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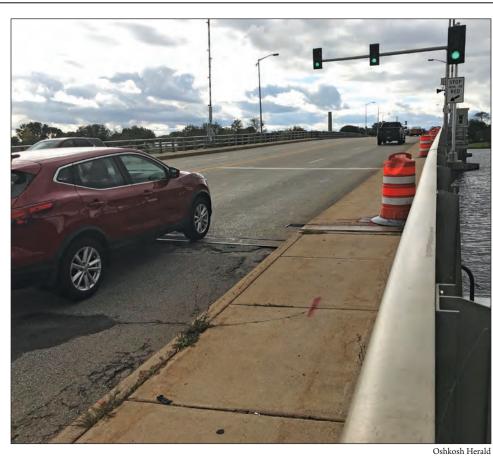


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Traffic on the Oshkosh/Congress Avenue bridge over the Fox River will be shut off starting next week until mid-June as the state DOT has authorized extensive repair work.

Extended bridge closure nears for State 21 work

Oshkosh/Congress span will be out for 4 months

By Dan Roherty Oshkosh Herald

Businesses and residents that normally count on or are situated near the Oshkosh/Congress Avenue bridge will be considering their Plan B when the span closes for extended repair work starting Feb. 20.

The city and state Department of Transportation have detour routes drawn while nearby businesses give a heads-up to customers online and with temporary business signs to help find them between now and the projected June 18 completion date.

A public construction update meeting set for 4 p.m. Thursday in City Hall's Room 404 will brief businesses and others on the impact and traffic rerouting in that area.

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Fox River Brewing Co. is among the neighboring businesses that is working with the city on detour signs along the route for not only the restaurant/brewery but other businesses and institutions that will be affected, such as the Paine Art Center and UW Oshkosh.

Fox River Brewing is using social media and its website to provide alternate routes while encouraging patrons to watch for "construction specials" and delivery-friendly options.

Work on the movable portions of the bridge is expected to be completed by April 10 to accommodate Fox River navigational traffic. The bridge will stay closed

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South-side vision keys on livability

Sawdust plan seeks new kind of revival

By Jack Tierney Oshkosh Herald

There is reason to be optimistic. The south side of Main Street has a plan.

Reflecting the work that has been done on the north side of Main Street, the focus is shifting to the south — coined the Sawdust District in 2016 by the Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corp.

Home to some of the most prolific door and sash, lumber and iron manufacturing warehouses in not only the state but the developing nation in the second half of the 19th century, the south side also boasted breweries, bookstores, grocers and a hundred other businesses on its gravel and wood-paneled streets.

The fact that the Northwoods' big hearty trees good for manufacturing don't grow overnight eventually led to the demise of the city's once-unstoppable lumber industry. The Paines, Morgans and Sawyers of the region who relied on the heavily forested region lost the resource for their national dominance over time.

When that boom era faded toward the end of the 19th century the city fathers — Webster Stanley, Chester Gallup and Joseph Jackson — mulled the idea of giving some of the lands back to the Native American tribes that the U.S. government had earlier claimed. Menominee Chief Oshkosh's sons Ernest and Reginald said no, according to "History of Oshkosh" authors William and Clara Dawes published in 1924.

"Your offer to give back to us the land we once occupied would be rejected," Reginald said. "It is no longer fit for our

Sturgeon season a special Winnebago ritual

By Jack Tierney Oshkosh Herald

Dinosaur season opened Saturday as hunters-anglers took to Lake Winnebago once again for the special tradition of spearing a sturgeon.

Sturgeon spearfishing in Wisconsin, predominately on Lake Winnebago, has been made possible by the conscious efforts of the state Department of Natural Resources, university researchers and the conservation-minded fishing community.

Each year for two weeks people descend on frozen Winnebago system lakes and set up a series of shanties on the ice that resemble a small village in search of the ancient fish species whose evolution dates back more than 200 million years.

Fishing men and women usually go out the day before the season opens prospecting for clear water. After drilling several holes in the ice and inspecting the water, they will stake their claims. Anglers don't like to be too close to each other and will use the shoves of ice as a barrier.

Cutting out a chunk of ice usually requires a chain saw. In optimal conditions, the ice will be nearly 2 feet thick. This allows people to bring their trucks, snowmobiles and other vehicles onto the ice to set up shanties. Cutting out the chunk and moving it under the uncut surface is

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Sturgeon registration activity is shown at Jerry's Bar on Ceape Avenue.



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Boys & Girls Club recognizes volunteers

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh has recognized an outstanding staff member, board member, volunteer/club supporter and local business for supporting the club's mission.

Art Dumke will be awarded the J.R. Vette Friend of Youth Award. Dumke joined the board of directors in 2002 and more recently served as an adviser in the renovation of Camp Radford in New London in 2016. He helped install the new roof on the main cabin and redecorate the interior of both the main cabin and arts and crafts building. He and his employees from Badger Sportsman magazine take members fishing every summer on Lake Winnebago and covers costs for a group of teens to ski at his ski lodge each winter.

Bill Miller will be presented with the Award of Merit for his contribution of time and resources. Miller, a Common Council member, grew up as a Boys &



Dumke

Girls Club of Oshkosh Club member before serving on the club's board of directors and the golf outing committee. Miller and his Northern Telephone & Data business have supported club fundraisers and sharing the club's stories and needs in the community.

Marco Promos will receive the Kids & Community Award. Besides sponsoring the golf outing and WineFeast, it provides promotional items, gifts for club staff who attend training days and gifts for attendees of the Radford Center Christmas party.

Danielle Bittelman will receive the Professional Service Award. She joined the staff in 2012 as the education director. In 2017 she became program director, where she oversees the Radford Center games room, art rooms, Camp Radford, summer field trips, member behavior

program, transportation programs, parent orientations, family support services, volunteers and youth development programs.

