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Council OKs 2020 budget

Tax levy will increase 3.6% for homeowners

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Common Council unanimously approved a budget of \$47,836,550 to finance city operating expenses for 2020,

which will require a tax levy increase of 3.63 percent over this year.

Property tax revenues represent \$21,350,900, or 42 percent, of total costs. The budget adopted Nov. 12 reflects costs set during preliminary budget hearings.

For a homeowner with a \$150,000 property, the tax bill for city services would amount to an additional \$48.08 increase from 2019.

The budget increase does not cover Winnebago County government, school district or community college expenses, which are approved by the other jurisdictions.

Councilman Matt Mugerauer said that while no budget may be perfect, this one supports the city's Strategic Plan.

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Photo by Jim Koepnick

Holidays on parade

Among Thursday night's Downtown Oshkosh Holiday Parade participants were members of Julie's Touch of Silver Dance Studio. Thousands gathered on North Main Street to take in the sights and sounds of the annual welcome to the holiday season. This year's theme was March of the Toys. See more parade photos on Jim Koepnick's Facebook page.

Fall calls keep Fire Department busy

Organizations work on preventive programs

By Samantha Strong
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

When envisioning a firefighter, the element that most commonly comes to mind is, well, fire. But in Oshkosh and at other fire departments across the state they have been increasingly responding to a different type of call — falls.

Most fall calls are from Oshkosh residents ages 65 and older, and three of four

Answering the calls

The Oshkosh Fire Department and its public safety partners key on city priorities.



adults hospitalized for a fall either die or require long-term care, according to Finding Balance Together, a Fox Valley organization dedicated to fall awareness and prevention.

Oshkosh Fire Chief Mike Stanley said that as the city's population continues to age, the department expects to see these

calls become more frequent. He said the department receives between 1,500 and 1,700 calls a year to help with falls in all ranges of severity.

Even though Wisconsinites encounter a lot of snow and ice, the most common place for falls is in the home, according to Kathi Hegranes, injury prevention and outreach specialist at ThedaCare and working with Finding Balance Together.

"What we typically find at our trauma center with a traumatic fall is brain injury or broken bones," Hegranes said. "However, we also typically find that a series of insignificant falls lead up to the significant

Deaths from falls

Winnebago County deaths since 2013 where the immediate cause was attributed to a fall:

- 2013 – 29 people
- 2014 – 45 people
- 2015 – 54 people
- 2016 – 40 people
- 2017 – 46 people
- 2018 – 61 people
- 2019 (through October) — 45

Source: Winnebago County Coroner's Office

one they were admitted for."

Hegranes and Stanley agree that prevention is key to controlling this community

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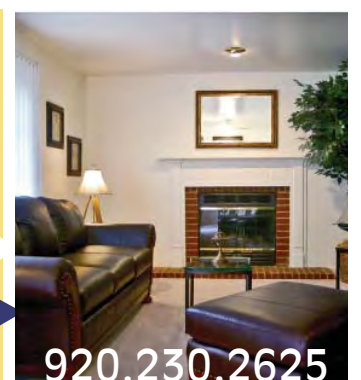


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West High loading zone restricted

By Tom Ekvall
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The Traffic Review Advisory Board on Nov. 12 recommended approval of a request by the Oshkosh Area School District and West High School to restrict parking, stopping, standing or waiting at a bus loading zone on Eagle Street on the west side from 420 feet south of Taft Avenue to Southland Avenue during school

hours.

The district uses this area to load and unload buses for events at Alberta Kimball Auditorium. Transportation director James Collins said no parking there between 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. would also allow for safer and more efficient snow removal.

In a separate action the board approved a request to place a two-way stop at West 10th Avenue and Minnesota Street. The request from Jefferson Elementary School and the Oshkosh Police Department notes that the intersection has become congested before and after school.

Police have reported that most traffic on West 10th does not slow down for the crosswalk and that traffic on Minnesota Street does not slow down or watch for pedestrians despite the yield sign.


Collins said in his report that converting the yield signs to stop signs at the intersection will help manage the traffic and pe-

destrian conflicts. He said traffic volume other than before and after school is light.

A third action recommended no parking on Marion Road, south and west sides, from Pearl Avenue to Jackson Street and no parking, north and east side, from 238 feet south of Pearl to 1,350 feet west of Jackson. The motion also includes four-hour parking and no parking on other streets in the area.


A resident from the Rivers Phase II apartment complex had recommended the change, stating that residents of the complex are parking too close to the area bus stop, fire hydrants and driveways on the south side of Marion and that vehicles are often left there much longer than four hours.


Collins also announced that Oregon Street is fully open, the Convention Center north/Ceape parking lot is reopened, and that the Hazel Street construction is nearing completion.



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DAR to hold membership meeting

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) organization is holding a public get-together at the Kimberly Building, 601 Oregon St., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday to answer questions for potential new members, help with genealogy, and give advice on where to go for documents.

Any woman 18 years or older who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution is eligible for membership in a regional chapter.

Twelve women, each a direct descendant of a Revolutionary patriot, assembled at the home of Mrs. J.R. Loper on Feb. 17, 1895, through the efforts of Mrs. Edgar

P. Sawyer and her plans for an Oshkosh chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). After 2008, the local chapter of the volunteer service organization disbanded and members dispersed into neighboring chapters in Appleton, Fond du Lac and Ripon.

Many of the Oshkosh Daughters still serve the local community promoting literacy, volunteering with abused and special-needs children, working on genealogical records, teaching classes and preserving the history and honor of veterans. Contact Cindy McLaughlin at 920-233-4184 for more information.



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District shows gains on state report cards

The Oshkosh Area School District earned an overall ranking of Meets Expectations on the State Accountability Report Card issued by the Department of Public Instruction for the 2018-2019 school year.

All elementary schools were found to meet, exceed or significantly exceed expectations, while middle and high schools continue to demonstrate strong performance, focusing on student growth.

The district received an overall score of 72.4, a slight decrease from the 2017-2018 school year when it received a 74.0. The Accountability Report Card includes data for multiple years across four priority areas: student achievement, district growth, closing gaps, and on-track and postsecondary success. The district was found to continue making gains in the category of District Growth, where it scored 71.8 out of a possible 100 points, compared with the state average of 66; as well as for On-Track and Postsecondary Readiness, where it scored 85.2 compared with the average of 84.2.

“We emphasize goal-setting based on growth throughout the district and are committed to ensuring that every student grows,” stated Julie Conrad, OASD director of curriculum and assessment. “Our performance on multiple achievement measures shows promising results, and we are proud of the progress our students and our schools have made.

“We also know that these report cards are simply one measure of our success. As a district, we are constantly evaluating and monitoring our efforts to ensure that we are providing all students with the oppor-

tunities and skills needed to be college, career, and community ready.”

Among the report card highlights, the district:

- Continued to outpace the state in the area of growth for both English language arts and mathematics, including high performance in mathematics.

- Increased the number of schools that fall into the combined categories of Meets Expectations, Exceeds Expectations and Significantly Exceeds Expectations.

- Has all elementary schools in the combined categories of Meets Expectations, Exceeds Expectations and Significantly Exceeds Expectations.

- Continued strong performance at the high school level.

Each school receives a separate state report card that can be viewed on the DPI website (dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards), and organized alphabetically by district name. The report cards measure each school’s results of the Wisconsin Forward Exam, along with attendance rate, graduation rate and performance on ACT Aspire and ACT exam for high schools.

“Each school has a unique climate, culture and challenge,” Conrad stated. “Schools are more than a single test or number. Each school has classrooms and students that have unique needs and opportunities for growth. With this in mind, the OASD uses assessment scores to help identify areas of strength and need for improvement, so that all students achieve their full potential.”



Photo by Joseph Schulz

Firefighters were called to a duplex on Jackson Street near Prospect Avenue that was heavily damaged by fire Thursday morning.

Three treated after Jackson St. fire

Oshkosh Herald

Three people were treated for smoke inhalation after a residential structure fire caused extensive damage Thursday morning on Jackson Street.

The Oshkosh Fire Department was called at 10:34 a.m. with a report of a downstairs area filled with smoke. The first responding units reported a duplex with flames and smoke coming out of the north side of the building.

Four of the six people living in the upstairs unit were home at the time of the fire. Three were transported to a local

hospital to be checked out. Two dogs in the upper unit also got out safely and the downstairs tenant was at work at the time.

The Red Cross was called to assist the occupants and the cause of the fire is under investigation.

A separate fire reported about 5:20 a.m. Friday at a residence in the 900 block of Monroe Street caused extensive heat and smoke damage. The first response units on scene reported seeing smoke and fire through the garage door, which spread into the home.

Fire officials said two residents home at the time escaped safely with their two dogs.

Thunderbird Bakery opens wholesale kitchen

Thunderbird Bakery has completed construction and licensing of its new wholesale kitchen on Planeview Drive.

