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# Airport terminal project OK'd

# County Board approves facility replacement

By Dan Roherty

Winnebago County Board supervisors approved resolutions last week to move

forward with construction of a new general aviation terminal facility at Wittman Regional Airport.

The estimated \$6.8 million project has been in the works for several years as operating costs of the existing terminal have risen. Two structures on 20th Avenue will be replaced by one more efficient and right-sized facility to serve the airport and flying public.

Airport Director Jim Schell said that from a long-term financial perspective a new energy-efficient facility made the most sense after years of county review of the options for the aging terminal. Conceptual design work on a new or remodeled terminal goes back to 2013.

"What is the face of any airport? Well,

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Photo by Michael Cooney

## **Brightening holidays**

Ten-year-old Brody Enli and his family on Westbreeze Drive started creating this holiday light display four years ago and has expanded it every year since. This season he added synchronized music and a message that can be heard on his limited-range broadcast at 88.3 FM. The light show from 5 to 10 p.m. offers visitors a chance to make donations to the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry that are matched by the J. J. Keller Foundation, and for supporting display costs.

# Sawdust neighborhood draws housing interests

# Different developers look at living options

By Sean Fitzgerald Herald Contributor

A handful of multifamily housing proposals in the city's Sawdust District could accelerate the expansion of downtown on to Main Street south of the Fox River.

In an area that currently offers few housing options along the Main Street corridor between Sixth and Tenth avenues, these multifamily development proposals – if they come to fruition – could spur the critical mass of residents needed to drive additional upscale retail, entertainment and office space along Main Street from Menomonie Nation Arena north to the bridge.

Three proposals are in various stages of planning and raising necessary capital: Sawdust Lofts on the 700 block of South Main, apartments from Titan Properties at 915 S. Main St., and the redevelopment

## **Housing proposals**

**Sawdust Lofts:** 700 block of South Main Street. Proposed \$11 million, four-story apartment building with 60 units.

**Titan Properties:** 900 block of South Main Street. Renovation of a historic industrial building for 23 market-rate apartments. Currently awaiting a tax credit application from WHEDA to move forward on the project. Could begin in early 2020.

Pioneer Island: On the south edge of the Pioneer Marina. A 12- to 16-unit extended stay "condo hotel," available to boaters, their guests and others. Project could start in spring.

of the former Pioneer Inn. If all three proposals are fully realized as planned, they could add almost 100 total new housing units to the neighborhood. That's a positive step forward for city planners.

"Everybody seems to agree that the



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The former Miles Kimball Co. building at Ninth and South Main and the empty lot north of it are both locations for planned housing projects.

Sawdust District has a lot going for it right now," said Allen Davis, the city's community development director, who highlighted the opening of the arena and the

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# School referendum outline discussed

School administrators outlined plans to the Board of Education at its Dec. 18 meeting for developing and promoting an April public referendum that would fund building improvements at some existing schools along with safety and security updates for most facilities.

With a long-term building consolidation plan focused on a range of improvements at some schools while potentially eliminating others, the first-phase project estimated at about \$21 million would key on immediate maintenance work related to electrical systems, boilers and roof repairs while expanding the upgrade of security systems in classrooms and entry-

Assistant superintendent David Gundlach outlined to the board how the input from a facilities analysis, advisory committee and public surveys is being formed into an action plan with the first phase funded through a public referendum vote for im-

mediate needs that residents surveyed indi-





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cated strong support.

Short-term and long-term cost estimates for taxpayers based on different funding plans are provided through impact charts on the district's website. Some of those estimates are still being researched to provide more specific numbers.

Enhanced security needs identified relate to entrances, interior doors and updated technology. Interactive white boards used in all classrooms would be upgraded as part of an IP-based digital public address system to assure faster and more widespread communication in the event of an emergency. The current analog system limits the ability to make an announcement from anywhere in a building. and overrride messages.

Security cameras at entryways and other locations are also proposed in the overall security updates estimated at about \$11 million.

In response to board vice president Kelly Olmsted's question about whether to have a referendum combining more than one phase of the overall plan to avoid back-to-back requests, Gundlach and Superintendent Vickie Cartwright talked about exploring what other state districts are employing through either a recurring operational referendum or other phased approaches that can limit the tax impact.

Gundlach said specifics on the later phases of improvements and consolidations would be dependent on what is approved and accomplished in the next few

"There are multiple choices that a future board would have to make in terms of which sites you would in a sense close and how would that look," he said.

"Our enrollment patterns are going to be a little different. Our community needs are going to be a little different. We have to be flexible in terms of making a good decision at that moment in time."

The board plans to continue its workshop process on the referendum details at its next regular meeting Jan. 8 and will meet again to approve the official referendum ahead of the Jan. 25 deadline for state ballot resolutions.

## U.S. military orders 2,700 JLTVs

Oshkosh Defense announced last week that the U.S. Army Contracting Command in Warren, Mich., has placed an \$803.9 million order for 2,721 of its Joint



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Light Tactical Vehicles (JLTVs), with more orders anticipated within the company's fiscal year.

This order includes JLTVs for the U.S. Army, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Air Force and U.S. Navy. It also includes vehicles for the country of Montenegro. The 30 JLT-Vs ordered by Montenegro are among the first by a NATO ally.

"As the threats on today's modern battlefield continue to evolve, our warfighters need a highly capable light tactical vehicle that is uniquely suited for mission adaptability," said George Mansfield, vice president and general manager of joint programs for Oshkosh Defense. "The JLTV can accommodate over 100 different mission package configurations without sacrificing mobility or transportability."



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# School rezoning for housing plan advances

By Tom Ekvall HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Oshkosh Plan Commission recommended approval of a tax increment financing district that would enable Northpointe Development Corp. to transform the former St. Francis Cabrini school into a 35-unit senior living housing complex at Merritt Avenue and Boyd Street.

The Common Council had earlier approved a rezoning request to institutional with planned development overlay and a specific implementation plan to allow the housing project. The development company has indicated it needs the TIF designation to proceed with its housing plan as it will require a combination of financial assistance to carry out.

The alternative is for the adjacent Most Blessed Sacrament church, formerly St. Mary's, to demolish the historic structure, which closed as a school in 2017.

The TIF No. 39 designation will go before the council for approval.

The expected cost of the project will be \$582,000 with a projected redevelopment value to be \$1.83 million once the apartment building is completed.

Andy Dumke with the corporation told commissioners that all units will be accessible for residents. He said the company needs the TIF designation to make the project work in accordance with rehabilitation and conservation requirements under state statutes.