Bittelman

Under her watch, Adopt a Family grew from 130 children in 2013 to more than 170 in recent years.

The J.R. Vette Friend of Youth and Professional Service awards will be presented at the Club's Youth of the Year Dinner on Thursday. The Award of Merit and Kids & Community award will be given in March.

Oshkosh Food Co-op names its project manager

The Oshkosh Food Co-op board of directors has named Lizz Redman as project manager after a public search that created a pool of 10 candidates.

Redman, a former member of the board who stepped down to seek the position, brings extensive experience in food startup management and sustainable food systems and is co-owner of the recently opened Thunderbird Bakery.

After earning a degree in biological and premedical illustration from Iowa State University, Redman lived in Central America before pursuing a master's degree in sustainable food systems at the University

of Montana. In Santa Fe, N.M., she helped launch a cold pressed juice business, a fresh grab-and-go food operation and lat-



her homeof town Oshkosh in 2017, she took a position at The Howard special event venue where she worked until January before helping launch and operate

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Redman will focus on the Oshkosh Food Co-op's ongoing capital campaign and transitioning volunteer-led operations in preparation for hiring a general manager and opening the cooperative that is being built at Jackson Street and Pearl Avenue in what will be called the Brio Building.

With her departure from the board there are currently four board seats open to be filled from nominations being reviewed and put before the board for voting between Feb. 17 and March 15. New board members will be introduced at the end of the co-op's March 18 annual meeting.



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Catch-A-Ride program brings out county's best

By Joseph Schulz Herald contributor

After helping workers get to their jobs more than 1,000 times in 2019, the Winnebago County Catch-A-Ride program is seeking more drivers to help fill gaps in transportation and reduce employment barriers.

Currently the program only has seven active drivers, causing new rider applicants to be placed on a wait list, according to Jason White, chief executive of Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corp. (GO-EDC).

In early January, GO-EDC received a grant from the Basic Needs Giving Partnership, a collaboration among U.S. Venture and other organizations aimed at eliminating poverty. White said the grant funds will extend the program for another three years and fund a workforce facilitator position to recruit drivers.

He added the new position will support the program by recruiting drivers, employers and riders while coordinating between GO-EDC and partners in the program.

"We're really excited about this," White said. "This could be a real success story about how a midsized metropolitan city can create partnerships to boost workforce development and enhance the quality of life and income prospects of people that want to work."

Currently riders pay 25 cents a mile for car service, while drivers are reimbursed at 58 cents a mile.

The need to fill transportation gaps became apparent to White shortly after GO-EDC's inception, when human resource managers began telling him they had open positions that couldn't be filled because qualified candidates lacked reliable transportation.

In Winnebago County 81 percent of job seekers report transportation as a significant challenge, according to Feonix Mobility Rising, a nonprofit group focused on transportation options for underserved





Volunteer driver Deb Martin is shown after giving someone a ride to work through the Catch-A-Ride program.

communities.

"If an individual relies on the bus and they work second or third shift and that bus ends, they don't have transportation home," outreach specialist Allison Knautz said in a video on Feonix Mobility's website. "Transportation can be very tricky if you don't have your own car."

White said some people don't have a vehicle or one that's unreliable, some get off work after city buses stop running and others don't live or work near a bus stop.

Companies like Uber, Lyft and taxi services can be too expensive and cause financial stress for entry-level workers lacking reliable transportation, he added.

In 2018, GO-EDC was approached by the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission to deal with gaps in transportation.

Shortly after, White realized GO-EDC needed help organizing drivers and riders, so it partnered with Make the Ride Happen, a program of Lutheran Social Services, and Feonix Mobility.

GO-EDC then applied for, and received, the Department of Workforce Development's Commute to Careers grant, which White said covers part of the 58-cents-per-mile reimbursement drivers receive, and reduces fees for riders to 25



cents per mile.

He added that Commute to Careers grant funds are also being used to increase the capacity of the program beyond volunteer drivers by subsidizing cab fares and partnering with Lyft to decrease ride costs.

The program officially launched and began recording rides in 2019, providing 1,048 rides for employment purposes from Jan. 14 to Nov. 17, according to GO-EDC.

Deb Martin has been a volunteer driver for the program since March and gives rides for about two hours a week. She said the program is flexible for drivers to provide rides around their schedules; if someone needs a ride when a driver already has plans, they can turn down the ride.

"I can go in and pick out rides that fit," Martin said. "You can really build it based on your schedule." Martin said driving for Catch-A-Ride has been rewarding because she is able to help disadvantaged people improve their situation.

"I'm not meeting the whole need, but I'm meeting a tiny piece," Martin said. "If we could get more drivers, we could meet more of the need and then a bigger chunk of the population without cars could get to work."

Make the Ride Happen mobility manager Holly Keenan said drivers must be 18 or older, have a valid driver's license, operate a reliable vehicle, pass a background check and have a desire to help.

Make the Ride Happen recently gained a grant from the Wisconsin Employment Transportation Assistance Program, which Keenan noted will be used to hire a staff member to help coordinate rides.

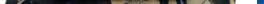
She said volunteering for Catch-A-Ride is a "great way to give back and impact someone's life on a personal level."

On the business side local manufacturer Lakeside Plastics experienced a lack of workers due to transportation barriers, according to HR manager Kelly Leith in GO-EDC's year-in-review video.

Leith said the business is a 24-hour operation, which means workers are getting off outside of regular bus hours. She said Catch-A-Ride provides employees with a safe option.

For more information about becoming a driver or rider, contact Lutheran Social Services and Make the Ride Happen at 920-225-1719 during regular business hours. Outside regular hours Feonix Mobility's 24/7 Call Center can be reached at 920-214-8214.