First baking out of their home kitchen under the Wisconsin Cottage Food Bill, owners Trent Wester and Lizz Redman plan to use the new facility to expand into the wholesale market.

“We received tremendous support at the Oshkosh Farmers Market. We had reached our maximum production capacity at home and knew the demand for more product was there when we were selling out by 10 a.m. each Saturday,” Wester said.

The bakery produces sourdough breads using just flour, water and salt and naturally leavened using a sourdough starter without the need for commercial yeast. Thunderbird bakes cinnamon rolls, galettes and croissants and will expand on the wholesale level with buns, rolls and

breads for local restaurants

“More and more, people are paying attention to what is in their food and who is producing it. Bread has changed a lot in the past 100 years, and we are pleased to offer products with short ingredient lists and transparent sourcing. We’re even using some locally grown and milled flours from Meuer Farm in Chilton and local apples for our galettes,” Wester said.

The wholesale kitchen was built in the BARR-Inc mixed-use spaces and funded in part with a Capital Catalyst grant from the Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corporation.

Redman, an Oshkosh native, and Wester met when both were living in Santa Fe, N.M. The married couple relocated here in 2017. Visit www.thunderbirdbakery.com for more information.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

Nov. 17, 1905






Continental Clothing offers free turkey with store purchase: Carl Laemmle, manager of the Continental Clothing store in Oshkosh, placed an ad offering a free turkey with any \$10 purchase in their store. The ad created quite a stir around town as their competitor was quick to act and offered a

free turkey with a \$9.50 purchase. The turkey war was on! The price cutting volley continued right up to Thanksgiving. Finally, the Continental announced they would stay open on Thanksgiving Day until noon ... and offered a free turkey with a \$3 purchase. When Laemmle’s boss received the bill for \$3,000 for turkeys ... Laemmle was out of a job. But fate turned in Laemmle’s favor as he moved to Chicago and opened a nickelodeon. That step would draw Laemmle into the motion picture business and would go on to found Universal Pictures.

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Suspect in Mercy incident has history of threats

Related bomb calls stretch back to 2009

By Miles Maguire
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

A Nov. 6 incident involving explosive devices at the Mercy campus of Ascension hospitals followed a string of threats by a local man who has a history of raising false alarms and who is facing five felony counts in Winnebago County Circuit Court.

The man was ordered to undergo a competency examination Nov. 5 based on threats that were made mostly in Menasha. The next day the Oshkosh Police Department said it had found two explosive devices “in an individual’s property” at the hospital in the early morning hours.

The carefully worded press release said the man was not a hospital employee but did not provide a name or any of the details about how the devices were found or what they consisted of.

Neither the hospital nor the police will go beyond prepared statements, and neither would confirm or deny whether the man who has been making the bomb threats was the same man who was detained for the explosive devices.

No charges have been filed in the Mercy case.

The man who is accused of making the bomb threats is 29-year-old Joshua Cheek, who has been living in a group home in Menasha. The age of the man described in the police press release was given as 39, and he was said to have a home in Oshkosh as opposed to Menasha, al-

though Cheek has lived in Oshkosh, according to court records.

Cheek has been making bomb threats for more than a decade, court documents show. In January 2009 he was arrested in Gainesville, Fla., after using a public library computer to write that there were explosives at three local courts. The charges were dismissed in 2011 based on an “out-of-state commitment,” according to online records of Alachua County.

By then Cheek had been declared “guilty but not guilty due to mental disease/defect” on three counts of making bomb threats in Winnebago County. Based on a complaint that was filed in March 2010, Cheek wound up at Mendota Mental Health Institute in Madison.

In this case Cheek accessed the internet through a PlayStation 3 video game console and entered a California-based chat room, where he left a message: “There is a bomb in Oshkosh Wisconsin 54902, I have no phone,” according to court papers.

Police were able to trace an online address to Cheek’s physical address, on West Sixth Avenue. Initially Cheek denied making the bomb threat but later acknowledged that he was worried “because he had previous troubles in Florida for ‘similar things’ and that if he were to get arrested again he would get 45 years in jail,” according to a criminal complaint.

He eventually said he had made bomb threats about the Oshkosh Public Library, City Center and the nearby hotel.

But before that case was completed, Cheek was charged with an additional count of bomb scares, according to court records. In August 2010 he borrowed his

uncle’s cellphone, first to look up bomb threat cases against him in Florida and Tennessee.

Then he sent an email to the Oshkosh Police Department with the message, “bomb in downtown Oshkosh going off in one hour,” court papers show.

Court records indicate Cheek was released from Mendota in June 2014. During his stay there, he got into a physical altercation with a nurse who was forced to bite his hand to get him to stop strangling and suffocating her, according to a court document.

He later filed a federal lawsuit alleging excessive force by the nurse. The lawsuit, which was filed while Cheek was being held at Waupun Correctional Institution, was dismissed.

By the time Cheek left Mendota, he was facing an additional charge in Dane County of making a bomb threat. That case ended in 2016 with a guilty plea and a sentence of two years’ probation.

In May 2017 Cheek was charged in Brown County with “battery or threat to judge, prosecutor or law enforcement officer.” He was found guilty but not guilty due to mental disease/defect and committed to a mental institution. The commitment ended in March.

Cheek’s latest round of bomb threats

began after he received a watch from his mother that was capable of making phone calls but was restricted to dialing only 911, according to a criminal complaint. Police say that this device made more than 200 calls to 911 from Oct. 21 to Oct. 31, at least 10 of which involved bomb threats.

Cheek told police that he started calling 911 because he was “having suicidal feelings, but hung up immediately after calling,” according to a criminal complaint. “Cheek stated that once he realized he was going to be in trouble for calling and hanging up on 911 he decided he might as well keep doing it.”

He told police that he preferred going to jail to living in the group home where he resided.

The criminal complaint describes five specific bomb threats: to Menasha High School on Oct. 29, Family Dollar stores Oct. 30, Family Dollar again Oct. 31, the White House on Oct. 31 and Valley Packaging Industries, a rehabilitation workshop in Appleton, Oct. 31.

Menasha police took Cheek into custody at Valley Packaging and formally arrested him the next day at his home on Pleasant Lane, court papers show.

Cheek’s lawyer declined to comment.

Miles Maguire is editor of the Oshkosh Examiner news blog.

Salvation Army bell-ringing challenges encouraged

The Salvation Army of Oshkosh is the only corps in the state that continues to count Red Kettle buckets at the end of every shift. Its bell ringing registration site, RegisterToRing.com, allows it to email every ringer after their shift letting them

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Coalition awarded substance abuse grant

The Winnebago County Drug and Alcohol Coalition (WCDAC) has been awarded a five-year Drug-Free Communities Support Program grant of \$125,000 each fiscal year, totaling \$625,000.

The grant from the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy in cooperation with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration will be used to prevent youth and adult substance use through community engagement and collaboration. The Oshkosh coalition was one of 150 across the country awarded a DFC grant this year.

“It is essential that we are able to provide a safe and healthy community for our next generation,” said Winnebago County AODA Counselor Jenna Washuleski, who serves on the coalition steering team and helps lead the Prevention/Awareness Action Team for WCDAC. “The DFC grant will help enhance and strengthen the collaboration with coalition partners and give WCDAC the ability to provide resources and education that will prevent

youth substance use. Local problems need local solutions, and it is our mission to effectively address this need in our community.”

A key component of that mission is to prevent and reduce youth and adult substance use in Winnebago County. WCDAC got its start as the Heroin Task Force in 2013 and reorganized as WCDAC to respond to a broader range of substance

use issues, including alcohol, in 2017. The coalition is led by community sectors including people in recovery, youth, parents, schools, businesses, law enforcement and faith communities.

DFC-funded coalitions look to engage multiple sectors of the community and employ a variety of environmental strategies to address local substance use problems.

National honors for UW Oshkosh radio

WRST-FM at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh was recently honored in two national media competitions.

College Broadcasters Inc. honored WRST in two production categories. The station took first place for best radio sportscast for an episode of the Monday afternoon talk program “The Sports Page.” Hosts Nick Bode and Hunter Vaughn discussed the firing of Packers’ coach Mike McCarthy and gave their analysis as to possible replacements.

Third-place honors for best regularly scheduled radio entertainment program

went to Gideon Patrick and Max Fredrick for their Saturday evening film discussion program “Script to Screen.”

The College Media Association also held an awards competition where WRST took second place for best radio newscast for an Oct. 23, 2018, production by student assistant news director Emma Revai. This newscast also was honored by the Midwest Broadcast Journalists Association and won WRST its first national award from Public Radio News Directors.

WRST is at 90.3 on the FM dial and online on wrst.org.

Deck the Halls opens at museum

Members, volunteers and staff are getting prepared for its annual Deck the Halls holiday experience that opens Sunday and runs through Jan. 5 at the Oshkosh Public Museum as each room in the Sawyer home is traditionally decorated.

Santa’s Toy Workshop in the second-floor gallery features toys from the museum collection as well as those shared by the community.



