The NHTSA defines distracted driving as "any activity that diverts attention from driving" including eating, changing radio stations or adjusting routes on a GPS.

UW-Oshkosh sophomore Austin Lee said he believes people don't fully understand the risks associated with texting and

"People die on a daily basis due to distractions," Lee said. "Today, people are on their phones while driving more times

Lee said one of his best friends was involved in a close call when driving distracted on the highway during a snow-

"He was snapchatting and obviously wasn't paying attention," Lee said. "He ended up swerving slightly, but the snow caused his car to completely turn around into oncoming traffic."

Lee said luckily his friend wasn't injured, but not all distracted drivers are quite as lucky.

UWO senior Landen Moore was in fifth grade when a distracted driver hit his fam-

select wrestlers and build a strong team. He said fans in the Fox Valley appreciate the sport and will enjoy watching the league's high-level talent, along with its steady format. Becker said the blend of different styles should also be appealing.

"It's a unique style and twist to wrestling that will be exciting for fans to see," Becker said. "I'm excited to see what will happen with it."

Becker, who is working toward a master's degree in sports management, plans to pursue college coaching. For now, he's looking forward to his time in the upstart

"If we start out right and put on a good event, people will want to come back and watch us compete," he said.

More information and a schedule of APW events is at apswrestling.com.

ily on their way home from church.

"The lady that hit us pretty much came into our lane and hit us head-on," Moore said.

Moore said there was a full investigation into the crash, and several months later it was discovered that the driver who hit their car was texting while driving.

"My parents had a few broken bones; I had some chest pains but nothing serious," Moore said. "The lady that hit us did die."

Moore said there was a snowplow behind his family's vehicle, and when their car was hit they went into the ditch.

"The snowplow — the blade in front of it — went right into the front of her car, and that's what did it," Moore said. "She was killed on impact, and the scary thing is if our van hadn't turned the way it did, that plow would've gone right into where I was sitting."

Moore said that incident motivates him to stay off his phone when driving. He doesn't text, or even play music off his phone, opting to use the radio.

"I put my favorite station on, and I go that route," Moore said. "I never look at my phone when driving."





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Prep sports roundup

SOFTBALL

North crushes Kaukauna and Appleton North

The Oshkosh North softball team scored eight runs in the eighth inning to help secure a 13-0 Fox Valley Association win Friday over Kaukauna.

Sydney Supple pitched a 3-hit shutout, striking out six batters in the win.

Supple also went 3-for-4, hitting two doubles while Brie Gauthier had two doubles. Emma Leib was 2-for-3 with 3 RBIs in the victory.

On Thursday, the Spartans shutout Appleton North 15-0 as Supple threw a perfect game — pitching all innings — striking out 17 while the Spartans combined for 18 hits.

Brooke Ellestad had a solo home run as North capped a six-run first inning. The Spartans also scored seven runs in the seventh inning.

Ellestad was 3-for-3 while Libby Neveau was 4-for-5 with three RBIs. Sophie Averkamp and Mathena Higgins each added two hits a piece in the win.

Wildcats erase deficit to overcome Kaukauna

The Oshkosh West softball team came back after trailing 2-0 after three innings in a 4-2 Fox Valley Association win over Kaukauna Thursday.

Annika Johnson picked up the win, tossing 6.1 innings while striking out five against one walk.

Leah Engstrom was 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI, Emily Miller was 1-for-4 with a double and an RBI while Johnson was 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI as well.

Lourdes gets perfect game in 15-0 shutout

The Lourdes softball team combined to pitch a perfect game in just three innings as they beat Wayland 15-0 Thursday.

Lourdes scored three in the first and six in the second and third innings in the big

Alexis Rolph was 2-for-3 while Raechel Russo was 2-for-2 with three runs and five RBI in the win. She also homered.

Hope Burns was 2-for-3 with four RBI in the win with a double. Charleigh Reinardy was 1-for-2 with a double.

Sarah Blanchard pitched the first two innings, striking out two while Adri Geddes pitched the final inning.



Photo by Art Eichmann

Oshkosh North's Mia Salbego (right) challenges for the ball against Kaukauna in their Thursday match that the Spartans won 6-1.

TRACK & FIELD

Wildcats finish third, fourth in Bay Port invite

The Oshkosh West track and field team finished third in the Bay Port Invitational Friday, finishing with 107 points.