In other action, the commission recommended:

- A rezoning from suburban mixed-use district to include a planned development overlay and a general development plan and specific implementation plan for property at 2320 Jackson St. The existing properties consist of a tavern and outdoor storage area that would be demolished for development of an Advance Auto Parts store. Also recommended was approval of an access control variance.
- A residential design variance to allow window area reductions on the front facade of a home at 322 Sterling Ave.
- A specific implementation plan amendment for a reduced front yard setback for property at 1995 S. Koeller St.

Battle on Bago

Oshkosh Kids Foundation president Julie Dumke, Oshkosh Corp. CEO Wilson Jones and foundation member Will Deppiesse hold a check for \$5,000 from the Battle on Bago fishing tournament during a recent fundraiser for the organization.

# Battle on Bago steps up for Oshkosh Kids

Oshkosh Kids Foundation, a volunteer organization that formed this summer to give immediate assistance to basic needs of children and families, was the benefactor of a recent fundraiser that raised more than \$35,000, including a \$5,000 donation from Battle on Bago.

The Dec. 14 event was organized by Battle on Bago and Oshkosh Kids at Winkler's Westward Ho.

Oshkosh Kids works with school counselors, social workers and social agencies in the city, and foundation president Julie Dumke said the funds raised will help cover busing costs for students in need this winter.

The foundation has provided nearly \$11,000 in bus passes and housing for 20 homeless children in its first three months of operation.

More information about Oshkosh Kids Foundation is at oshkoshkids.org or by emailing oshkoshkidsfoundation@yahoo. com.

# **Education Foundation sets Trivia Night**

The OASD Education Foundation is hosting its seventh annual Trivia Night Fundraiser on Jan. 24 at the Oshkosh Convention Center.

The evening will feature team trivia at 7 p.m., 50/50 and gift basket raffles, and other prizes, with the doors opening at 6:15 p.m. All are welcome to participate and the cost is \$100 per team with an eight-person maximum. Preregistration is preferred by Jan. 17 but walk-ins are welcomed.

Return a team registration sheet to Osh-

kosh West Attn: Wendy LaCount; 375 N Eagle St, Oshkosh, WI 54902; make checks payable to OACF. Additional information is at www.oshkosh.k12.wi.us.

Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and last-place teams, and to the best team theme. Participants are encouraged to be creative, dress up, decorate team tables and show team spirit.

Proceeds benefit the OASD Education Foundation and enhance the educational experience for students and staff.











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# Arena owner seeks more time on revival

# Progress reported on operations, management

By Miles Maguire
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The owner of Menominee Nation Arena has asked for more time to file a plan of reorganization in U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

"The debtor is not a large company, but they face a complex reorganization," said Evan Schmit, an attorney for Fox Valley Pro Basketball Inc., in a motion dated Dec. 16.

Fox Valley filed for bankruptcy protection Aug. 19 and had an exclusive right until Dec. 17 to propose how to resolve its financial problems.

The company wants an extra two and a half months to develop a plan and says it has the support of many, although not all, of its creditors. Those who have agreed to the extension include the city; Future Bucks LLC, the owner of the Wisconsin Herd; and the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, Schmit said.

Those who have not explicitly endorsed the extension include the arena's largest creditor, Bayland Buildings Inc.; Oshkosh businessman Eric Hoopman; and the law firm that used to represent Greg Pierce, the president of Fox Valley. Lawyers for Bayland and Hoopman were not immediately available for comment.

"The debtor reached out to counsel for Bayland but was unable to connect prior to the filing of this motion," Schmit said.

As the end of the year approaches, potential lenders are likely to focus more on closing existing deals rather than working out the terms of new loans, Schmit said.

"The debtor believes that little progress will be made toward financing or a plan during the upcoming holidays," the filing states. "The debtor believes that with additional time it will be able to obtain fi-

nancing to provide more favorable terms to creditors."

As of the beginning of December, the arena had about \$29 million in debts and about \$24 million in assets.

Lawyers for the arena argue that good progress has been made in improving the business, which includes a restaurant called the Maple Pub. For example, Fox Valley has hired a new executive chef, Toby Reichart, who is working on a revised menu intended to "increase the debtor's food and beverages revenue," court documents say.

On the LinkedIn social media site, Reichart describes himself as a "traveling emergency chef" and restaurant consultant. He has been working at the Cannery Public Market in Green Bay.

Fox Valley is also broadening its management team by hiring a "director of marketing to further increase ticket sales and sponsorship revenue and a controller to

assist with the internal finances," according to court papers.

As previously reported the arena owner has hired two brokers to help with finding new financing, switched ticket agents and dropped some expensive suppliers.

The arena owner is projecting to expand its events offerings starting in February. "The debtor has also been meeting with a number of high-profile entertainment groups and specialty partners, to discuss the possibility of creating unique offerings and programming," according to the court filing.

If the delay is granted, Fox Valley would file a reorganization plan by Feb. 28 and try to get it approved by April 30.

Oshkosh is waiting to see what the next steps will be on the arena's financial plans but has "no legal objection" to the delay, said City Manager Mark Rohloff.

Miles Maguire is editor of the Oshkosh Examiner news blog.

# UW Oshkosh graduate cited for chemistry work

**UW Oshkosh Communications** 

Lindsey Westphal, who graduated earlier this month from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, was honored at the recent 2019 Sigma Xi Annual Meeting and Student Research Conference in Madison for best chemistry poster by an undergraduate.

Sigma Xi is an honor society for scientists and engineers with chapters located around the world.

Westphal, of Oshkosh, presented her

research poster, "An NMR Study of Organometallic Platinum (II) Compounds," which used UWO's new Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) spectrometer.

She conducted an analysis of the structure and coordination sphere of two platinum complexes with guidance from faculty members Brant Kedrowski and William Wacholtz.

"We specifically were interested in examining the effects of the NMR active isotope of platinum and its application in chemical studies, including kinetic effects based on structural changes, mechanistic details of platinum-based compounds in catalysis and developing methods for binding studies of pharmaceuticals," Wacholtz said.

Westphal, who excelled at chemistry in high school, especially enjoys working with the instruments in the lab.

UWO received a \$355,000 grant from the National Science Foundation in 2017 to fund a custom-built NMR, an instrument used to study the magnetic properties of atoms and provide detailed information on the structure of molecules.

The NMR allows UWO faculty and students like Wacholtz and Westphal to study the structural characterization of molecules in solution.