Submitted photo

Live nativity

Martin Luther Church at 1526 Algoma Blvd. will be portraying the first Christmas in the town of Bethlehem on Dec. 7 through the efforts of more than 100 volunteers. A drive-thru Live Nativity can be entered on Algoma Boulevard or walkers can visit on Elwood Street and follow a candlelit path.

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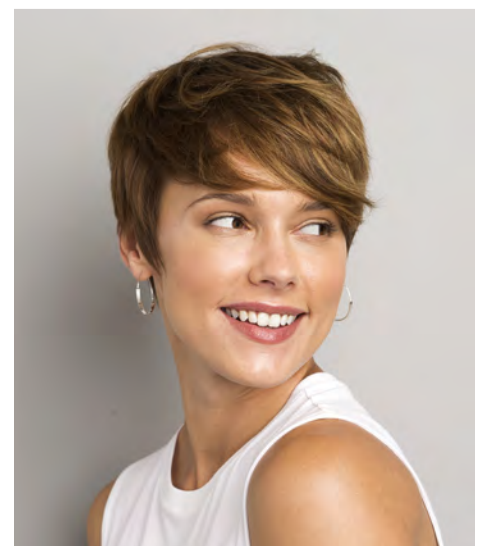
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Judge Key's experience informs court dealings

By Joseph Schulz
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR



Photo by Joseph Schulz

Winnebago County Circuit Judge Barbara Key started working for the county in 1985 as an assistant district attorney.

For more than 20 years, Judge Barbara Key has served as one of six Winnebago County Circuit Court judges, but her road to the position was full of career changes.

Key grew up in Waukesha County and attended the University of Wisconsin Madison, graduating with a double major in journalism and political science. After college, she worked as a reporter for a radio station until she decided she would rather make the news than report it. At that point she went back to Madison for law school.

"It's not that I didn't like it, I just decided that law was the way I wanted to go," Key said.

When she started law school, Key didn't have any intention of working in criminal law, but everything started to change while she was in school.

UW Madison helped Key get into a program called Legal Assistance for Institutionalized Persons, which did work for the incarcerated. She researched areas as diverse as criminal law and rent issues.

After being admitted to the State Bar in 1983, Key moved to Wisconsin Rapids and worked as an assistant district attorney for a few years before coming to Oshkosh in 1985 in the same position.

She was eventually promoted to deputy DA, where she was responsible for both prosecuting cases and administrative work. She later ran for Winnebago County DA and lost, after which she left that office and went into private practice. On the other side of the courtroom, she served as a defense attorney for both civil and crim-

inal cases.

In 1991, Key became a Winnebago County court commissioner, where she assisted in research before cases were sent to a judge.

She ran for judge in 1998 against John H. Wallace III. Key took 72.6 percent of the nonpartisan vote and has run unopposed since for the six-year terms.

Key's experience in multiple facets of the courtroom gives her a special perspective from the bench. Her reporter experience informs her view on public records, which she said show how public officials are executing their duties.

"People have a right to see what their government workers are doing (and) how they're exercising their judgment," Key said, adding that keeping records public prevents the government from abusing its

power.

Key also understands the other side of public records — a government worker's right to privacy.

"Just because somebody decided they wanted to be a public employee doesn't mean they give up all their rights and privacy, so that is a tough balance," she said.

One of the major changes she's seen during her career is the ability for anyone to conduct a simple background check. Key remembers when an employer would have to send someone down to the courthouse to get that information.

"Everything's out there, every citation someone gets," Key said. "So much of that information can now be used against people because it's so readily available. I'm really struggling with dealing with that right now."

One suggestion she has is removing civil case information from the Circuit Court Access website after a period of time.

Another change Key has seen in the courtroom is a decline in media coverage of court proceedings. She remembers

a time when there was a beat reporter assigned to cover Winnebago County courts.

"Unless it's a high-profile murder you don't really see (court reporting) anymore ... It just keeps everybody on their toes," Key said. "It doesn't hurt to be on your toes, knowing people are evaluating what you're doing."

Her experience as both a prosecutor and defense attorney also influences her work as a judge, allowing her to appreciate both sides of a legal argument with investigators collecting evidence either in pursuit of a conviction or an acquittal.

Key said for the most part defense attorneys and prosecutors get along, but when they don't she feels a bit like a mother having to break up a sibling rivalry.

"You just have to bring them back to, 'This isn't about you, it's about your clients and about this case,'" Key said.

She said judges used to think higher penalties for first-time offenders would reduce the likelihood of committing more crimes, but now the perception is that higher penalties can produce repeat offenders.

Key has found that treatment courts have been effective, pointing to Winnebago County Drug Court as an example. The program deals with nonviolent offenders whose crimes are associated with drug addiction and aims to change offenders' lives. Key spent 10 years as a drug court judge and is a believer in the program.

"If someone told me years ago that I would've been involved in that, I would've said, 'Yeah right,'" Key said. "Does it work for everybody? No, but does it save people? Yes."

She finds satisfaction in saving people along with the day-to-day minutiae of the courtroom.

"I think that I'm serving a purpose by being here, and by helping everybody feel that they've been treated fairly," Key said.



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High school class of 1970 reunion organizers get busy

The Oshkosh High School class of 1970 is celebrating its 50th reunion Aug. 14, and in preparation its planning committee has undertaken the enormous task of locating all 850 class members.

Two members of the committee first started trying to locate 170 classmates who they had little or no information on since graduation. Organizers said this involved many online searches and hundreds of phone calls to get any information. After the extensive work fewer than 10 have not been located.

To date the committee has traced 750 classmates, including those who have passed away, and are looking to confirm information on the final 100 as it brings many back in touch with each other.

Classmates who haven't updated their information can email 1970oshkoshindians@gmail.com or visit the group's Facebook page. Organizers said the information provided will be kept confidential.

The class is also involved in improving the school experiences of children in Oshkosh with its Acorn Fund through the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation to nine different areas of need. Emmeline Cook, South Park Middle, Merrill Middle, Oshkosh West Veterans Honor Wall, Webster Stanley Middle, The Teachers Closet, Take 5, Oakwood Elementary and Smith Elementary have all received grants. Donations can be sent to the foundation at 230 Ohio St, Suite 100, under the Oshkosh Class of 1970 name.

Festival working with club on Thanksgiving meals

Festival Foods is providing prepared Thanksgiving Day meals to Boys & Girls Club families in need at a discount. Those interested in purchasing a meal for a club

family can contact director of advancement Tracy Ogden at 920-233-1414, ext. 116, or tracyo@bgcosh.org by Nov. 20 and the club will coordinate delivery.

Public library calendar

Nov. 20

Library Card Clinic at Evergreen Manor, 9 to 11 a.m.; High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., infants to preschoolers; Wonderlab: Egg Drop, 6 p.m. Register at 236-5208.

Nov. 21

Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., infants to preschoolers; Morning Book Club, 10 a.m.

Nov. 23

A Grinchmas Celebration, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; LEGO Wall Open Build, noon-3 p.m.

Nov. 25

Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., infants to

preschoolers; Read to a Dog, 4 to 5:15 p.m.

Nov. 26

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., infants to preschoolers; Adult DIY: Homemade Snow Globe, 6 p.m. Register at 236-5205; Stories by Starlight, 6:15 p.m., preschoolers and families.

Nov. 27

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., infants to preschoolers.

Nov. 30

LEGO Wall Open Build, noon to 3 p.m.

Seuss-themed holiday event at library

It's a Who-tacular Grinchmas celebration at Oshkosh Public Library from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday under the Dome.

The free event, based on Dr. Seuss' "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," returns to kick off the Who-lidays as part of downtown Oshkosh's fifth annual Who-ville Holiday presented by Community

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UWO research finds high energy bills can lead to poverty

By Natalie Johnson
UW OSHKOSH COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

While it makes sense that families living below the poverty line have a difficult time covering their energy bills, new University of Wisconsin Oshkosh research shows the reverse to be true as well ... high energy bills can lead a household into poverty.

The nationwide study, led by UWO environmental sociologist Jeremiah Bohr and published Friday in the peer-reviewed journal Social Forces, indicates that dedicating inordinate amounts of income to energy services can threaten a family's well-being over time.

"In a state like Wisconsin with harsh

winters, it is very important to think of the families that have trouble covering their heating bills," he said. "At a certain point, it is non-negotiable. You have to heat your home or the pipes will freeze."

Bohr and Anna McCreery with Elevate Energy, an economic development agency in Chicago, analyzed household income and energy expenditures of thousands of American households across two decades. They paid special attention to households classified as "energy burdened"—those spending 10 percent or more of their income on heating and electricity.

"When comparing households living beneath the poverty line, those that were energy burdened were about twice as like-

ly to remain in poverty two years later," Bohr said. "This pattern repeated when comparing households living above the poverty line. Energy-burdened households had double the odds of transitioning into poverty within two years."