The Wildcats had a handful of athletes that finished second, including Evan Wendland in the 200 (22.50), Jake Ketter in the 300 hurdles (42.54), Sean Bougie in the long jump (19-10) and Max Messinga in the discus (144-2).

Bay Port won with 165.5 points while De Pere was second with 120.

The Oshkosh West girls track and field team finished fourth out of six teams, scoring 86 points.

Megan Best was first in the 100 meter, winning the race in 12.51 while teammate Devin Hable was right behind her at

Rachel Mueller added a top three finish in the pole vaulting competition, finishing second with a jump of 9 feet 6 inches.

SOCCER

North tops Kaukauna

The Oshkosh North girls soccer team picked up a big win, scoring 3 goals in the first half in a 6-1 Fox Valley Association win over Kaukauna Thursday.

Madysun Sawicki and Estellia Wojahn scored goals in the first half — the Spartans scored the third on an own goal
— while Sawicki, Elle Lieder and Alexa
Nieves scored goals in the second half.

Lindsay Porst had four saves in goal for North.

West ties Neenah 0-0

The Oshkosh West girls soccer team played a 0-0 tie Thursday against Neenah in a Fox Valley Association game.

The Rockets out-shot the Wildcats 13-6 but could never get a goal in net.

McKenna Lloyd had 11 saves for West.

Knights tie Amherst

The Lourdes girls soccer team played to a 3-3 tie against Amherst in a game played Thursday.

Mady Dunn, Cielo Gutierrez and Maria Tushar each scored goals in the tie while Paige Droessler had 13 saves in goal.

BASEBALL

West loses to Kimberly and Appleton West

On Saturday, the Oshkosh West base-ball team dropped a 10-1 Fox Valley Association contest.

Joe Rebholz and Noah Alford both hit doubles for the Wildcats.

The Oshkosh West baseball team gave up a 3-run home run in the sixth inning in a 9-2 Fox Valley Association loss Friday night.

Drew Lechnir hit a 3-run bomb to help

Kimberly break open a 6-2 lead after Kimberly led the game early.

Joe Rebholz was 2-for-3 for the Wildcats while Ryan Klatt took the loss.

North beats Appleton East

The Oshkosh North baseball team picked up a 5-3 Fox Valley Association win over Appleton East on Friday.

No other information was available.

Lourdes/Valley Christian stops Wild Rose 13-2

The Lourdes/Valley Christian baseball team scored 13 runs in two innings in a 13-2 win over Wild Rose on Saturday.

Jake Krueger, Gavin Meyers and Colton Clark all had two hits for the Knights while Meyers led the way with four RBIs. Krueger chipped in two RBI in the win.

Josh Bauer picked up the win, tossing three innings - giving up one earned run on three hits while giving up two walks.

<u>GOLF</u>

West golfers top North

The Oshkosh West golf team, led by Trent Krause, defeated Oshkosh North 184-213 Friday at Oshkosh Country Club.

Faysal Amin added a 46 for the Wildcats while Michael Spiller shot a 48 and Dominick Fosso chipped in a 51.

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West softball pitcher works through injury for win

By Brad Hartmann HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

There is a lot to say about an athlete that plays hurt, especially when it's a team's

Oshkosh West junior softball pitcher Annika Johnson put the pain to the test in a 4-2 comeback home victory over Kaukauna on Thursday afternoon as both teams competed as one of the top three in the Fox Valley Association conference.

"I injured my finger on (April 25) from my finger getting jammed on a ball. The injury has affected my pitching because I cannot throw my pitches as effectively due to the pain," Johnson said. "My finger was sore throughout the whole game and got worse in the seventh inning."

Earlier in the year Kaukauna (7-8, 7-6) won the first meeting 3-1 and Johnson was

determined to not let the injury get the best of her, knowing what was at stake.

"She has been pitching well the last couple games. I think the more games she has had since the beginning of the year she has been getting stronger and hitting her spots better," said Wildcats coach Tim Kohl. "She has been on a roll. We are hoping it's nothing serious. We like to keep putting her in tight spots and get us some good

Kaukauna grabbed an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning and in the bottom half the Wildcats (13-7, 8-5) loaded the bases but left them stranded.

Johnson would regroup from her 20-pitch first inning to throw only seven in the second, six of them strikes in a 1-2-3

"I wasn't too nervous. I was trying to hit my spots correctly so they couldn't hit the

ball. After the first inning I settled more into the game just to help my team more," said Johnson. "The top of the lineup I got to attack them more harder to prevent them from getting hits like that. I tried to switch up the mentality for my catcher."