"Overall, I learned how to apply my NMR knowledge and use multiple techniques to analyze the structures," Westphal said. "I also worked with more complex data than what was covered in coursework."

Wacholtz said a strength of UWO's chemistry department is that students are "very quickly" introduced to working with research-level equipment in their classes.

As Westphal now begins to search for a job, her experience with the NMR is sure to be a plus.

"From here, Lindsey could go in a number of directions," Wacholtz said. "She'll have an advantage in looking for a job in the industry as she is well-prepared to use the equipment. We are proud of her. Her work is very good."

Biology senior and McNair Scholar Malykee Hall, of Oshkosh, also presented a poster at the Sigma Xi conference from his research with UWO's environmental microbiologist Sabrina Mueller-Spitz.

Jennifer Mihalick, a physical chemist and co-chair of the chemistry department, serves as the UWO Sigma Xi chapter president and was on the program committee for the conference.



Bank First has announced completion of a new office at 1159 N. Koeller St. with an opening date of Jan. 6 that will include a weeklong community appreciation event with free gifts, chances for prizes and food samples from several local restaurants.

Bank First has been in the community since 2011 and said the 6,800-square-foot building has the contemporary design and

efficient space similar of other recently constructed offices in Appleton, Sheboygan, Two Rivers and Plymouth.

"We are excited to move into a new building that is both beautiful and efficient, allowing us to better serve our customers as we continue to grow," stated Joan Woldt, regional president.



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# **Community** events

#### **Ongoing exhibits**

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

Deck the Halls, through Jan. 5, Oshkosh Public Museum, 1331 Algoma Blvd.

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

#### Friday, Dec. 27

Marine Corps League Bingo, 5:30 p.m., Marine Corps League, 4715 Sher-

Wisconsin Herd vs. Lakeland Magic, 7 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena, 1212 S Main St.

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

#### Saturday, Dec. 28

The Hidden History of a Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," 1:30 p.m., Oshkosh Public Museum, 1331 Algoma Blvd.

Wisconsin Herd vs. Lakeland Magic, 7 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena, 1212 S Main St.

Kid's New Year's Eve Party, 6 p.m., Precision Athletics, 2080 W 20th Ave. Ask Your Mother, 9 p.m., Rev's Bowl Bar and Grill, 275 N Washburn St.

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

#### Sunday, Dec. 29

Float and Fly Pop Up, 10:30 a.m., Inner Sun Yoga Studio, 716 Oregon St.

Buckcherry, 7:30 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena, 1212 S Main St.

#### Tuesday, Dec. 31

Noon Year's Eve Celebration, 11:15

a.m., Oshkosh Public Library, 106 Washington Ave.

A Becket's New Year, 5 p.m., Becket's, 2 Jackson St.

New Year's Eve Family Night, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Community YMCA, 3303 W 20th Ave.

Dublin's New Year's Celebration, 6 p.m., Dublin's Irish Pub, 2070 W 9th

New Year's Eve Celebration with Tony Rocker & The Comeback Special Band, 6 p.m., Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel, 1 N Main St.

Rising Phoenix, 8 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co., 1501 Arboretum Drive

#### Wednesday, Jan. 1

Texas Hold 'Em Benefit for OAHS, 10 a.m., Pixels Arcade & Sports Bar, 2049 Witzel Ave.

Harlem Globetrotters, 7 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena, 1212 S Main St.

#### Friday, Jan. 3

Marine Corps League Bingo, 5:30 p.m., Marine Corps League, 4715 Sher-

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

Who's on Fifth, 9 p.m., Fifth Ward Brewing Co., 1009 S Main St.

#### Saturday, Jan. 4

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.

## Back in the Day



Architect No More - William

### Dec 14, 1917

Waters, Long Identified With Upbuilding of State, Passes Away: Another pioneer, a man who has been directly identified with the physical upbuilding of Oshkosh for a full half century, has passed on. William Waters, one of the oldest and most successful of all Wisconsin architects, is gone. The death of Waters was not entirely unexpected, but the announcement

will cause no less of a shock. He had been in poor health for some time. General debility was listed as the cause of death that took place at 4:15 p.m. yesterday afternoon.

The famous architect was 74 years of age. Mr. Waters was married in Oshkosh to Miss Catherine Follett, whose father was Oshkosh's second mayor. Together they had a son, William Waters, Jr. and a daughter, Elizabeth, who resides within this city. The list of his designs included schools, churches, businesses and so many others they are too numerous to mention. William Waters was known to have been a generous man – it was said that one of the last things he did before his final seizure was to walk laboriously down to his office to make a liberal donation to charity. Upon more than one occasion, poor families had loads of coal and wood sent to them without learning the name of the donor. The funeral will be held on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. from the residence at 57 Elm Street. Mr. Waters will be buried at Oshkosh's Riverside Cemetery.

> Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, Dec. 15, 1917

## YMCA names new chief executive

The Oshkosh YMCA has appointed Jeff Schneider as its new chief executive officer effective Jan. 24. Schneider is a nonprofit leader with more than 32 years of experience and active within the YMCA community both locally

and regionally.

Oshkosh "The YMCA board of directors knew we had a difficult task in replacing Tom Blaze, a great CEO. While we weighed many options and explored all alternatives, we were fortu-

nate that the best candidate to lead us into the future was right in our midst," YMCA

Schneider

Board vice chairman Tim Mulloy said. "Jeff Schneider has the confidence of the staff, and the search committee knew he was our best choice."

Schneider holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh in criminal justice and a master's degree from Marian University in organizational leadership. His career began at the Sheboygan County YMCA in 1988 when he served as its sports coordinator. In 1992 he became the Oshkosh Y's sports coordinator. Schneider then served as youth and camp director, operations director and associate executive director.

In 2003 he was promoted to senior vice president and 20th Avenue Y branch exec-





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## Wittman terminal

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it's their terminal building, and just because we don't have commercial service here any longer doesn't mean we don't need a clean, modern facility that can carry us the next 50 years for what we do here at the airport," he said.

Grant assistance of \$1.8 million will come from the state Bureau of Aeronautics, with the remaining balance being funded by the county through its budget and bond proceeds. The project will include demolition of both existing facilities, site work and paving for a new parking lot, and an improved access road from 20th Avenue.

The current terminal facility, built in 1958, occupies 6,254 square feet and is operated by Basler Flight Service. The adjacent 33,000-square-foot terminal was constructed in 1971 to serve commercial airline operations, which ended in 2003.

"It's the gateway to the community from the air," Schell said, adding that general aviation and private jet visitors take away impressions similar to that of commercial passengers entering a terminal.