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Man charged in death of former police captain

By Dan Roherty Oshkosh Herald

A 28-year-old man was charged with first-degree intentional homicide in the stabbing death of a former Oshkosh police captain in a domestic incident Feb. 2 at a Waugoo Avenue residence.

Jay Puestohl, 67, was killed and a 63-year-old woman sustained minor injuries in what the criminal complaint filed in Winnebago County court describes as a dispute that escalated while the alleged



attacker was dealing with mental health and substance abuse issues. Ian L. Suzuki was charged by the Winnebago County District Attorney's office with first-degree inten-

Puestohl

tional homicide and misdemeanor battery as a domestic abuse incident, and is being held on a \$500,000

cash bond set by Court Commissioner Bryan Keberlein. His next court hearing is Thursday and a preliminary hearing was set for Monday.

Puestohl, an Oshkosh native, had retired from the police department as captain of the Investigative Services Bureau in 2008 after 32 years of overall service.

Police were called to a disturbance at 1215 Waugoo at 4:07 p.m. Feb. 2 after receiving a call from the woman, who is related to Suzuki, that someone had been

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Suzuki told the officer at the scene, "I stabbed him in the neck; you need to save him," according to the complaint.

The police report describes an argument over Suzuki being able to stay at the residence and finding employment after being hospitalized the day before after consuming crushed morning glory seeds. Poison Control was notified, which led to a referral for Suzuki to be admitted overnight.

The complaint states that the next afternoon Suzuki was presented with written conditions before being allowed to return to the home but refused to agree to or sign them. He returned to the residence about an hour later where a confrontation soon took place.

He allegedly pushed the woman to the floor and struggled with Puestohl before grabbing a knife from the kitchen and wielding it first at the woman and then at Puestohl.

A police officer arriving at the scene found Puestohl with a wound to the neck, and along with another officer attempted to treat his injuries before paramedics arrived and took him to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Investigators were told Suzuki had ongoing depression and anxiety issues and had been prescribed medications for treatment. Police found five prescriptions in the home that they linked to Suzuki.

Puestohl graduated from Lourdes Academy and attended the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, where he earned a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's in public administration.

He was hired as a patrolman in December 1975 and promoted to detective in 1985, then becoming a sergeant and lieutenant before being named a captain in 1994. Over his career he received two letters of commendation and served as director of both Oshkosh and Wisconsin's Professional Police Associations.

His obituary from Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes notes that Puestohl was a handyman and avid pilot who built his own airplane, and was a lifelong motorcyclist, boater and bicyclist among other interests that involved working with children and animals. He is survived by two sons among other relatives.

Funeral services were held Saturday at St. Jude Parish's St. Vincent site with burial at Riverside Catholic Cemetery.



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Storage unit death

A 49-year-old Oshkosh man was found dead inside the storage unit he was renting in the 700 block of West 3rd Avenue after a fire was reported at that location about 9 p.m. Feb. 4. Police said Frank Larsen was located inside of the storage unit and they are working with the Oshkosh Fire Department to determine the cause of the fire.

Officer injured during arrest incident

An Oshkosh police officer was injured early last Tuesday morning while investigating a complaint in the 1800 block of Robin Avenue.

Cornelius Pearson, 29, of Milwaukee was charged with resisting police and causing injury by choking the officer. He was charged by the Winnebago County district attorney's office as a repeat offend-

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called "sinking the cake." It requires poles or other poking devices to push the cutout down and out of the way.

Shanties can date back generations and look like a small trailer home. Seeing down into the water through the hole in the floor and ice requires the shanty to be dark for spearers to see well — for hours, looking into murky water.

White reflective objects such as house shingling, PVC pipe and similar items are sunk to the bottom to improve visibility amid the murkiness.

What lures the fish in can be most anything — it's not limited to the tradition allure. People have used cartons of milk, deer antlers, coffee cups and whatever else draws sturgeon, known to be curious fish.

Once a fish has been brought in, a prop-

er, along with drug possession charges.

Officers were dispatched after receiving information that a male at that location was attempting to enter an apartment that was not his address. The suspect reportedly fought with police while they attempted to take him into custody. The unidentified officer was transported to a hospital for his injuries.

erly set shanty will have a spear hanging over the cut-out piece of ice ready to be thrown into the back of the fish.

Once the spear is stuck into the thick scales, the fish must be wrestled in with rope that's attached to the spear. It helps to have a second mate to gaff the fish. A gaff is a hooked object that is lifted into the belly of the fish, allowing it to be pulled up more securely.

Next comes the party. Landing one of these fish is rare and can elude generations of fishermen. Of 12,400 spearing licenses sold last year for the lake system, only 786 were ultimately bagged.

The fish are brought to a weighing station, often a tavern, for their tag and everyone to see. It's a tradition that goes back centuries and has strong Native American roots.

The tradition brings joy and camaraderie to those who participate each year in

one of Winnebago's most special offerings. The 2020 season runs through Feb. 23. The DNR has predicted it would go the full 16 days, or until pre-set harvest caps are reached. As of Sunday, day two of the season, 74 fish were taken from Lake Winnebago. The largest fish of the day was 142.3 pounds, 80 inches, and registered at Wendt's by William Thern.



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Chocolate, jewelry stir sweet ideas

By Jack Tierney Oshkosh Herald

Few things say Valentine's Day like diamonds and chocolate. And few places have your back the way Riemer Jewelers and Hughes Chocolates do.

Hughes operates out of the basement of a house at 1823 Doty St. and can be easily missed. Look for a fluorescent sign to mark the way. Enter the side door and you have arrived. Its high demand and specialty product only keep the doors open from September to May, so time is limited to get in on the small-town secret.

Their handcrafted chocolates in different shapes and presentations have had the same primary ingredients and family-operated integrity since 1942 when current owner Tom Hughes' great-grandparents first opened.

Hughes recalled his great-grandfather and grandmother starting the business as a hobby. He said his great-grandfather brought the chocolates into work one day and co-workers wanted more.