Bohr said the results have implications for discussions of poverty reduction, energy consumption and climate policy.

"Although renewable energy costs have fallen dramatically and are near parity with the cost of other fuels, carbon taxes or related instruments may nonetheless contribute to higher energy costs for some consumers or the perception of higher costs," he said.

Households may experience the im-

pacts of high energy costs immediately, forcing families to perhaps reduce spending on food or other necessities to heat the home or causing them to fall behind on their utility bills and, consequently, harm their credit rating.

"Activists and policymakers should keep in mind that too many households lack a proper safety net to secure them from policies that might increase energy costs. This research emphasizes the importance of energy assistance and energy efficiency for low-income households," Bohr said.

Bohr, who joined the UWO faculty in 2015, teaches introduction to sociology, environment and society, social statistics and social stratification.

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Nutcracker in the Castle, Nov. 22-Jan. 6, 11 a.m., Paine Art Center & Gardens, 1410 Algoma Blvd.

Deck the Halls, Nov. 24-Jan. 5, Tues.-Sat. at 10 a.m. & Sun. at 1p.m., Oshkosh Public Museum, 1331 Algoma Blvd.

Celebration of Lights, Nov. 29-Jan. 5, 5:30 p.m., Menominee Park.

Wednesday, Nov. 20

Climate Lobby Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Reeve Union 205, 748 Algoma Blvd.

The Culver's Story by Craig Culver, 10 a.m., Culver Family Welcome Center, 625 Pearl Ave.

UW Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra Concert, 7:30 p.m., UW Oshkosh Arts and Communication Center Music Hall

Thursday, Nov. 21

Free Kid's Day at the Nutcracker, 4:30 p.m., Paine Art Center & Gardens, 1410 Algoma Blvd.

Flying Jewels of the Garden, 6:30 p.m.,

Evergreen Retirement Community, 1130 N Westfield St.

America's Pub Quiz, 7 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

Shakespeare's Comedy of Errors, 7:30 p.m., Fredric March Theatre, 1020 Algoma Blvd.

Friday, Nov. 22

Free Kid's Day at the Nutcracker, 11 a.m., Paine Art Center & Gardens, 1410 Algoma Blvd.

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

Lady's Night Yoga and Wine, 6 p.m., Embody Yoga & Pilates, 579 N. Main St.

Dueling Pianos, 7 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co., 1501 Arboretum Drive

Art of Parenting, 6:30 p.m., Goodwill, 1600 W. 20th Ave.

Girls Night Out: Unleashed Tour, 8 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

Shakespeare's Comedy of Errors, 7:30

p.m., Fredric March Theatre, 1020 Algoma Blvd.

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

Saturday, Nov. 23

Breakfast with the Grinch, 8:30 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center, 2 N. Main St.

Free Kid's Day at the Nutcracker, 9 a.m., Paine Art Center & Gardens, 1410 Algoma Blvd.

One Stop Shop Holiday Art and Craft Fair, 9 a.m., Fox Valley Technical College, 3601 Oregon St.

Handmade for the Holidays Urban Craft Fair, 10 a.m., Becket's Atrium, 2 Jackson St.

Whoville Holiday, 10 a.m., downtown A Grinchmas Celebration, 10 a.m., Oshkosh Public Library, 106 Washington Ave.

Shakespeare's Comedy of Errors, 7:30 p.m., Fredric March Theatre, 1020 Algoma Blvd.

Lourdes Academy craft show, 8 a.m., 110 N. Sawyer St.

Arboretum Manor craft fair, 9 a.m., 1520 Arboretum Drive

Craft and bake sale, 8 a.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2450 W. 9th Ave.

Oshkosh Garden Club Scholarship Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Oshkosh Con-

vention Center, 2 N. Main St.

Heels on Wheels, 7 p.m., TJ's Harbor, 7089 U.S. 45

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

Sunday, Nov. 24

Deck the Halls: Let the Elf Hunting Begin, 1:30 p.m., Oshkosh Public Museum, 1331 Algoma Blvd.

Shakespeare's Comedy of Errors, 7:30 p.m., Fredric March Theatre, 1020 Algoma Blvd.

Friday, Nov. 29

Turkey Tumble, 8 a.m., Precision Athletics, 2080 W 20th Ave.

Candy Cane Lane Craft and Vendor Fair, 9 a.m., 217 N Main St.

Celebration of Lights, 5:30 p.m., Menominee Park.

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

Wisconsin Herd vs. Erie Bayhawks, 7 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena, 1212 S Main St.

Comedy for a Cause, 9 p.m., Backlot Comedy House, 424 N Main St.

Saturday, Nov. 30

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 9 a.m., Menominee Nation Arena, 1212 S Main St.

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

Hearing loop system added to church through fundraiser

St. Paul's United Church of Christ faith community and the Emmaus Ecumenical Catholic community that also uses its worship space combined to raise funds for a hearing loop in the church.

Sometimes called an audio induction loop, the sound system connects directly to people's hearing aids. Retired Oshkosh audiologist Juliette Sterkens was an advis-

er and inspiration for the project. The first loops were installed in Oshkosh about 2009 when there few in the state. Now an estimated 425 churches in Wisconsin are equipped with loops.

Fundraising was started with a donation from audiologist Dr. Candy McGinnis, owner of Fox Valley Hearing Center.

Business notes

Ear, Nose and Throat Specialists of Wisconsin (ENT) has merged its two Oshkosh locations into a new facility at 515 S. Washburn St., Suite 200. ENT Specialists previously had two offices in Oshkosh, one on the Aurora Medical

Center campus and the other within Mercy-Oakwood Medical Center. The group's new Oshkosh facility will incorporate the ENT, Audiology and Hearing Aid Center, Sinus Center and include its Allergy and Asthma Center.



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Fire department

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epidemic, and it can begin as simply as a medication review from a health care provider or pharmacist, strength and balance exercises, an updated hearing and eye exam, and most importantly, a reduction of clutter in the home.

“We consider this a silent epidemic,” Hegrans said. “Most people believe it’s a natural part of aging but it’s not. Some also believe speaking up will lead to them not living in their home anymore. That’s just not true. We don’t want you to leave your home any more than you do.”



Stanley

Stanley said fall awareness and prevention can help someone stay in their home longer by warding off severe medical issues.

“If you’re injured from a fall you start to lose mobility, which can lead to muscle degeneration,” Stanley said. “If you’re injured severely and need to stay in bed, you’re more likely to get pneumonia, which can lead to death. A fall can lead to

Listening sessions

- 1:30 p.m. Friday at Oshkosh Seniors Center South Building
- 9:30 a.m. Monday at 20th Avenue YMCA
- 1 p.m. Monday at Oshkosh Public Library
- Noon Tuesday at Downtown YMCA

some serious problems.”

On top of the obvious medical risks, Stanley said fall calls take a toll on a fire department’s resources and budget.

“Falls put an additional strain on our emergency services, in particular our emergency medical services, as well as hospital and health care systems,” he said. “They can ruin a person or even multiple generations financially because of the health care and medical bills, or even more severely, funeral costs.”

Erin Roberts, public health nurse for Winnebago County, said 55 percent of falls take place inside the home. Items that most commonly contribute to them include throw rugs, extension cords, stacks of books or newspapers, even a furry friend.

Across the board, Wisconsin has seen a slight increase in falls among those 65 and

older. The Centers for Disease Control report the state ranks No. 2 in fall-related deaths — more than twice the national rate. And Winnebago County ranks slightly higher than average compared with other counties in the state, Roberts said, whose job duties include home assessments of seniors who receive medical attention after a fall in the home.

During the assessment, Roberts discusses what happened in past falls, health history and risks, and works with patients to assess the future risk and take preventive actions such as adding grab bars and railings around the home.

“It’s really important for people to know they shouldn’t be afraid to talk to their doctor if they’ve fallen,” Roberts said. “Even if they aren’t hurt, people should know this is a huge problem that’s preventable, and it’s not a natural part of aging.”

Roberts and Hegrans both mentioned tai chi classes at the Seniors Center and YMCA, as well as the Stepping On program through the county’s Health Department, among the resources for ages 65 and older.

While the data shows falls are happening in the Oshkosh community, there hasn’t been much investigation into why. Jennifer Skolaski is a consultant for the Fall Prevention for an Aging Community

project, a community effort funded by the Basic Needs Giving Partnership to create an action plan to ensure older adults, regardless of income, can access prevention services.

As part of the project a series of public listening sessions are being held to learn directly from residents 65 and older most affected. Four more sessions are set for Friday, Monday and Tuesday at different locations

“We know what research says, but we also know that the number of falls in the Oshkosh area have continued to rise over the years,” Skolaski said. “Why is this? What as a community can we do to help reduce the risks of falling? We want to ask older adults who are at risk of falling and those who have fallen, as well as service providers that work with older adults on a daily basis and can share what they see.”