"They're seeing old, antiquated facilities when they show up on our doorstep, so we're really not putting our best foot forward from the sense of — we're trying to drive more economic development in the community."

The nearby Experimental Aircraft Association and its annual AirVenture draw a lot of eyes on Wittman facilities, regardless of whether they use the terminal, and Schell said the upgrade can only help create a more positive impression with avia-



The Wittman Regional Airport terminal buildings were originally built in 1958 and 1971.



Courtesy of Wittman Regional Airport

A rendering shows the new general aviation terminal proposed for Wittman Regional Airport.

tion interests. But he stressed that the new facility will serve the most general aviation traffic in the state 52 weeks a year.

Pointing to the age and lack of energy efficiency in the current facility, Schell said that "from a financial perspective this is a huge step forward for the airport to really as a whole work toward becoming financially self-sustaining."

Schell expects to have plans finalized for the Bureau of Aeronautics and the city early next year with a bid opening in April. Construction could start as early as May with completion by summer 2021.

The new facility will be a single-story, 12,500-square-foot building. In addition to serving general aviation traffic, the building will provide space for Basler Flight Service, airport administrative offices, space for a rental car operation and meeting rooms available to the public.

Schell noted that many new general aviation buildings have been built in communities around the state in the past decade and said it was time for Oshkosh to do the same.

"I'm glad to have the support of the county board and a number of other organizations in town that showed up to give vocal support of the project," Schell said, noting the Convention & Visitors Bureau and Visit Oshkosh, the Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corp. and the Chamber of Commerce among others.

"We're really working together now in a way I don't think we were in the past, at least not in recent history."

# Sawdust housing

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redevelopment of The Granary building during the past two years.

Davis noted the 2017 Imagine Oshkosh study that indicated the community would need an additional 400 housing units near the central city to support future growth. Given the community's recent economic and job growth, Davis said, "I could see that number being even bigger. Our employment is very strong. It helps to have attractive housing to attract people to the community."

The section of Pioneer Drive between Main Street and the railroad bridge would also be vacated to create park space and additional land for development. Davis said the city received the right of way for Pioneer Drive from Canadian National railroad earlier this year. That area across

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from the proposed park space is ripe for additional housing developments.

"South of the river, I could see some multifamily, other residential and some commercial," Davis said.

While these three multifamily housing projects may not yield more residents to the neighborhood until later in 2020, the concentration of more people in a walkable neighborhood is a welcome opportunity for new shops, restaurants, entertainment venues, and other new commercial developments.

One proposal already on the table is the redevelopment of the former Miles Kimball Co. headquarters building on the northeast corner of Ninth and South Main. Developer Bridgeview Holdings plans to renovate the historic building into restaurant and other commercial space on the ground level with office space for Oshkosh-based software consulting firm Oracular and other tenants. The proposal



Titan Properties has plans to renovate the building it owns on South Main Street that once housed King Industries among other businesses.

even calls for a rooftop patio.

Moving offices and several dozen employees into the neighborhood also contributes to increasing the critical mass of foot traffic desired by potential retail owners in the area. Those employees may also occupy some of the new housing developments. It makes sense, Davis said, as the proposed housing is designed with attractions for Millennials and empty-nest-

Developer Bruce Karnitz, owner of Titan Properties, already owns the multitenant commercial building at 923 S. Main St. next to the building he plans to renovate into apartments. He indicated the Sawdust District's momentum has been a key factor in the investments he has made so far.

"A few years ago when we bought our current office building, we liked the area and the continued interest from the community in seeing it turned around," Karnitz said. "At this point, (the apartment development) is our way to do something positive for the community."

What else could the Sawdust District attract? Davis believes there's plenty of room for entertainment-driven retail operations. Even with the opening of Fifth Ward Brewing a little more than two years ago, Davis said a more populated Sawdust District would be ripe for two or three more craft breweries, and possibly a winery or distillery.

Those and other entertainment-type establishments are popular in urban redevelopment areas catering to Millennials, the largest generation in today's labor force, and a previous generation of residents without children living at home.

Sean Fitzgerald is a former editor of The Northwestern and former publisher of New North B2B



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certificates are available for divorces occurring on or after Jan. 1, 2016.

Strohmeyer said that while not all vital records are eligible for statewide issuance, the State Vital Records Office continues to work with register of deeds offices to add or update specific vital records on demand, with the goal of having eligible records available.

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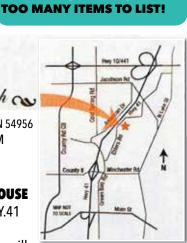
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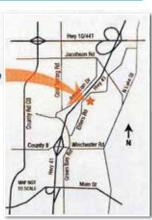
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# Many students looking for help with silent pain

By Mollie Schulz Oshkosh North Star

One in five students is walking around this school with an illness.

Since 1,270 students attend this school, that means about 250 students may be suffering from an invisible illness. In a class of 25 students, five of them could be in silent pain. Only one out of those five students will reach out on their own for help.

This illness is not contagious. It cannot be cured with a shot or a few days' worth of medication.

The illness? Lifelong mental illness.

Mental illness includes depression and anxiety, which are the most common, or it can consist of others such as bipolar, manic depressive, trauma, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

While this illness affects everyday life, teachers rarely know who suffers from it. The students enter a class and leave class, only leaving small clues that are often misinterpreted. But since teachers work with students five days a week, they are in the best position to make a difference.

It starts with knowing what to look for.
Mental illness can look like many things.
Common signs of mental illness include extreme mood changes, changes in school performances, frequent disobedience or aggression, hyperactive behaviors, excessive worrying or anxiety, avoiding friends and social activities, and abuse of substances

The worst part? Often these behaviors

get misinterpreted as misbehavior, which leads to punishments that only add to the pain someone with a lifelong mental illness suffers.

"I think the biggest advice to staff would be to be kind to everyone as we don't know what is going on in someone's life, student or staff. We are all carrying things with us throughout our school day so it is important to be kind, empathetic and offer our support," said North school counselor Kaitlin Stindt.

Teachers should bring an open mind to dealing with student issues in class. If they talk to students first, oftentimes they can find the reason for the behavior.

It is important for teachers to remember that just because a student's behavior changes doesn't always mean they are suicidal.

Stindt said that the counselors have tried to better prepare staff for dealing with the invisible illness.

"QPR (question, persuade, and refer) can help staff identify mental health changes in students," she said.

The No. 1 thing teachers should remember is not to be afraid to ask if the student is ok.