For Valentine's Day there are heart boxes with "little solid chocolate hearts and a heart-shaped dish with chocolate candy," Hughes said.

"Hughes chocolates are special because it's a family-run business. We're worried about our quality all the time. We make products from scratch the old-fashioned way."



Hughes Chocolates continues to operate out of its basement business at 1823 Doty St.

Once the doors close in May, Hughes workers take a six-week vacation. After that, preparations begin for the upcoming season.

Hughes was down in Florida for this interview drinking rum and smoking a cigar. He is close to retirement and said soon his son will be taking over as the fourth generation operating the business.

Hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Reimer Jewelers is a little less conspicuous at 11 Waugoo Ave. They buy quality-approved gems and their history of servicing the community goes back to 1952 with original owners Herb and Helen Reimer.

Current owners Paul and Lauri Wagner have taken on the tradition of the Reimer family and have kept the business downtown and local. Their daughter Rachel is now on staff and their intentions are to keep things family-oriented and in Oshkosh. "Over the centuries diamonds have always represented love and commitment," Paul said. "The purity of the diamonds reflects the purity of the heart and the intent it's given with."

"We have our own Reimer heart collection where we can set gemstones and diamonds in. We can take a basic heart shape and design it around whatever the customer wants," he said.

"Sometimes it centered around family so it can have the children's initials in it. We're not a box store so our products are one of a kind. They're unique to who gets it."

"We only pick the finest jewelry. We pick a wide assortment so we have a wide selection. I personally pick every diamond that is set or put in the store," Paul said.

Reimer takes walk-in appointments, offers watch repair and has a goldsmith on staff. All sales people are approved by an industry-specific agency.

Hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 to 7 Thursday and 9 to 3 Saturday.

Courtyard names care administrator

The Courtyard at Oshkosh has named Sarah Hammond as the administrator of its new assisted living and memory care community at 3851 Jackson St.

Hammond has nearly 20 years of experience caring for and developing specialized programming for seniors and people with dementia. Most recently she served as the area director of five supportive care centers in Winnebago County, and before that launched two adult day care programs

for Lutheran Social Services and assisted in the start-up of a care campus for seniors in the Fox Valley.

Hammond has a bachelor's degree in management and communications with a minor in human resources from Concordia University in Mequon.



Hammon

"I am thrilled to be a vital part of The Courtyard's transformation from simply a beautiful, new building to a warm, welcoming and bustling home for older adults," she said in a statement.

Managed by Encore Management and Development, the facility will offer assisted living, memory care and respite care in new, primarily private residences. Services include three meals a day, housekeeping, maintenance and transportation. Scheduled to open in March, the facility is accepting priority reservations.

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Bergstrom detail facility on Washburn gets initial OK

By Tom Ekvall Herald contributor

The Oshkosh Plan Commission unanimously recommended approval of all three items on its light agenda Feb. 4 that will be submitted to the Common Council for its vote.

Plan commissioners recommended approval of a specific implementation plan amendment that will enable Bergstrom Motors to develop a detail facility at its property at 355 N. Washburn Ave. instead of a previously authorized express lube facility. The new structure will be larger in size and have adequate landscaping, according to city planning staff. There

will also be no traffic circulation concerns with the larger facility, although there will be fewer parking slots available.

The commission also recommended approval for a residential design standard variance for a property at 1019 Jefferson St. that will enable the homeowners to construct a roof with a seam profile greater than one inch in height. It also approved a two-lot subdivision at 2625 Ryf Road with vacant land adjacent to the Edgewood Village Condominiums to be sold to the condominium association.

Planners said any required changes to the association agreements would be handled administratively, not requiring Plan Commission action.

Balances on the city website for utility

bills and tax payments may not be current.

Finance staff is working to update and re-

cord payments received during the out-

age. The city encourages residents to mail

payments to City Hall at P.O. Box 1128,

City catching up to stalled bill payments In the wake of the ransomware attack on with the previously scheduled Feb. 13

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In the wake of the ransomware attack on the city's website and emails, which have been restored and operational, residents enrolled in monthly auto-withdrawal for utility bills will not incur late fees for any delayed withdrawals as a result.

Withdrawals scheduled for Jan. 30 and Feb. 6 did not occur due to the network outage, and will take place Feb. 13, along

Business notes

Rachel Wagner has joined Reimer Jewelers while continuing her education with the Gemological Institute of America and her American Gem Society designation. She is the daughter of owners Paul and Lauri Wagner.



Dairy Queen's 1825 Taft Ave. and 510 W. Murdock Ave. locations are under new ownership. **Alex and Jen Dworak** are second-generation owners of the businesses, Alex having grown up with the restaurants owned by his family. Their daughter Harper also has joined the family operations.

Ulta Beauty salon will reopen Friday after building repairs from snowstorm damage and have its grand opening weekend starting Feb. 21 at 1512 S. Koeller St.

An **Auntie Anne's/Cinnabon** food counter featuring gourmet pretzels and cinnamon rolls is now open at the Outlet Shoppes at Oshkosh, 3001 S. Washburn St.

Hendrickson Chiropractic & Wellness Center at 2020 Jackson St. is celebrating its 40th anniversary Feb. 18. Dr. Gerald Hendrickson and Dr. Dan Richter are the primary caregivers there and can be reached at www.hendricksonchiro.com.



Public library calendar

Feb. 12

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., infants to preschoolers; Memory Cafe, 1 p.m.; Kids DIY: Make a Jetpack, 3 to 5 p.m.; What's Cooking Book Club: Wisconsin German Recipes, 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 13

Baby Bounce Storytime, 9:30 a.m., infants to age 1; Considerations at Evergreen: Fair Election Maps, 9:30 a.m.; Genealogy Acquisitions, 6 p.m.