For those unable to attend the sessions Skolaski said there will be a survey emailed by the city or they can email seniors@can-pl.com. She said the project is expected to be completed in spring and the committee will construct an action plan in the following months.

This story is part of a series focused on the Oshkosh Fire Department, the services it provides and community issues it is working on. For more information on the department, visit oshkoshfd.com. To view all stories in this series, visit oshkoshherald.com.

City budget

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City Manager Mark Rohloff added that he did not support any reductions to the budget, noting that some unfunded expenses could be covered by discretionary funds should the council decide to approve a specific request.

Council member Bill Miller had suggested the possibility of freezing the library budget at the 2019 levy, but others disagreed with that action. Deputy Mayor Steve Herman said the library is doing a lot more outreach now and needs the financial support of \$2,772,700 requested, an increase of \$76,600.

The budget limits borrowing funds through general obligation bonds and notes to \$12.5 million, the same amount as with the 2019 budget.

The adopted budget includes adding four firefighters midyear, preventive maintenance support for the Fire Department, a help desk specialist within information technology operations, a new exhibit for the public museum, a management analyst for the Fire Department and a new position within the Water Utility Plant.

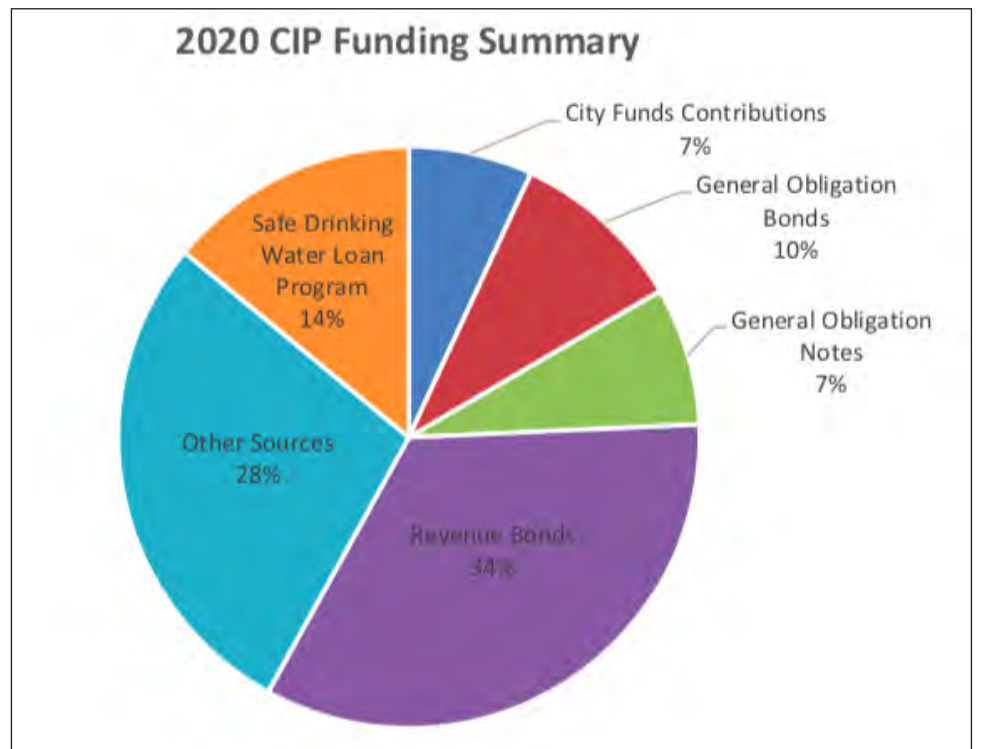
The council also approved the city’s Capital Improvements Program (CIP)

Budget levy expenses

General fund	\$19,945,900
Garbage collection	\$1,350,300
Street lighting	\$1,075,000
Museum	\$970,000
Senior services	\$372,400
Library	\$2,272,700
Cemetery	\$300,000
Leach Amphitheater	\$14,000
Pollock Water Park	\$64,000
Rental inspections	\$25,000
Capital equipment	\$1,011,000
Debt service	\$12,070,600
The Grand	\$2,000
Oshkosh Transit	\$809,500
Total	\$40,737,400

for 2020, with projected costs for 2020 at \$61,361,600. A copy of the total plan is on the city’s website and allows residents to filter or unfilter projects and costs. The CIP also lists unfunded projects that could be financed through issuance of general obligation bonds and notes should the city experience favorable economic conditions.

Some of the approved CIP projects include Oregon Street reconstruction from West 21st Avenue to Glatz Creek, Congress Avenue concrete patching and utility work, and Washington Avenue water



City of Oshkosh

A general breakdown of how the city’s Capital Improvement Program is funded.

main replacement.

No residents spoke out at the public hearing on the budget.

In a separate action, the council approved the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan update, which amends the previous

one adopted in 2011. The council also heard a presentation from the Carl Traeger Middle School First Lego League Robotics Team that suggested transforming the former Smith Elementary School into a community center.



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Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra holiday concert set at The Grand

The Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra will present its Holiday Celebration concert at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 7 at The Grand. Conductor Dylan Chmura-Moore will perform with the classical musicians to present Bach, Mozart, Wagner and other holiday favorites.

The 78th season of the Symphony Orchestra celebrates the centennial of women's suffrage and the 250th birthday of classical composer Ludwig van Beethoven. Concerts will feature female composers, local women musicians and works by

Beethoven.

The symphony will partner with The Howard on Feb. 16 to offer a more intimate experience with Celebrate Romance, then returns to The Grand on May 2 with Celebrate Women & Beethoven.

The Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra started in 1942 and has evolved from a civic symphony to a full professional orchestra.

For tickets or more information, visit thegrandoshkosh.org, oshkoshsymphony.org or call 920-252-6252.

EAA volunteer recognized for service

Michel Bryson of Oshkosh received the Henry Kimberly Spirit of Leadership Award for her contributions and volunteer service to the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) at the organization's Halls of Fame banquet Nov. 7.

The award is named for the late Henry Kimberly, a longtime Oshkosh civic leader who was instrumental in building community support for EAA when the fly-in arrived in Oshkosh in 1970, and later in the move of EAA headquarters to Oshkosh in the early 1980s.

Bryson was recognized for 27 years of volunteer service at the International

Visitors Tent during EAA AirVenture, including serving as chairperson of that area since 2004. She leads dozens of volunteers who offer translation services while building an international community among aviation enthusiasts. In 2019, visitors from more than 90 nations registered at the tent.

Ripon College award offered to county students

Seniors set to graduate from any of Winnebago County's nine high schools this spring are eligible for Ripon College's \$36,000 Local Commitment Award. Ripon President Zach Messitte said graduates from those schools would pay no more than \$19,776 to attend.

The award applies to seniors from Oshkosh North and West, Lourdes Academy, Valley Christian, Menasha High, Neenah High, Omro High, St. Mary Central and Winneconne High who are accepted to the college for the 2020-2021 academic year. The only requirement is that students live on campus.

More information is available at www.ripon.edu/winnebago.

Learning in Retirement calendar

For more information on Learning in Retirement visit uwosh.edu/lir, call 920-424-0876, email lir@uwosh.edu.

Dec. 2: "What's in Your Hearing Toolkit?" Hearing loss comes on gradually and can have a big impact on a person's life. Presenter: Juliette Sterkens

Dec. 10: "Changes in the Wind" Learn about new compelling long-term exhibitions that will continue the story of Oshkosh's rich history. "Sports & Recreation" will highlight Oshkosh's rich sporting heritage. "Deep Roots, Growing City" will share more in-depth stories on immigration and Oshkosh's lumbering era. Presenter: Debra Daubert, curator of ex-

hibitions, Oshkosh Public Museum

Dec. 12: "Preparing the Way to Christmas: Handel's Messiah" Prepare for Christmas by learning about the background, historical times, composer and librettist of "Messiah." Presenter: Jane Harmon

Dec. 13: "Resolving Conflict in a Contentious Society" How effective is mediation in resolving disputes? How does mediation work? Learn about the Winnebago County Conflict Resolution Center, its history, connection with the courts, and success stories. Presenter: Michael Rust, executive director of the Winnebago County Conflict Resolution Center

Optometrist scholarship awarded

Hayden Matz of Oshkosh was recently awarded a scholarship from the Wisconsin Foundation for Vision Awareness and Wisconsin Optometric Association in pursuit of his doctorate degree in optometry. The award is presented to students originally from Wisconsin who are members of the Wisconsin and American Op-

tometric Associations.

Hayden was selected among other outstanding optometric students. He is a fourth-year student at Nova Southeastern University College of Optometry in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and completed his undergraduate work at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.

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Lourdes' special season ends in semifinals

By Alex Wolf
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A historic season for the Lourdes football team came to an end Friday as the second-seeded Knights lost their WIAA Division 7 Level 4 Playoff football game against top-seeded Black Hawk/Warren, 34-7, in a game played in Middleton.

The Knights finished the season 12-1, making it to Level 4 for the first time in school history.