"Asking someone directly about suicidal intent lowers anxiety, opens up communication and lowers the risk of an impulsive act."

If a student opens up to a teacher, that teacher should take into consideration the child's mental needs. The student may even have a 504b (physical accommodations) plan for their illness.

And most importantly, show the student some support and kindness.

Often, teachers tend to back off when they notice a student suffering from a mental illness because they don't want to push them. That's not really the way to go.

This by no means requires a teacher to avoid discipline. The discipline should come from an understanding and supportive intention though. It will help them to find a motivation and build rapport.

A current North student who suffers from a mental illness highlighted the need for more support and positivity: "When you suffer from a mental illness like depression and anxiety, you tend to lose all motivation in life."

Knowing they are still held accountable for things will help them find that motivation to succeed because it shows that you believe they can still succeed in life.

Students who come to school every day with a mental illness tend to have some sort of coping mechanism. Sometimes it's healthy. Other times, it's not.

Some unhealthy coping mechanisms students may have include substance abuse, aggression toward self and others, and self-harm.

If a teacher notices a student that may have some unhealthy coping mechanisms, the teacher should not hesitate to talk to them privately about it.

Teachers might even offer personal recommendations for healthy ways to cope, such as breathing techniques, writing about their feelings, and talking to someone such as a counselor or trusted adult. If the student lacks proper health care, the teacher could also inform the students about ways to get in touch with someone in the mental health profession. Talking to a doctor, professionals at school, Catalpa Health, day treatment programs, a wellness screen, and the Rise Up program are great suggestions to inform the student and guardian about.

Teachers must always remember to be nonjudgmental when it comes to these situations because no matter what, teachers will never know the entire cause of the student's mental illness.

If teachers pay more attention, and students start letting the people who care about them in, it will greatly reduce — because it can never completely remedy — the pain people with mental illness experience.

One person every 40 seconds all around the world commit suicide due to a mental illness.

Just because this illness doesn't have some sort of vaccination doesn't mean there isn't anything that will help make it less painful.

Teachers need to take notice before it's too late. They should never be or feel blamed if they don't notice, but it goes a long way in ensuring the health of their students. Teachers who fear confronting a student should seek out a counselor or administrator to help the conversation move forward.

Together, teachers and students can reduce the pain.

# Haitian visitors share universal experiences at West

By K. Ambati and A. Eaton OSHKOSH WEST INDEX

From the drumbeat of an orphan to the swing of a penniless boy, Bill Nathan and Walnes Cangas have forsaken luxury and wealth to provide a hopeful future for children in Haiti. Their goal for a visit to West on Sept. 27 was to expose students of Global Academy to the truth about Haiti, beyond its connotation as a poverty-ridden, natural-disaster-prone country.

"Whenever Haiti appears on the news, it is when something bad is happening, you know?" Cangas said. "A disaster or riot or whatever. But we are here to let people here in Oshkosh know that there is a lot of good going on in Haiti. The people there are wonderful and Haiti is beautiful."

Laurie Stevens, associate director of admissions at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, became involved with Haiti many years ago through her mother. Since then, she has worked with Nathan and Cangas to bring students in Global Academy a wonderful experience each year.

"Helping coordinate their visit and being a part of their time at West is one way I can try to make some kind of difference in the lives of others," she said. "Watching, absorbing and being a part of it all is a gift I treasure."

One of Cangas' favorite parts about the trip is simply looking around and observing all the different aspects of American culture.

"Coming to the U.S. is just wonderful to me because the way things are here," he said. "There is a lot we can take back and talk to our Haitian leaders about, and that way they can implement it in our own country."

In Haiti, Nathan and Cangas enjoy hosting Americans in their guest house. Laurie Stevens had the opportunity to visit them with her daughter, Kara Stevens. Upon returning from the trip, Kara Stevens was asked by Jeff Schinker, a World Cultures teacher at the time, to present her experience to the class.

"I had never been in a place with so much poverty — where not all people had food, running water, electricity, education or access to health care," she said. "At the same time, I had never seen a population of people so truly happy, vibrant, welcoming and generous."

Kara Stevens learned so much while visiting Haiti, which has inspired her to share with others. She recognizes how important it is for West to host events such as this because it allows the students to experience a part of other cultures.

"The bond formed between Bill and Walnes and Oshkosh West is very special," she said. "I can't even put into words what Haiti taught me, and that is something you can only experience firsthand, by studying abroad or visiting a country."

Global Academy strives to present students with hands-on experiences, which has proven to be very effective in their studies

"My short time spent in Haiti taught me more than any textbook or lecture ever could," Kara Stevens said. "Even though I traveled there five years ago, I still think about that trip constantly."

Since then, social studies teacher Jeff Schinker has worked with Laurie Stevens to coordinate the logistics and details of the day Nathan and Cangas come. He enjoys seeing the reactions of the crowd.

"My favorite part was watching the expression on the faces of my freshman students," he said, "seeing them engage with Bill and Walnes through dance, song and activities. Also, them seeing the connections between the sympathy that exists for most of the people in Haiti."

The students enjoy when the Haitian men come and present about their lives, because they are able to see firsthand how their contributions affect the lives of those in Haiti. Last year, the students were able to contribute to new wells being built and were excited to learn about how they could continue to help.

"The biggest takeaway would be the cultural exchange that happens between our students and the guys from Haiti," Schinker said. "Because we have been working together for as long as we have, we've seen what has happened with the orphanage, and how our students have helped contribute to it being more efficiently run, and I think that's really cool."

Schinker's goal is to help the students in

Global Academy feel like they have a part in helping out in Haiti. They do this by raising money in each of the levels. Each year when Cangas and Nathan visit, students like junior Sage Wesenberg are able to see the fruits of their contributions.

"I learned how our donations, even though they may be small, can impact them so greatly," she said. "They use the shelter they built for a meeting place, a place for everyone to go, a place for people to worship God, and it's so cool that it's something we contributed to."

One of the main messages that Global Academy reiterates to every level is the importance of being globally aware and having a perspective beyond what they read in their books and online. The opportunity to have a cultural interaction that also relates to what they have been learning in class was something that was exciting for the students.

"Having actual people come is a whole different experience than watching a video," Wesenberg said. "We could have just had Bill and Walnes' video, but when they actually come here it's a lot different. We got to ask them questions, which I really liked."