Feb. 14

Library closed for Staff Development Day

Feb. 15

Oshkosh Area Writers Club, 10 a.m.; World Cultures: Germany, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; LEGO Wall Open Build, noon to 3 p.m.

Feb. 17

Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., infants to preschoolers; Monday Movie Matinee, 12:30 p.m.; Read to a Dog, 4 p.m.

Feb. 18

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., infants to preschoolers; Stories by Starlight, 6 p.m., preschoolers and families

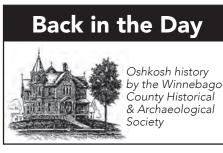
Feb. 19

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., infants to preschoolers; Wonderlab: Eat Wisconsin, 6 p.m.

Webster Stanley will Read Your Heart Out

Webster Stanley Elementary School will host its first Read Your Heart Out event Friday in honor of Black History Month and National African American Parent Involvement Day for all school parents/ guardians and families.

Read Your Heart Out will feature guest readers, including representatives from the Oshkosh Boys & Girls Club, the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Human Services and Music Department, and Art-



Feb. 1, 1969 Dutch Elm Loss in Oshkosh Runs

High: Oshkosh lost 334 elms due to Dutch Elm disease during 1968.

Feb. 20

Baby Bounce Storytime, 9:30 a.m., infants to age 1; Morning Book Club: Choose a book to share, 10 a.m.

Feb. 22

Wild Winter Read Off Celebration, 9 a.m. to noon; Wild Winter Read Off featured author Lisl Detlefsen visits the library, 10 to 11 a.m.; LEGO Wall Open Build, noon to 3 p.m.; author Lisl Detlefsen Adult Writing Clinic, 1 p.m.

Feb. 24

Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., infants to preschoolers; Read to a Dog, 4 p.m. Register at 236-5208.

Feb. 25

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

Feb. 26

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

Feb. 27

Baby Bounce Storytime, 9:30 a.m., infants to age 1; Library Board Meeting, 4 p.m.

Feb. 29

Water City Racket Fest Listen & Learn, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; LEGO Wall Open Build, noon to 3 p.m.

sCore. Students will have the opportunity to explore activities such as a drum circle, art-based projects and storytelling. A general assembly will include a presentation from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Music Department.

Webster Stanley will be one of the first schools in Wisconsin, outside of Dane County, to participate in Read Your Heart Out.

It is the highest annual loss of elms since the disease was first detected in 1960. One tree was lost in 1960, two in 1961, four in 1962, 33 in 1963 and 64 in 1964. Losses rose to 105 in 1965 and 157 in 1966. A total of 1,033 trees have been destroyed so far. 350 replacement trees were planted in the city last year including 14 varieties, most of which were maples.

Source: Oshkosh Daily Northwestern, Feb. 1, 1969



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Sawdust plan

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mode of living."

Local historian Randy Domer reflected back to the 1950s in his book "Oshkosh As I Remember It." It describes gravel roads in the city and a handful of drive-in restaurants such as Leon's Frozen Custard, which still stands on Murdock, and hotel locations once adjacent to the Grand Opera House that no longer existed.

But signs of a resurgent optimism come from the Sawdust District's new master plan, developed over a few years and just released to the public.

Rob Kleman of the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce has led the business group's efforts for developing much of the North Main Street area and west of there such as the Marion Road area.

"I can see across to campus from my office now," he said from the Chamber building on Jackson Street. "It didn't use to be like that. There used to be huge industrial buildings blocking the open spaces we have today.

"It's natural now for South Main Street to follow the developments of North Main Street. We are starting to see the fruits of some of that labor."

The Morgan Crossing Apartments, Annex and other developments around the downtown area have created a much better look than the recent past. The Sawdust District plan follows that direction using Imagine Oshkosh's community-led initiative to bring the city a little closer back to its heyday.

"It's the gateway to the city," the plan reads. "Wide and comfortable sidewalks... attractive storefronts ... hospitable entrances ... awnings," are all descriptors used throughout the master plan.

Big buildings piled along the streets and ample use of the waterfront are also rendered in the plans. Parking lots, residential buildings, mixed-use buildings and entertainment spots all have a place in the development outline.

The most immediate manifestations

ahead of these developments could be roads, according to the plan: "The City's 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Plan identifies the entire section of South Main Street in the District for full reconstruction in 2023."

Roads with wider space for traffic, wider sidewalks for people — ones that don't lead into oncoming traffic — and pleasant things to look at like trees and plants are all detailed.

Much of the developments will come with business investment. Kleman said the Chamber is doing what it can to sell the area — attending conventions out of state, in state and promoting the areas as often as possible.

They call the Menominee Nation Arena the catalyst of the area. The big shiny venue houses the Milwaukee Bucks' NBA G League affiliate the Wisconsin Herd, currently one of the best in their league with a new young coach and steady fan base.

Some of the not-so-mentioned catalysts are Javad Ahmad with his tech company SmartIs moving across town to the former Davis Painting and Decorating building at 1302 S Main St., along with Fifth Ward Brewing and the Greene's Pour House restaurant at the Granary. They are the kinds of places the master plan wants to see more of in some of the older buildings — rustic locations that can be newly appreciated in the community.

It's starting to look like a lifestyle development, a place where people — particularly young people who graduate from Fox Valley Tech and UW Oshkosh — "live, work and play," Kleman said.

Fifth Ward Brewing co-owner Ian Wenger explained his company's philosophy going into the south-side neighborhood in 2017.

"We did a lot of research surrounding the economic and social impact a brewery can have in underdeveloped, neglected neighborhoods. We have no regrets about the location we chose. We wanted to be part of making the city a better place," he said. "We love working in the Sawdust District and can't wait to see it become a central part of how people view Oshkosh."