Kaukauna extended its lead to 2-0 in the top of the third on a run-scoring double.

West's Dominique Bauer blasted a double in the fourth on a 2-2 count and scored on first baseman Lacey Cruz's single to tighten the deficit.

In the fifth inning Emily Miller showed why she leads the Wildcats in RBIs (20) with a double to left that scored Leah Engstrom to tie the game. The Wildcats would take the lead on a sacrifice fly by Brianna

West added an insurance run as Johnson hit a stand-up double to center field. Abigail Curtis would pinch run and score on a single from Leah Engstrom.

"I watched the first pitch to get my timing down. I was struggling at first. I had to wait on it and swung all the way through the ball," Engstrom said. "They had a new pitcher. I kept my hands inside on the inside pitch and drove it where it was pitched."

Kaukauna led off the seventh inning with a single and a walk. Kohl made a pitching change by bringing in Tatum Duff for a six-pitch save. Johnson (7-4) recorded the win after facing 26 batters.

"When I went out there to talk to her she told me not to call any more of a certain pitch. I probably should have pulled her then," Kohl said. "Right there I knew she couldn't throw the fastball. We had Duff warmed up. I thought the change-up kept them off balance and she did a nice job."

The Wildcats played a doubleheader Friday, splitting with Neenah as the Rockets put up a four spot in the seventh inning to win 7-5 before West regained focus in a 9-1 victory after a four-run fourth inning with Cruz going the distance for the win.

Prep roundup

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For North, Josh Hoffman shot a 50 while Josh Stephanie had a 52. Isaac Geffers had a 55 while Nikolas Tjogum had a

BOYS TENNIS

Wildcats team goes 4-1

The Oshkosh West boys tennis team went 4-1 Saturday, defeating Wausau West (5-2), Rhinelander (6-1), Marshfield (4-3), and Bay Port (5-2).

In the win over Bay Port, Grant Counts, C.J. Counts and Jeremy Fleck all picked up wins at singles play while the No. 1 doubles team of Daniel Rucinski and Aaron Jorgensen won as well as the No. 3 team of Anders Larson and Holden Robertson.

In the win over Marshfield, both Counts won at No. 1 and 2 singles while Fleck won at No. 3 singles. In doubles play, Larson and Robertson won at the No. 3 spot.

The top 3 spots in singles play won against their opponents in the win over Rhinelander, while all 3 doubles teams won as well. The No. 2 team of Conner Young and Logan Oestriech picked up the first win.

Against Wausau West, C.J. Counts won at No. 2 singles as did Fleck at No. 3 singles. In doubles play, Rucinski and Jorgensen won at No. 1 doubles while Samuel Geffers and Patrick Gannon and Larson and Robertson won at No. 3 doubles.

In the loss against Wausau East, both counts, as well as Fleck, won at singles.

On Thursday, the Wildcats lost a close 4-3 match against Appleton North.

Both Counts picked up wins at No. 1 and 2 singles while Fleck won at No. 3 sin-

North in Nicolet tourney

The Oshkosh North boys tennis team competed in the Nicolet Sweet Sixteen Flighted Tournament Friday against a handful of teams.

At No. 1 singles, Charlie Bock was 1-1, while David Burns was 1-1 at No. 2. At No. 4 singles, Kauldon Larson was 1-1.

In doubles play, Dane Laufer and Cade Schmitz was 1-1.

Obituaries

Harold E. Buchholz

Harold E. Buchholz passed away on April 27, 2019. He was born November 25, 1948 in Lebenstedt, Germany, son of



Erich Paul Buchholz and Ruth Jetke Buchholz Marx. Harold immigrated to the United States in 1956 with his family. He graduated from Albert G. Lane Technical High School and

Northeastern Illinois University. He was most recently employed as Operations Manager at All-Lift Systems, Appleton, WI, until his retirement in 2013.

Harold served the City of Oshkosh as an appointed city councilor 2009-2010. He was appointed to the Landmarks Commission, serving for many years to the present, with several terms as chairman. He was a Charter member and the

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He lived in the Algoma Blvd. Historic District participating in progressive neighborhood dinners and conducting walking tours explaining the wonders and details of the architectural styles. As a member of the Landmarks Commission he researched and wrote narratives for the Acanthus Awards and participated in exhibits for Gallery Walk. His photographs were used in the brochures for the Oshkosh historic downtown and in a book about Frank Lloyd Wright for children. For many years Harold served as a certified docent at the Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio in Oak Park, IL.