Nathan and Cangas informed the students about what is going on in Haiti with outreach and daily life. By showing them how different it is in Haiti, students like

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# West basketball captain works back from injury

By Zade Alzoubi OSHKOSH WEST INDEX

Senior and captain of the boy's basketball team Karter Thomas has proven to be one of the best players in the state after a standout 2018-19 season averaging 24.2 points per game. With the basketball season getting underway, Thomas is on a quest to come back from a serious knee injury from last season, hoping to lead the Wildcats to state for the first time since

Head coach Mike Johnson has seen Thomas work in the offseason and believes he will be a force to be reckoned with this upcoming season.

"Karter is in the best shape of his life," he said. "He took his recovery and rehab very seriously and is ready to hit the ground running. Anyone who underestimates his abilities coming off an injury will have a rude awakening."

After tearing both his ACL and meniscus, and an eight-month recovery, Thomas kept his eyes on his goal, which was a successful recovery.

"It was a long road but now I am able to do what I love again, which is playing basketball," he said.

One of the keys to success after a season-ending injury for Thomas was working hard in the offseason, which took a lot of dedication.

"Karter has perfect attendance for our off-season activities and is a leader and mentor to our youth players. He is one of the more skilled players in the state and plays with a lot of passion .... when he channels that passion in a positive way, it is infectious to our entire team and takes us to another level," Johnson said.

After not being able to play the sport he loves for months, he began to fully understand the beauty of the game.

"This off-season with the physical activity I worked on things that I never thought I would have to work on to be successful and this made me more athletic and my knee is stronger with all the physical therapy that I did. I think that I am going to come back stronger with my mental aspect because me not being able to play basketball and see others out there it was really hard to comprehend."

Thomas had loads of confidence coming into the start of the season, saying it is all about the mindset and expectation to

"I know I will come back stronger this

season. It all comes with confidence in my opinion because of I have the attitude I have," he said.

Thomas, who only has one more season of high school basketball, has seen himself grow not only as a basketball player, but as a person.

"As an athlete I have grown a lot; I have gotten stronger faster and just developed my body for the better," he said. "I have put a lot of work into the weight room and in the gym to develop my overall game and be able to be successful and help the team win. I think it's easy for me to say that I have grown more as a person than an athlete because I have realized how I need to carry myself."

Thomas had an exceptional season last year, and Johnson can't wait to see what he will bring to the team this season.

Junior Jacquez Overstreet sees Thomas as a leader who is constantly helping out the team in multiple different ways.

"He is a great leader. Whenever we work out or whenever we are in practice, he always pushes everyone and is always looking out for teammates," he said.

With Thomas' last season of high school basketball coming to a close, Overstreet has seen him grow as a person on and off

the court and thinks Thomas is one of the hardest-working people he knows.

"I've known Karter since fourth or fifth grade. Karter's work ethic is out of control. He's always working, and he is always trying to improve as a basketball to get to the next level and reach maximum potential," Overstreet said.

Thomas has matured a lot on the basketball court over the years. He hopes to give advice to younger athletes by changing their mindset and getting a strong work ethic.

"The biggest advice I can give to a young athlete is that listen to their coach and trust the process because that is what I did with Coach Johnson," Thomas said. "Over the years I have been in the gym 6-7 days (a week) and same with the weight room as well."

Physical rehabilitation has parallels to any challenge in a person's life.

"Find something that will keep you going every day and realize what you're doing now will get you where you want to be in the future not just with basketball same with school and overall just in life," Thomas said. "Something that I live by is GOLA: Grind or live average."

and believes that they are truly inspira-

tional and empowering to anyone willing

## Haiti visitors

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freshman Sarah Pizon stop and evaluate their own lives.

"My favorite part of the day was when the visitors told us about their experiences living in Haiti," she said. "I was able to compare their way of life to my selfish comforts."

To get a glimpse of some challenges that Haitians face each day, students are invited to walk across a path of rocks set up on stage in the Little Theater to simulate the much longer journey families have to take so often to get water. Through this, Pizon's eyes were opened to the hardships many Haitians face, but she also realized the optimistic attitude they are able to keep throughout everything.

"I learned that although certain events in their society may be less than ideal, they still have a positive outlook and always have a smile on their face," she said.

For Cangas, one of the reasons he has this outlook is because he finds the Haitian culture very rich and full of life.

"The music is so lively especially," he said. "Bill is a drummer and I am a dancer and we come here and perform and it's to show people the goodness that is over

## First Congregational sets vesper service

The Holden Evening Prayer vesper service is set for 5 p.m. on New Year's Eve at First Congregational Church, 137 Algoma Blvd., where the community is welcome to attend.

Written by Marty Haugen while living in the Holden Village in the North Cascades of Washington, the Evening Prayer is a song service of haunting melodies and contemplative worship.

The First Congregational Church choir will lead the audience in the choral music, accompanied by Joanne Peterson on piano. Kristopher Ulrich will sing the role of cantor. Beth Kinzel will provide flute. Members of other choirs are welcome to join an open rehearsal at 4 p.m., one hour before the service.

there."

Wesenberg appreciates the talent that Nathan and Cangas display when they show the students the different dances and drumbeats. It is exciting for them to take in the energy that comes from their music, especially when students are given the opportunity to try out a few of the

"I really liked when Walnes danced and Bill did the drumming because they are really good at it and it shows their culture and what they used to do as kids," Wesenberg said. "Bill used to be a child slave, and he has a lot of passion when he is drumming and when they are dancing, and I really like to watch that."

When Bill talks about his background, it exposes students to the reality of life in Haiti. It seems more real to hear it from someone who has been through tough times themselves than to simply watch a video.

"Obviously we know that in other countries there are hard things going on, but when you hear about it from someone who has experienced it firsthand, it's different than just reading it out of a textbook," Wesenberg said.

The participation of the day is also one of Nathan's favorite aspects of his visit, as well as being able to show the students the difference they are making in Haiti.

"My favorite part about coming here is the opportunity to share with them our culture and the impact that we are making in so many lives of the children and families in Haiti," he said.

Cangas also appreciates the open-mindedness of students while they are introducing them to the dances, and other tales about Haiti that they may not have known

"I really like how when we come here the students embrace what we do and we technically bring Haiti to them," he said. "It's very fascinating to see them and the impact it makes on them and how they respond to that in a positive way."

It is also inspiring for Nathan to see how everyone wants to be involved, whether it be physically trying out the dances or activities, to also attentively listening to the firsthand stories. He knows the difference having an awareness about other cultures can have on students.

"I think it is important for students to learn about other cultures because, so often, you think where you are is the only place that exists, but there is much more in the world," he said.