James Rabe, Oshkosh's director of public works, said the city is performing mini-

"We have some manholes that we are

going to work on just outside the limits

of the DOT project, and some pavement

rehab," Rabe said. "The DOT contractor's

schedule has not impacted our plans to

perform additional work while they have

Additional information about the proj-

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Bridge closure

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to vehicular and pedestrian traffic as it works under the June 18 deadline. The contactor is subject to unspecified penalties if it doesn't meet those dates under the contract.

The bridge project's general contractor is Omega Coatings and Construction, which will lead the work with other subcontractors for repairs to the concrete bridge deck with an epoxy overlay, replacement of bridge approach slabs, and blasting and painting of the movable span, flange areas and bearings.

Russ Pamulak, the city's transit operations supervisor, said GO Transit routes 3 and 5 will be altered during that stretch of time. Route 3 will revert to a previous schedule along Algoma Boulevard back to a regular route at New York Avenue and servicing the Seniors Center. Route 5 will provide service in the Route 3 area along Campbell Road and Sawyer Street, then

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The Oshkosh/Congress Avenue bridge project will repair and update the movable span.

continue its regular route at Oshkosh Avenue and Sawyer.

Passengers along High Avenue can use stops along No. 3 and 10 and the No. 10 inbound trip along High Avenue. Motorists will have to use new routes between the area west of Interstate 41 and the area east of 41, such as 9th Avenue, Witzel Ave-

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Wednesday, Feb. 12

Comedian Pauly Shore, 7 and 10 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Thursday, Feb. 13

Oshkosh Services League Blood Drive, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Oshkosh Community YMCA, 3303 W. 20th Ave.

Youth of the Year, 6 p.m., Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel, 1 N. Main St.

Les Miserables School Edition, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

Wisconsin Herd vs. Greensboro Swarm, 7 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

Oshkosh Garden Club, 6:30 p.m., Evergreen's Rowland Room, 1130 N. Westfield St.

Friday, Feb. 14

Valentine's Day Concert: Vision of Love with Janet Planet, 2 p.m., Oshkosh Seniors Center North, 234 N. Campbell Road

Valentine's Dinner, 5 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn, 1355 W. 20th Ave.

Bowling for Lovers, 5 p.m., The Howard, 405 Washington Ave.

Hypnotized in the Name of Love, 5:30 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

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

man Road

Not-So Newlywed Game, 7 p.m., Backlot Comedy House, 424 N. Main St.

Les Miserables School Edition, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

Sleaze Patrol, 8 p.m., O'Marro's Public House, 2211 Oregon St.

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

Stephen Cooper and Nobody Famous, 9:30 p.m., Fletch's Local Tap House, 566 N. Main St.

'80s Party, 9 p.m., Screwballs Sports Pub, 216 N. Main St.

Saturday, Feb. 15

Winnebago County Master Gardener's Annual Garden Day Seminar, 8 a.m., La Sure's Banquet Hall, 3125 S. Washburn St.

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 9 a.m., Menominee Nation Arena

World Cultures: Germany, 11 a.m., Oshkosh Public Library, 106 Washington Ave.

Let's Glow Crazy Dance Party, 5 p.m., Oshkosh Seniors Center North, 200 N. Campbell Road

Bowling for Lovers, 5 p.m., The Howard, 405 Washington Ave.

Dueling Pianos Valentine's Dinner, 5:30 p.m., Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel, 1 N. Main St. Polar Plunge for Special Olympics, noon, Menominee Park

Fox Cities Roller Derby, 6 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

Be a Superhero – Kid's Night Out, 6 p.m., Precision Athletics, 2080 W. 20th Ave.

Stand-Up Comedy Special, 7 p.m., Backlot Comedy House, 424 N. Main St.

Les Miserables School Edition, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

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

Sunday, Feb. 16

Wisconsin Coin Expos' 37th annual convention and show, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center, 2 N. Main St.

Les Miserables School Edition, 2 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

Tuesday, Feb. 18

Board Game Night, 5 p.m., Adventure Games & Hobby, 408 N. Main St. Toasty Tuesdays, 6 p.m., Fifth Ward

Brewing Co., 1009 S Main St.

Wednesday, Feb. 19

Mardi Gras 5-Course, 6 p.m., Becket's, 2 Jackson St.

Thursday, Feb. 20

Battle on Bago, 6 p.m., Millers Bay in Menominee Park

Whiskey Dinner Series No. 5: Bourbon Reserve Dinner, 5 p.m., The Howard, 405 Washington Ave.

Friday, Feb. 21

Battle on Bago, Millers Bay in Menominee Park

Marine Corps League Bingo, 5:30 p.m., Marine Corps League, 4715 Sherman Road Rockin' Psalms, 7 p.m., Dwelling 2:22, 222 Church Ave.

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

The Pocket Kings, 9 p.m., Fletch's Local Tap House, 566 N. Main St.

Saturday, Feb. 22

Battle on Bago, Millers Bay in Menominee Park

38th Annual Echoes of the Past Historical Trade Fair, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 9 a.m., Menominee Nation Arena

Wild Winter Read-Off Celebration and Author Visit, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Public Library, 106 Washington Ave.

Oshkosh Shark Party, 10 a.m., Boys and Girls Club, 501 E. Parkway Ave.

Winter Flight Fest featuring Skiplane Fly-In and Family Flight Fest, 10 a.m., EAA Aviation Museum, 3000 Poberezny Road

Chili Cook-Off, 12 p.m., Bare Bones Brewery, 4362 County S.

Miss Connections, 7 p.m., Backlot Comedy House, 424 N. Main St.