The Knights saw themselves down 14-0 late into the second quarter before a 29-yard touchdown pass from Josh Bauer to Preston Ruedinger made it 14-7 with just 34 seconds left in the half. But the Warriors were able to score before the half on a 7-yard touchdown pass to make it 20-7.

The Warriors — defending D7 champs — put up 20 points in the second quarter and then added a rushing touchdown in the third and fourth quarters to pull away.

Lourdes couldn't get going offensively as they didn't have one rushing yard while Bauer was 11-for-25 for 141 yards with a touchdown and interception.

Ruedinger had two catches for 62 yards and a score while Nathan Slagter had four catches for 43 yards.

The ground game for Black Hawk/Warren was too strong as they totaled 331 yards on 52 carries. Ethan Williams, their quarterback, only attempted five passes for 46 yards.

Jaylen Rufenacht led the Warriors with 159 yards and two touchdowns while Cayden Milz had 95 yards and a touchdown.

Black Hawk/Warren will face Edgar in the state title game.



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Lourdes quarterback Josh Bauer scrambles for yards against Black Hawk/Warren in Friday's state semifinal game in Middleton.

Wopat named Packers Coach of the Week

The Green Bay Packers late last week named Lourdes football coach Kevin Wopat its High School Coach of the Week.

Wopat, who is in his fourth year as head coach, helped the Knights reach their first-ever Level 4 Playoff game after a 14-7 win over top-seeded Hilbert in the Divi-

sion 7 Level 3 game. The victory marked the first time in school history the Knights have had 12 wins in a season.

Wopat said he credits the award to the entire team. He and his staff oversee 35 players, with all 35 suiting up for varsity. Assistant coaches include Nick Behnke, Tim Bromberek, Brendan Frion, Bryce Hilber, Marcus Hofmeister, Tom Murray, Dave Ruhl, Jake Ruhl, Drew Slade, Reed Tyrriver, Andrew Wagner and Nick Walters.

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College softball plans

Annika Johnson, an Oshkosh West softball standout, signed a national letter of intent to play Division 1 softball at the University of Toledo. She is shown with her parents Scott and Aimee Johnson at the school last Wednesday for the official signing.

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Titans claim WIAC title, playoff berth

UW Oshkosh defense holds off Whitewater

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's dominant football team over the past two decades has been UW-Whitewater, with several others trying to get to that level. One of those teams, especially during the past 10 seasons, has been UW Oshkosh.

Saturday night was another chapter in their storied histories as the Titans welcomed No. 3 UW-Whitewater to town in the regular season finale. This time it wasn't just the WIAC title on the line, as the Titans would earn a share with a win, but it was a spot in the postseason - something that not too many thought the Titans would achieve this season.

The game came down to the wire as the Warhawks had a 20-14 lead going into the fourth quarter. The Titans turned to their defense in the final 12 minutes, as they have many times this season, which forced four fourth-quarter turnovers leading to 13 unanswered points in a 27-20 victory.

"I am so proud of our guys tonight," head coach Pat Cerroni said. "From the coaching staff all the way down to the players we were exceptional tonight in all phases. To lose the way we did against UW- La Crosse a few weeks ago, and then to rip off three wins in a row in this conference to make the post season shows not only the toughness our guys have, but the heart also. I am still trying to process this win, but we did amazing tonight."

UW Oshkosh (8-2) will travel to face Central College (9-1) in the NCAA Division III first round at noon Saturday.

With 15 minutes remaining in what was looking like the final quarter of the season for the Titans, the defense rose to the occasion. After the special teams pinned the Warhawks deep in their own territory, the Titans were faced with a fourth and short situation with the ball on the Warhawks 35-yard line. It looked as if quarterback Kobe Berghammer was in trouble, but instead he managed to fling the ball toward the goal line where Mitchell Gerend came down with the catch for the touchdown as the Titans took a 21-20 lead.

Then the defense took over.

The Titans forced four turnovers in the final 12 minutes, including two Connor Zirpel and Nick Noethe interceptions as UWO clinched a spot in the postseason after missing last season.

"I wish I could tell you how we pulled off what we did in the fourth, but I can't," he said. "I don't know how the defense was able to come away with four turnovers in the fourth quarter. They have been tough all season and were extremely tough when it mattered tonight. They did a heck of a



Photo by Emil Vajgt

Chris Hess led UW Oshkosh with 59 yards rushing in a victory Saturday night over UW-Whitewater to clinch a share of the conference title.

NCAA playoffs

UW Oshkosh has a first-round NCAA Division III playoff game starting at noon Saturday against Central College in Pella, Iowa. The winner advances to play Nov. 30 against the winner of Wheaton College (Ill.) and Martin Luther College (Minn.)

job for us down the stretch."

If you were to ask Cerroni about the playoffs earlier in the season, he would have called you crazy.

"I would have called anyone crazy if they said we would have been post season bound earlier this season," Cerroni said. "Not only were we young in a lot of spots, but we were trying to figure out who our quarterback would be even a few games into the season before going with our freshman Berghammer. Even after getting humiliated by La Crosse, the team continued to play confident football and get better every day. That allowed us to get on the run we did to finish the year and here we are."

After a 28-yard Wojciech Gasienica field goal gave the Warhawks a quick 3-0 lead, the Titans offense responded with a long quarter-ending drive to take the lead.

Riley Kallas, Peter MacCudden and

Chris Hess pounded the ball into the redzone and then Kobe Berghammer finished things off from there as the freshman barreled in from six yards out to give the Titans a 7-3 lead.

Whitewater would respond as Michael Berentes hauled in a 3-yard touchdown pass for a 10-7 Whitewater lead.

After holding the Titans to a quick three and out, the Warhawks offense put together a nice drive which ended with one of the Titans' five interceptions in the game. Oshkosh managed to capitalize on that mistake as a pair of Hess runs helped set up a 6-yard end around from Kallas who reached the endzone giving the Titans a 14-10 lead. Whitewater managed to climb within 14-13 as Gasienica drilled a 29-yard field goal late in the first half.

Looking to start the second half with a bang, the Warhawks put together another lengthy drive setting themselves for another field goal. This time, Gasienica was wide left as his 34-yarder clanked off the post keeping things 14-13 Oshkosh. However, the Titans were not able to take advantage of that opportunity as their offense was held in check for much of the third quarter. That allowed the Warhawks to retake the lead with 38 seconds to go as Alex Peete found the endzone for the six-yard score and 20-14 lead.

Jaydon Haag kicked two fourth-quarter

field goals to increase the lead, 27-20.

UWO only totaled 236 yards of offense, but it was the five interceptions, three sacks and zero penalties that helped them pick up the win. Berghammer threw for 78 yards and a touchdown while rushing for 34 yards as UWO rushed for 158 yards.

Hess was the leading rusher with 59 yards on five carries. Gerend had four catches for 64 yards and a touchdown.

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Herd starts fast with four straight wins

By Ti Windisch
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Wisconsin Herd has won four consecutive games and, following its most recent win over the Capital City Go-Go on Sunday afternoon, had more wins than any other team in the NBA G League's Eastern Conference.

Four wins may not seem like a momentous achievement, but it took until Jan. 9 for Wisconsin to tally that many last season. The 2018-2019 Herd had 19 losses before getting that fourth win — this year's squad has only taken one loss through five games.

The most recent three wins came last week with the Herd putting up W's on Wednesday and Friday in front of a home crowd before heading to Washington, D.C., Sunday for that contest with the Go-Go. First up was also the Go-Go, who visited Oshkosh on Wednesday night and lost, 123-113.

Wisconsin trotted out one of its best lineups ever in that game, as Bucks assignees Dragan Bender and Thanasis Antetokounmpo were both with the Herd, as were both two-way players, Frank Mason III and Cam Reynolds. Those four were joined by Rayjon Tucker, who has been terrific this season for Wisconsin.

Even still, the Go-Go managed to take a 31-19 lead after the first quarter and held a halftime lead. A dominant Wisconsin second half turned the tide though, as the Herd began to move the ball more and exert more energy on the defensive end. Herd head coach Chase Buford credited his team with responding well after a poor



Photo by Emil Vajgrt

Bucks star Giannis Antetokounmpo was at Wednesday's Herd game against Capital City, where he was able to watch his brother Thanasis score 14 points in the victory.

first two quarters by outscoring the Go-Go 74-50 in the second half.

"I had some choice words for them at halftime," Buford said. "I think we all knew the way we played in the first half wasn't good enough for us, we were selfish with the ball offensively and it affected our defense, we didn't guard on the other end. I think the guys knew it, and they came out and showed what they could do."

Mason led Wisconsin in scoring, and posted 29 points, three rebounds, eight assists, and seven turnovers. Buford credited Mason for his gritty performance but not-



Photo by Emil Vajgrt

Herd forward Jemmerio Jones celebrates a score against the Raptors 905 on Friday night.

ed he was fighting through injuries. Those injuries ultimately kept Mason out for the rest of the week, although according to Buford test results came back negative, meaning the point guard shouldn't be out for too much longer.