Marriane Boehme, chairperson of the Haiti Outreach of Saint Frances Cabrini Parish, works close with Nathan and Cangas through the ministry, and agrees with Nathan's ideology. Her goal for the presentation is that it would empower students in their future endeavors.

said. "Dream big. Invest in people because if you do this it will help you with your dream. We can all pay it forward and even if it is not with money, we can do it with other things."

Laurie Stevens supports and will continue to support this event because she believes it is so beneficial for students to break away from the typical textbook learning style. She has experienced how impactful Nathan and Cangas' stories are

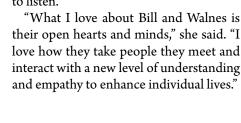
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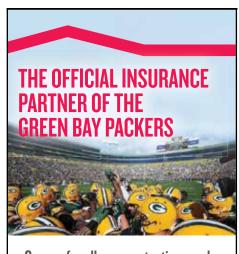
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# Spartans wrestlers stay unbeaten in FVA

By Dustin Riese
Herald Contributor

APPLETON – And then there were two, as the class of unbeatens shrank by one in the Fox Valley Association wrestling standings Thursday night with Neenah going down to Kimberly.

That left Kaukauna and Oshkosh North as the only two with unblemished marks as the Spartans looked to continue that trend on the road against Appleton North.

It was an epic dual as both teams went toe-to-toe for all 14 matches. In the end it was a three-match run that awarded Oshkosh North 18 consecutive points that proved to be the difference as the Spartans held off a late Lightning rally to move to 3-0 with a 40-35 win.

"I am really happy with our team effort on the mat tonight," head coach JR Zemke said. "The kids have been going out each week and wrestling to the best of their abilities. As coaches, that is all you can ask for and the early results have been promising." The match started at the 170-pound tilt where the Lightning's Jackson Schipper took down Antonio Cervantes 16-5 for the major decision win and 4-0 Lightning lead. The Spartans responded at 182 pounds as Jeremiah Chmielewski earned the pinfall over Gabe Cihlar with 42 seconds left in the first period to go up 6-4. Then down 10-6, the Spartans retook the lead when Raymond McCann pinned Calvin Hansen just 53 seconds in and the battle was on.

Appleton refused to go down as another pin at 285 pounds put them back in front 16-12 before the lightweight matches took center stage. It was at this point the Spartans not only took the lead back with a Jonathon Molash pin at 106, but pins from Carly Ochoa and Jonathon Burk at 113 and 120 pounds, respectively, gave the Spartans 18 unanswered points and a 30-16 advantage.

Zemke said that string of strong matches provided his team with the confidence to finish the meet strong.

"To me, that three-match stretch we put

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together was certainly the turning point of the dual," he said. "Those 18 points we were able to string together not only gave us the lead for good but allowed us to have some breathing room. Outside of that, the rest of the dual was back and forth and was up for grabs until the final two matches. It was good to see our kids fight through the ups and downs tonight and come away with a solid victory against a good opponent."

In danger of getting blown out of their own gym, the Lightning rallied with 10 unanswered points of their own to close the gap to 30-26 as Michael Smith pinned Dylan Besaw with one second remaining in the second period at 126 pounds, followed by a 10-1 major decision by Mohammad Zaiden over Skyler Jagodzinski at 132 pounds.

Looking for another statement win, the next match at 138 pounds featured Cade Schmitz, who needed just 49 seconds to pin Elijah Talbot and put the Spartans back up by 10 at 36-26 with three matches to go. Knowing the situation and needing to win out, Appleton got off to a good start at 145 pounds when Eric Esser Jr. took down Matthew Schallhorn for a 6-0

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Clinging to a 36-29 lead, Landon Spanbauer capped off the impressive night for the Spartans as he delivered the clinching win at 152 pounds. Facing off against Cole Verhyen, Spanbauer dominated from the first whistle to the final buzzer and took a four-point major decision 15-5, putting Oshkosh up 40-29 and sealing the victory.

The Lightning managed to pick up a pinfall in the final match at 160 pounds, but it was not enough as the Spartans were able to hold off the thunderous comeback 40-35 to remain unbeaten in FVA matches.

Zemke was especially proud of the way his team battled through adversity, especially when Appleton North began to fight back

"We had talked about this match being a team effort and everyone certainly gave their best tonight," he said. "Everyone that participated tonight took to the mat and refused to give anything but their best. That is what wrestling and competition is all about. Even when our lead was getting trimmed down, the kids remained confident in themselves and were able to battle until the very end."



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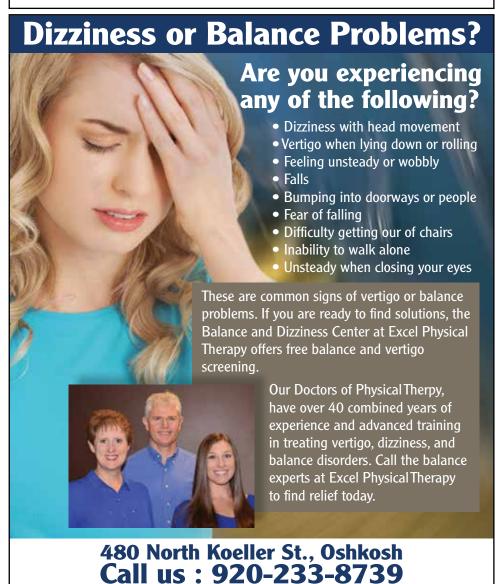
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#### **BOYS BASKETBALL**

### Spartans unable to keep pace with Kimberly

The Oshkosh North boys basketball team got behind in the first half and couldn't overcome that deficit in a 76-61 Fox Valley Association loss at home last Tuesday.

Jalen Keago led the Spartans with 22 points in the loss.

### Wildcats get big night from Karter Thomas

The Oshkosh West boys basketball team pulled away in the second half in a 80-67 Fox Valley Association win over Appleton North last Tuesday.

The Wildcats were led by Karter Thomas, who had 21 points while Caleb Fuller added 18. Sam Troudt chipped in 12 while Jacquez Overstreet had 11.

### **Lourdes routs Dodgeland**

The Lourdes boys basketball team dominated Dodgeland in a Trailways-East game Thursday, picking up a 88-30 win at home.

No statistics were available.

### Valley Christian falls behind early in loss

The Valley Christian boys basketball team saw itself down 12 points in the first half as it lost a 59-46 contest against Oakfield on Thursday night.