"Labyrinth," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

WWE presents NXT Live, 7:30 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

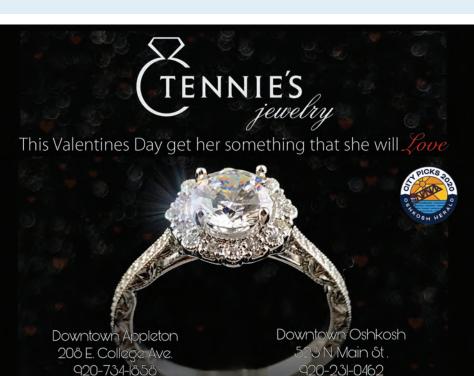
Comedy Improv Show, 9 p.m., Backlot Comedy House, 424 N. Main St.

Sunday, Feb. 23

Then & Now: Old Photos as Today Opening Reception, Oshkosh Public Museum, 1331 Algoma Blvd.

Wisconsin Herd vs. Grand Rapids Drive, 2:30 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena





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VOTING

Voting will take place in two phases. Phase 1 is open nominations between February 5-February 21, 2020. Phase 2 is the top 3 nominees in each category.

RULES

Rules are simple: Nominees must be located in the Oshkosh Area School District, the Herald's coverage area. One ballot per person per phase. No photocopies_■ No ballot stuffing.

Vote for at least 30 categories

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City Pick 2020 Categories

Museum/Art Gallery	_ Cheap Date	Men's Clothing	
Performance Space/Theatre	Meat Market/Butcher Shop	Women's Clothing	
New Restaurant (restaurants opened after	Kids Party Place	Vintage/Consignment Clothing	
Feb. 2019)		Jewelry	
Chef		Furniture/Accessories	
Late-Night Food	Youth Program		
Patio	Birthday Cakes		
Brewery	Family Restaurant		
Coffee Shop			
Breakfast	Dance Club		
Brunch	Large Live Music Venue		
Bakery	Intimate Live Music Venue		
Fine Dining			
Steak	Outdoor Venue		
Vegan/Vegetarian	DJ		
Juice/Smoothie	Cocktail Bar		
Pizza	Dive Bar		
Pancakes	Sports Bar		
Omelette	Singles Bar		
Burger	Happy Hour	Barbershop	
Tacos	 Margarita	Salon	
Barbecue	Old Fashioned	Spa	
Fish Fry	Bartender	Mani/Pedi	
Noodles/Ramen	Place for Sober Socializing	Tattoo	
Sushi	Karaoke	Recording Studio	
Italian	Jukebox	Doggie Day Care	
Mexican	 Trivia Night		
Chicken	 LGBTQ Bar	Place to Hang With Your Pet	
Wings	Billiards		
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Ice Cream/Frozen Treats		Yoga	
Desserts	Bloody Mary	Alternative Sports	

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Nominees in each category that appear on the final ballot are chosen by the amount of nominations received from our readers during Phase 1.

Nominations will be accepted from Feb 4-Feb 21, 2020. Ballots must be at the Oshkosh Herald's office by **5pm on February 24, 2020.** Nominations are limited. You can name one nominee in each category during Phase 1 of Oshkosh Herald City Picks voting. Your name and address must appear on the ballot.

Phase 2 will have the top 3 nominees per category and open a new wave of voting. Again, only one vote per name and address. This does mean that if you and your honey don't agree, you both can vote. Voting is just limited to one vote per person per phase. **No ballot stuffing.** In the appearance of ballot stuffing the person, place, thing or business may be disqualified. The Oshkosh Herald reserves the right to determine if ballot stuffing has transpired. And yes, you can nominate yourself or your own business.

Once Phase 1 of the nomination period concludes, the final ballot and voting will commence for Phase 2. The top 3 nominees from Phase 1 will move on to Phase 2. Final voting will run March 3-March 20, 2020. Ballots must be at the Oshkosh Herald's office by 5pm on March 20, 2020. Our office is located at 923 S. Main St. Suite C, Oshkosh WI 54902. Off-site ballot boxes will be picked up by noon on the deadline for each phase.

Vote on as many categories as you'd like, but your ballot must include a minimum of 30 category nominations for your ballot to register.

Totals registered by our analyst will be considered final. This is a paper ballot contest. No funny stuff can happen online nor will photocopied or downloaded ballots be accepted. Please find a paper issue of the Herald with a ballot.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WINNERS

Winners will be announced in the April 15, 2020 Oshkosh Herald.

Wildcats top Spartans for season hoops sweep

By Dustin Riese Herald contributor

For the first time in 13 years, the Oshkosh West boys basketball team can say it has Oshkosh North's number.

Despite one of its worst shooting nights of the season, West picked up a 63-55 Fox Valley Association win over North on Friday night – sweeping the Spartans for the first time since 2007.

"As a team we battled really hard tonight, despite this being one our worst shooting performances of the season," West head coach Michael Johnson said. "We showed a lot of toughness tonight. They tried to pound us inside, which is what they had success with the first time around at their place. We did a much better job protecting the paint and rebounding tonight."

On the other side, Spartans head coach Brad Weber said his team did not have the best week in terms of preparation.

"Honestly, I am not surprised by the result on the scoreboard tonight," he said. "We have not had a very good week of practice this week and I think a lot of that showed up tonight. Our defensive focus was not where it needed to be in the first half. We gave Caleb Fuller way too many looks in the first half and he made us pay for that. We certainly dug ourselves a hole that we couldn't get out of."

If bad shooting was the theme, it wasn't in the early stages as both teams came out on fire.

Fuller had the hot hand in the first half with 17 points. With leading scorer Karter Thomas struggling to hit shots, Johnson knew the presence of Fuller was the key to getting his team going.

Fuller finished with a game-high 24 points.

"Caleb is just a dead-eye shooter and can be so good offensively if teams sleep on him," he said. "North was playing a zone and that was leaving him open. Once he started getting his shots to fall, it got North out of their zone and forced them



West's Jacquez Overstreet is guarded by Jalen Keago in Friday night's crosstown matchup.

to play man to man, which they don't do a lot of. The idea was to get Fuller open looks and it worked."