Wednesday marked Antetokounmpo's first game with the Herd, and a special guest was there to take in his 14-point performance: his younger brother, Giannis. Thanasis said he didn't know the NBA's reigning MVP would be there, and that he was all for being assigned to the Herd.

"Actually I had the choice, if I wanted to go or not go," Thanasis said. "When I heard it was up to me I said yeah, sure. I wanted playing time so when I come up, when I play, I'm ready. And most of the guys, I know them, so it was fun for me, it was really fun and nice to play with these guys."

The Herd was back at it on Friday against the Raptors 905 without Thanasis, who was with the Bucks, and Mason and Jaylen Adams, who sat out hurt. Down two point guards, Wisconsin was sloppy with the ball early, turning it over 17 times and making just three of the team's 18 attempted three-pointers in the first half.

Despite losing the first, second, and third quarter and trailing by as much as 19 at one point, Wisconsin came back to beat the Raptors, 115-109. It was a gritty win led by Bucks two-way player Reynolds and assignee Bender, who added 27 and 26 points, respectively.

Buford said the team expects those players from the NBA club to have those kind of outings, and Bender said after the game he felt like he had good matchups but

wasn't trying to become a one man show on offense.

"It was just me playing within the system, trying to get myself out there, trying to work the glass," Bender said. "They were sagging a lot on the pick and roll, so there was not a lot of opportunity for me to get the ball and create something on the roll. So I worked down low to get those rebounds [and score], because they were going with the smaller units."

After the comeback win, Reynolds said the goal for the Herd was maintaining the level of play they used for their comeback throughout all four quarters of a game, instead of giving up a huge lead first.

"We just got to remain focused," Reynolds said. "We can't wait until we get down, we got to come out and punch them in the mouth and then sustain that the whole time. We got to work on being focused, we have kind of a young team, so that's our biggest thing right now: remaining focused and remaining disciplined."

The Herd took those words to heart on Sunday, and proceeded to punch Capital City in the mouth. Wisconsin played its most complete game of the season by far, beating the Go-Go 132-106. The Herd won each quarter and didn't give up the lead after the first eight minutes of play. Jaylen Adams led Wisconsin with 27 points in his return to action, while Reynolds added another 24.

Wisconsin is back in action today (Wednesday) with a road game against the Lakeland Magic. The Herd will not be home again until Friday, Nov. 29, when the team's plays host to the Erie Bayhawks after a four-game road trip.

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Ali Pecore competes at the WIAA Division 1 championships last weekend in the 500 yard freestyle event.

North/Lourdes swimmer places 15th at state meet

Oshkosh North/Lourdes Ali Pecore was the lone area swimmer at the WIAA Division 1 State Meet this last weekend and the junior had a 15th place finish in the 500 yard free.

Pecore had a seed time of 5:11.93, but

finished her race in 5:09.97. Arrowhead's Sydney Stoll won the event with a time of 4:54.85.

Last year Pecore finished 11th at the state meet in the same event with a time of 5:09.73.

Cross-country Midwest Regional held

Three-time defending NCAA Division III champion North Central College won its fourth straight men's Midwest Regional title Saturday at Lake Breeze Golf Club in Winneconne.

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, who served as host of the regional, took seventh place as Cody Chadwick placing 10th overall with a time of 25:02. Chadwick finishing 26th at last year's event.

Ryan Cutter of the University of Chica-

go won the contest with a time of 24:33.

The UW Oshkosh women's team also placed seventh in their Midwest Regional, with Washington University in St. Louis successfully defending its title from last year.

Top finisher for the Titans was Ashton Keene placing 17th with a time of 22:51. Keene finished 88th at last year's Midwest Regional.

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Nov. 13

WEDNESDAY RECREATION

Christianos Pizza def. Isagenix 101-60
 Pete's Garage def. Lakeside Marina 86-65
 Players def. Green's Pour House 79-51
 Oblio's Bye
Standings: Christianos Pizza 3-0 Players 3-0
 Isagenix 1-1 Oblio's 1-1 Pete's Garage 1-2 Greene's Pour House 0-2 Lakeside Marina 0-3

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Legends def. Oblio's 87-50
 608 Brewing Company def. Oshkosh Tattoo & Good Girl Piercing 60-59
 Hoops I Did It Again def. CLIC 52-48
 Team Manila Bye
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Lourdes' kicking specialists aim for next level

Johnsen, Meyers both considered top prospects

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Tyler Johnsen and Gavin Meyers entered high school unaware of the raw power and untapped potential in their right legs.

Johnsen was a soccer player who was making the transition to football. Meyers didn't even play the game his freshman year, choosing to focus on academics.

Four years later, the two Lourdes Academy seniors are exiting as college football prospects who will be taking their elite kicking skills to the next level.

Who says they're elite? Kohl's Kicking Camps says so. Johnson and Meyers are both nationally ranked by Kohl's — the most trusted evaluation resource for punters and kickers used by college coaches.

Kohl's rates Meyers as a five-star recruit in its 2020 rankings and the 17th best punting prospect in the country. Johnsen is ranked as a 4.5-star recruit and among the nation's top 100 kicking prospects. Kohl's holds a series of camps each year and rates prep players attending based on camp drill work and competition.

Despite the Knights' 34-7 loss Friday to defending Division 7 state champion Black Hawk in the state semifinals, Meyers has one more prep game to play. He has accepted an invitation for the Blue team in the annual Blue-Grey All-American Game on Jan. 13 at Atlanta's Mercedes Benz Stadium, home of the Atlanta Falcons.

While it's rare for a high school of any size to have two nationally ranked kicking specialists, the fact that Lourdes is a small Division 7 school made the situation even more unique. The Knights won the Trailways Small Division at 6-0 and finished 12-1 overall.

"For a school our size, it's unusual and we were lucky," said Lourdes coach Kevin Wopat. "We were really fortunate to have the skill sets they brought to special teams. Both would be good, too, at the opposite spot. Gavin would be a great kicker and Tyler would be a great punter. I wish they were a few years apart. Both will be playing college football in the coming years."

The actual numbers of both weren't off the charts this season, but there were countless factors involved. Meyers averaged 36.6 yards per punt, but had just 12 opportunities. He placed four of his punts



Photos by Andy Ratchman

Gavin Meyers and Tyler Johnsen, two Lourdes seniors, have worked on their kicking skills to take them to college football opportunities.

inside the opponents 20-yard line. As a junior, Meyers averaged 39.1 yards per punt and dropped eight inside the 20.

"He knows what he's doing," Wopat said. "He can directional punt, right or left. He can put backspin on the ball to try and place it near the goal line. He can rugby punt, and he's very good at that. And if we ask him to just kick it as far as he can, he can usually kick it 55 yards without much problem."

In its evaluation of Meyers, Kohl's stated that Meyers is a "talented young prospect with a bright future ahead of him" and

added that "he has a great frame to punt with and increasing the command of his drop should drastically improve his ability to hit consistent punts."

Meyers is a three-year varsity letter winner and is also a star in the classroom as one of the top students in his senior class. He is a student of his craft and knows there is far more to punting than just blasting away.

"I feel like I have five tools in my tool bag and can pull all of them out and perform at a good level," Meyers said. "A lot of punting is situational and it depends

on whether I have to flip the field, or pin a team inside the 10, or go for hang time. Do you want to go with a spiral? There's a lot more to punting than most people realize. Technique is so important — even more important than leg strength."

Meyers has a good mentor. His father, Tim, kicked and punted collegiately at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and UW-Eau Claire, and has worked with Gavin for years.

"He's been my coach since the beginning," Meyers said. "He's great to work with and we have a really good relationship. He really focuses on my fundamentals and technique, but he's fun to work with and has helped me get a lot better."

Meyers is stoked about playing in the Blue-Grey game, which will be televised by ESPN 3, and is grateful to those in the Oshkosh community who donated money to help fund his trip.

"Family, friends and everyone in the community made this possible and I'm definitely excited about playing in the Blue-Grey game," he said. "It's an opportunity to showcase my talents and perform with the best of the best."

Meyers hasn't accepted a college scholarship, but Kohl's reports that Iowa and North Dakota State have made offers. To get his high ranking, Meyers turned heads at the 2019 Spring Showcase and National Scholarship Camps.

"It's been a dream of mine to punt in college and I was lucky enough to have good days at the Kohl's camps and perform to the best of my ability," Meyers said.

Johnsen's kicking stats were hurt this season by some special teams snafus. He nailed 58 conversion kicks in 66 attempts and four of nine field goals. A four-year varsity kicker, Johnsen holds school records for scoring (more than 200 points) and the longest field goal (47 yards). He drilled 47 of 49 conversion kicks as a junior and four of nine field goals.