Harold is survived by his mother, Ruth Marx of Delavan, WI; sister, Vera (Otto) Ryba of Crystal Lake, IL; brother, Werner of Dunedin, FL, and nephews Michael and Matthew; brother, Norbert of Fairmont, MN; special friend, Gail Timm of Jackson, WI; and many other relatives and

He was preceded in death by his son, Harold Erich Buchholz, Jr.; his father; and stepfather, Jacob Marx.

Visitation will be at Riverside Cemetery Chapel, 1901 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh, WI, from 9:00 to 11:00 am on Friday, May 10, 2019, with a service to follow.

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May 9

Afternoon Book Club: Books by Nevada Barr, 1:30 p.m.

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3:30 to 5 p.m.

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

May 10

After Hours Open Mic Night, 7

BikeOsh 2019, Pedal Pass Pit Stop, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

May 13

Maker Mondays for Families: 3D keychain, 4:30 p.m.

Homework Helpdesk, 5 to 7

May 14

Considerations: Legalized Marijuana, 6 p.m.

Oshkosh Memorabilia Club, 6:30 p.m.

May 16

Morning Book Club: Beartown,

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3:30 to 5 p.m.

LEGO Wall Open Build, 5 to 7

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

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Club marks Brew Day with outdoor production

By Dan Roherty Oshkosh Herald

Homebrewers in Oshkosh fired up their kettles outside on a sunny Saturday in celebration of National Homebrew Day while sharing their craft and creations with each other and visitors interested in the thirst-quenching hobby.

As one of the most established and productive homebrew clubs in the Fox Valley, the Society of Oshkosh Brewers (SOBs) were in full production mode in the parking lot behind The Cellar homebrew shop. Members got to work in the morning with a wide range of equipment and brew tools while filling the air with the aroma of cooked grains and hops in generating a variety of beer styles.

Big Brew Day has been a national event to mark a hobby that unites enthusiasts to share their art and science in beer, wines and other fermented beverages, but also sparks some to pursue bigger brewing opportunities. Former and current SOB members have migrated into commercial brewing roles with microbreweries in Oshkosh, the Fox Valley and beyond.

Jody Cleveland joined the SOBs in 2012, which led him into the industry through Fox River Brewing before taking the head brewer role at Bare Bones Brewery. He said apprenticeships and a growing number of master programs are used to help make the shift to professional operations.

Other members of the club established in 1991 that took their skills to serve a bigger audience were Fifth Ward co-owners Zach Clark and Ian Wenger, Highholder's Mike Schlosser and Old Bavarian Brewing's master brewer Steve Olson out of Appleton.

Event host The Cellar offers the multitude of ingredients that both beginners and pros need to create beers, wines, meads and ciders, along with the equipment to brew, sanitize and store their batches.

Club president and longtime member Mike Engel was working on a pumpernickel rye recipe that had drawn the interest of Fox River Brewing and Stone Arch Brewpub in Appleton, both of which picked up the recipe to offer at their locations.

"We did it as a club brew and that drew the interest of brewers," Engel said.

Practicing the general philosophy of quality over quantity, some of the homebrewers Saturday were crafting smaller 1- to 4-gallon batches while refining their process and adjusting recipes to achieve the taste and balance they were looking for. With an estimated 1.1 million homebrewers nationwide, the diversity of equipment setups and brew styles was represented by the local club members at work.

Some of those spending a good part of the morning and afternoon on their recipes were Scott Westpfahl (Kolsch), Justin Hammer (red India pale ale), Brent Martins (Bell's Two Hearted Ale profile), Logan Anderson (Kolsch and Berliner weiss), and Kurt Weina, who had an efficient single-gallon operation producing a Scottish ale. But few stick to one type of beer profile and had other completely different styles to share with visitors and among themselves.

National Homebrew Day also seeks to



Staci Saunders helps with a beer recipe under the guidance of club member Lee Reiherzer during Big Brew Day held behind The Cellar in Oshkosh on National Homebrew Day.

draw the attention of newcomers to join the fun. Staci Saunders won an SOB membership in an event drawing last year and was picking up skills from other brewers while attending her first Big Brew Day with husband Matt.

"Next year I'll be brewing beer here," she said.



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