The Warriors were led by Isaiah Wade, who had 13 points and 14 rebounds. Nickolai Thur added nine points and Jaden Francis chipped in eight. Yianni Giannopoulos had five points, six rebounds and six assists.

#### **GIRLS BASKETBALL**

## Wildcats get behind early in loss to Lightning

The Oshkosh West girls basketball team saw itself down 15 in the first half and couldn't complete a rally in a 55-46 Fox Valley Association loss against Appleton North last Tuesday.

### Kimberly blows by North

The Kimberly girls basketball team built an 18-point halftime lead as the Spartans lost a Fox Valley Association game on the road last Tuesday, 63-33.

Ashley Borowitz led the Spartans with 14 points while Meghan Gruse had eight.



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Josh Bauer of Lourdes Academy drives to the basket against Dodgeland in a Trailways East conference matchup Thursday that the Knights won 88-30.

### **Lourdes tops Dodgeland**

The Lourdes girls basketball team picked up a 53-43 Trailways-East win over Dodgeland last Monday at home.

Lourdes was led by Paige Droessler, who had 13 points while Raechel Russo chipped in 10. The Knights' Hope Burns added eight.

#### **WRESTLING**

### Wildcats crush Terrors

The Oshkosh West wrestling team dominated in a Fox Valley Association dual meet last Monday, picking up a 57-18 win.

Picking up pins for West include Logan Grota (145 pounds), Drew Best (152), Carson Hollis (160), Roman Martell (195), JR Brown (106) and Elijah Geffers (113).

#### Brady Meyer (132) with a 5-3 decision and Tyler Downs (138) with a 3-1 decision. Ja'siah Williams (120) and Max Carlin (126) won by forfeits.

Others who picked up wins included

Collin Jones (170) with a 6-4 decision,

Compiled by Alex Wolf, Herald contributor



Anita Carpenter shows the Bronze Passenger Pigeon Award she was recently awarded by the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology.

# Ornithology efforts honored

The Wisconsin Society for Ornithology (WSO) recently presented the Bronze Passenger Pigeon Award to local naturalist Anita Carpenter at its annual convention. She was one of four recipients to receive the 2019 award.

The statewide organization promotes the enjoyment and conservation of birds and its Passenger Pigeon awards recognize individuals and organizations for advancing bird conservation, promoting ornithology and contributing to the society.

Carpenter's enthusiasm for birds and animals has been called contagious as she readily shares her wealth of knowledge and curiosity about the natural world. Besides being an WSO member for many years she has been a Winnebago Audubon member since it was formed in 1981, serving as vice president, president and a director.

She writes for WSO's The Badger Birder and Audubon's The Lake Flyer. She also has authored articles in the DNR's Natural Resources Magazine.

Carpenter also volunteers on the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh campus.

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# UW Oshkosh sports roundup

### **MEN'S BASKETBALL**

## Titans fall in overtime against St. Norbert

The UW-Oshkosh men's basketball team lost a late 10-point lead as St. Norbert College came back to win a 96-95 game in overtime last Tuesday.

The Titans led by three points on the final possession of the second half, but St. Norbert's Michael Payant drilled a 3-pointer to tie things up at 85 to send it into overtime.

There, St. Norbert's Nolan Beirne made two free throws with 2.8 seconds left to help secure the win.

The Titans (5-4) were led by Will Mahoney, who had 20 points, five rebounds and four assists while Jack Flynn had 19 points and seven rebounds. Adam Fravert chipped in 18 points, 10 rebounds and six assists.

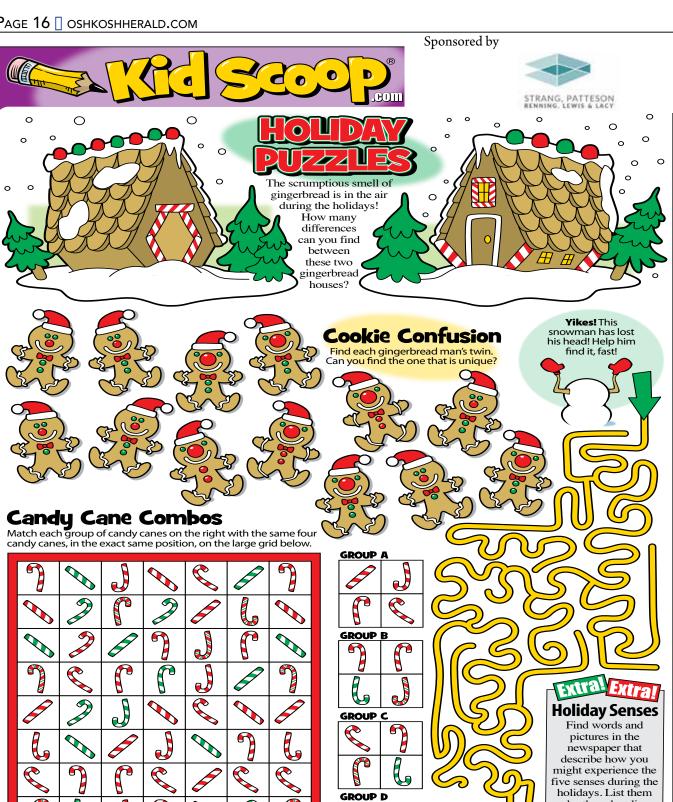
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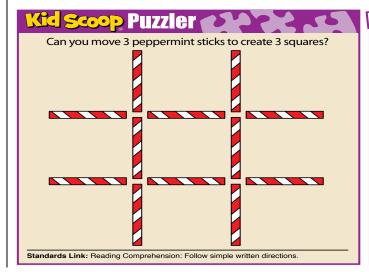
## Titans pull away in fourth quarter vs. St. Norbert

The UW-Oshkosh women's basketball team outscored St. Norbert College 23-9 in the fourth quarter to help pick up a 72-57 nonconference win at home.

UWO had a 49-48 lead entering the fourth quarter but made 15-of-19 free throws in the final quarter to pull away.

Nikki Arneson led the Titans (5-3) with 20 points and grabbed eight rebounds while Leah Porath had 14 points and seven rebounds. Emily Miller added eight in the win.





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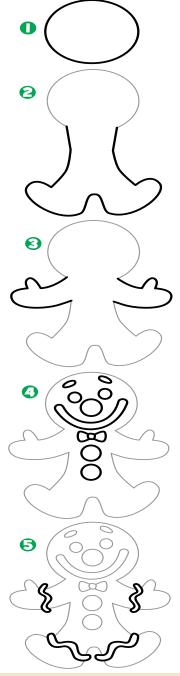
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