"We had a lot of trouble with snaps and protection from our field goal and extra point units, and he had a few blocked," Wopat said. "He'll be kicking somewhere next year. We had a lot of confidence in him. We'd let him kick from as far as 53 yards, if everything was calm and weather conditions were right."

Johnsen has a soccer background that accelerated his progress. His father, Jack, is an assistant athletic trainer at UW Oshkosh and has played a role in his son's de-

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Oshkosh Ice Hawks prepare under new coach

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Coming off a three-win season and a last-place finish in conference is never a good taste heading into an offseason. Finding out that there will be a new man in charge can often mean a breath of fresh air for a team struggling to get things done.

HOCKEY PREVIEW

That is the case for the Oshkosh Ice Hawks hockey team as John Thomson takes over for Kevin Walsh as head coach. Thomson was not part of the staff a season ago but knows they tried their best to get the most out of their players. Expect plenty of change for a team desperate for it.

"There are changes being made in how we will play as a team this season," Thomson said. "I believe the players are open minded about what we want to do and are very eager to get started."

"My goals are to get the players to understand the importance of teamwork and

what can be accomplished when everyone is moving in the same direction. The expectations I have for the team is that they embrace the team's core principles of teamwork, respect, hard work and dedication/sacrifice."

With some growing pains expected early, especially with quality seniors lost to graduation, Thomson and the Ice Hawks will be looking for their identity from the first day on the ice until the final whistle of the season. Thomson has no idea who may take the lead this season but feels that if everyone can buy into his system and the way he teaches, they could have success.

"I don't see a particular load being placed on a player or players," he said. "Much the opposite, I see the load being shared amongst all the players and them knowing they have the ability to change the game at any time. I believe if the players embrace our team goals and apply our core principles all the players will have the potential to make contributions at any given time."

For a team playing in one of the toughest

conferences in the state in terms of hockey (Badgerland) Thomson knows not to count anyone out in this league.

"The conference is tough and has some very competitive teams," he said. "We are working very hard to improve our competitiveness within the conference. I would say Fond du Lac may be a favorite in the conference, and Oshkosh may be the dark horse that surprises some folks this year."

Whether the Ice Hawks finish toward the bottom of the league or make their move toward the top, it is about everyone on the roster becoming better as players to help reach the team goals Thomson has put in place.

"The players need to stay focused on continuously improving on their individual skills and team play while working toward our team goals," he said. "In practice, push themselves beyond their comfort level and support their teammates; in games, we must play three solid periods of hockey — playing the Ice Hawks way of hockey."

The Ice Hawks open their season at 3:15 p.m. Saturday when they host the

Sheboygan Red Raiders at the 20th Avenue YMCA.

Warbirds ready for new challenges, alignment

It was nearly the perfect season for the Warbirds girls team in 2018-19 as they raced through the Eastern Shores Conference schedule unbeaten (20-3 overall) before a playoff loss to state runner-up Hudson ended the season.

Things will be much different for the Warbirds as the graduation of 10 seniors and Beaver Dam electing to form their own squad and ending their co-op arrangement has left Fond du Lac with many questions this season.

Expecting to be young with five freshman, four sophomores and two juniors, head coach Duane Woeshnick knows his team will have growing pains but ideally wants them clicking by the end of the year.

"We will look to get better each day," Woeshnick said. "The goal at the end of the season is to be playing our best during the postseason."

Even with such a young roster hitting the ice, Woeshnick has six returning players who he will look to provide leadership. Expect senior Hattie Versteegen, juniors Cassie Stephney and Tori Schmidt, and sophomores Emily Brown, Zaria Martens and Sammie Fischer to help the Warbirds adjust without some key players.

Even with those six being leaned on heavily, Woeshnick will be welcoming seven new players including senior Hannah Kurtz, sophomore Hannah Matter, and freshmen Sofia Koppa, Molly Biever, Lauren Taber and goaltender Hailee Scheier. All will be counted on heavily as Woeshnick expects the Eastern Shores Conference to be tough once again.

"We play in a tough Eastern Shores Conference, which usually provides a lot of Top 10 teams in the state," he said. "This helps us get ready for the postseason as we are generally battled tested all season."

Lourdes kickers

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velopment, giving Tyler opportunities to kick on the artificial turf at Titan Stadium. Johnsen has also worked with Tim Meyers on the art of punting.

"I never really got serious about kicking until towards the end of my freshman year," said Johnsen, who has not yet settled on a college. "Soccer had always been my sport and I had played it for years. I was pretty raw when I started. Working with Gavin's dad helped me get better and it really helped that my dad had the keys to Titan Stadium. Not everyone gets a chance to kick on turf."

Johnsen achieved his ranking by attending the 2018 Midwest Showcase Camp last December, the 2019 Kohl's National Scholarship Camp in July and the Kohl's

Future Stars Invitational. Kohl's online report on Johnsen said he demonstrated "excellent leg strength and power" and that "cleaner rotation and more command of his hips" should allow him to continue to make progress.

"There's a lot of mental toughness involved in kicking and different things you have to deal with, like the wind," he said.

Meyers and Johnsen were more than just specialists for the Knights. They were football players who filled starting roles on offense and defense. Meyers was a receiver who averaged 13.8 yards per catch and scored two touchdowns. Johnsen was a defensive back who contributed offensively as a receiver (five catches for 62 yards) and punt returner (10.5 per return average).

"I consider myself to be a football player first and a kicker on the side and Gavin would tell you the same thing," Johnsen said.

Obituaries

Terrell W. Cowan

Jan. 24, 1931 — Nov. 1, 2019

Terrell W. Cowan, 88, Hillsboro, Oregon. The son of Milton and Cecil (Milton) Cowan. Raised in Oshkosh, WI, husband of Mary Ellen Meigher. They moved to the West coast in 1970s.



Funeral Mass will be held on Friday Nov 15 at 11 am at St Matthew Catholic Church in Hillsboro. Burial is at St. Matthew Cemetery.

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Message in a Bottle

Over time, people have tucked messages into bottles and thrown them out to sea. Sometimes these messages are found long after they were sent. They each have a special story to tell.

Oldest Message in a Bottle Found!
The world's oldest known message in a bottle was found half-buried at a West Australian beach almost 132 years after it was tossed into the Indian Ocean. It was part of an experiment by German mariners to discover faster shipping routes by seeing where the messages drifted. The message asked anyone finding it to contact German authorities telling where it was found. Thousands of these bottles were thrown overboard over a 69 year period.
The message was dated June 12, 1886. What year was it found if it was 132 years old when it was discovered?

Find the two identical bottles.

How many bottles can you find on this page?

Message Connects People
In 2011, Daniil Korotkiikh was walking with his parent on a beach in Russia. He found a bottle with a message inside that had been tossed from a ship in 1987—twenty-four years earlier!

Put Frank's message back in the right order to read it.

My name is Frank, and I'm ship to Denmark. If you five years old. My dad will write back to you. and I are traveling on a write back to me, and I find this letter, please

Message Mysteries
Daniil and his father wrote to Frank, who was now 29 years old. They were able to meet via an internet video link in March of 2011.

How old was Frank when he tossed the message in a bottle off of a ship?
Where was Frank going when he was on this ship?
Who was Frank traveling with?

10-Year-Old's Message Found
On September 12, 1990, a ten-year-old English girl named Zoe threw a bottle with a message overboard from a ferry. Twenty-three years later while walking along a dike, a Dutch couple found the bottle with her message. They sent a note to her childhood home and reached her!

Use the code to read Zoe's message:

DEAR FINDER,
MY NAME IS ZOE. WOULD YOU
I WOULD LIKE IT A
LOT. I AM 10 YEARS OLD AND I LIKE
PLAYING THE AND THE PIANO. I HAVE A
CALLED SPARKLE AND A
CALLED

26 = A	20 = G	14 = M	8 = T
25 = B	19 = H	13 = N	7 = U
24 = C	18 = I	12 = O	6 = V
23 = D	17 = J	11 = P	5 = W
22 = E	16 = K	10 = R	4 = Y
21 = F	15 = L	9 = S	3 = Z

What would you write? Imagine you are going to toss a bottle with a message into the ocean. What would you write? Write it here!

Can you find the bottle's path from the island?

Extra! Extra! Bottled Words
Find five nouns and five adjectives in today's newspaper. Write a message to send in a bottle that contains these 10 words.
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Draw the bottle that should come next to continue the pattern in each row.

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AUSTRALIAN OVERBOARD MESSAGE BOTTLE TOSSED BALLET FINDER DUTCH OCEAN FOUND WRITE DIKE NOTE YEAR SEA

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

A	U	S	T	R	A	L	I	A	N
T	H	R	B	A	L	L	E	T	D
D	W	O	D	W	N	G	L	U	N
R	E	R	O	I	A	O	T	V	U
E	Y	S	I	S	K	C	T	E	O
D	R	E	S	T	H	E	O	B	F
N	S	E	A	O	E	A	B	O	A
I	M	R	D	R	T	N	O	T	E
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