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After Fuller helped put the Wildcats up 15-10, the Spartans had a nice run of their own as Jalen Keago and Josh Dilling

Three named to football all-star game

Rosters for the annual Wisconsin Football Coaches Association All-Star Game were announced last week and a couple of local football players were selected.

Oshkosh West's Bryce Hinn and Lourdes' Patrick Derleth were named to play for the North Large and North Small teams, respectively, while Lourdes' coach Kevin Wopat was selected to be an assistant coach for the North Small team.

The games will be played July 18 at Titan Stadium in Oshkosh. The Small School helped the Spartans flip the script with a 10-0 run. West rallied back as Thomas started to heat up, but some clutch buckets from Riley Frey in the closing minutes helped the Wildcats reach their largest advantage of the half at 37-30.

The Spartans came out strong in the second half with Tessmer and Keago scoring a quick six to cut the lead to 37-36. Keago led an 11-2 run to surge back in front 41-39.

"We didn't really make too many adjustments at the half," Weber said. "Instead, we kind of reminded ourselves who we are from an identity standpoint. Early in the second half we started to get the ball into the paint and take our time. We know how to finish around the rim when we get there; we just need to be stronger when given the chance."

West's Jacquez Overstreet started to hit some jumpers of his own as his three-pointer made it 42-41 for West. The next few minutes saw the teams exchange buckets until a Frey three from the corner put the Wildcats up for good 49-47.

Just when it looked as if North was starting to get momentum back after another Tessmer layup, Sam Troudt got in on the scoring to give the Wildcats an 8-0 run to put things out of reach 60-50.

Thomas added 12 points while Overstreet chipped in 10 for West. Dilling led the Spartans with 18.

With the win West leapfrogged North for fifth place in the FVA standings. Even with the loss, Weber and his group remain confident with what they can do moving forward.

"Being in the FVA, you know you're going to take your lumps here and there, so we never get too high or low at any point this season," he said. "At this point in the season, it is all about being ready for March. I told the kids that all this loss did was, may have affected us in terms of us going somewhere versus a home game, but we will be ready regardless."

game will be played at 1:30 p.m. while the Large School game starts at 5 p.m.

Hinn and his Wildcats had a 3-6 record and he was a first-team all VFA-South player at outside linebacker. He was also a second-team selection at fullback.

Derleth and Wopat helped Lourdes to a 12-1 season before falling to Black Hawk/ Warren in the WIAA Level 4 playoffs. Derleth was named Trailways Small's Defensive Lineman of the Year and earned first-team honors on both sides of the line.

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West's Hunter captures 113-pound title in FVA

By Dustin Riese HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Over the past two decades, if you want to win the Fox Valley Association in wrestling you must go through Kaukauna. It was only more fitting that the 2020 conference meet was held there as once again nine other teams were looking to knock off the Ghosts.

For the 22nd straight season the Ghosts brought home the crown, but the Oshkosh West Wildcats performed well over the course of the weekend to land in fifth place overall with 109.5 points.

That performance was largely due to three West wrestlers making it to the championship round, one bringing home a conference title.

"Overall I thought we competed very well. We showed great energy in our matches and we won a few matches late due to our pace and conditioning," West coach Duane Hartkopf said. "We avenged several losses from dual meets earlier in the season and gained some great momentum going into regionals. We finished fifth while missing a few of our everyday starters."

The first of the Wildcats' three championship rounds came at 106 pounds, where Junior Brown faced Greyson Clark of Kaukauna. Despite his 4-6 record, Brown battled all weekend to earn a shot at the undefeated Clark, who proved to be too much as he pinned Brown in 59 seconds, handing him a second-place finish.

Logan Grota was scheduled to take on Logan Stumpf at 138 pounds but an injury to Grota earlier in the day forced him to forfeit as he settled for second place.

The biggest West winner was Alec Hunter as he dominated the 113-pound class. Coming into the weekend he brought an undefeated record and continued that trend to the final match where he met Michael Smith of Appleton North. Hunter proved that 113 pounds goes through him as he dominated to earn a pin in just 1:02 for the championship.

"I thought I wrestled really well all weekend," Hunter said after his win. "I thought my attacking game was strong in each match and I did a great job mixing up my pinning combinations. My goal coming into this weekend was to win a conference championship. I didn't care how I did that, but I wanted to try and do it in dominating fashion."

Those three may have been the highlights for West, but they got several other strong performances. Elijah Geffers made it to the final portion of the weekend com

ing in sixth at 120 pounds. Max Carlin took home fifth at 126 pounds, and Brady Meyer earned sixth at 132.

Roman Martell just missed the podium at 182 as he fell to Dylan Gocke (Hortonville) 4-2 to bring home fourth place. Riley Stobb had a similar path as he fell one spot short of the podium at 195 pounds, falling to Demetrius Davis in 35 seconds to secure fourth.

Schmitz takes second to lead way for Spartans

Looking to put up a strong showing at the conference meet, North's Cade Schmitz set the tone as he brought home a second-place finish at 132 pounds. As a team, the Spartans saw plenty of its wrestlers battling it out in the final round but the results landed them in seventh place with 101 points.

After breezing through much of the weekend, Schmitz (10-2) squared off against Jager Eisch (12-0) of Kaukauna with first place on the line. After an even first two periods, Eisch began to impose his will and eventually pulled away 10-0 for the major decision win.

"I had a pretty good weekend of wrestling, but I could have wrestled a little bit tougher at the end," Schmitz said. "I hope I get another shot at him because I know that wasn't my best effort today. My goal coming in this weekend was first place and I got to where I wanted to be. I just couldn't string enough offense together when it mattered."

Joining Schmitz on the podium Saturday was Gabe Medina with a third-place finish at 106 pounds after a 3-2 win over Joe Herrera of Fond du Lac. Carly Ochoa at 113 pounds and Dylan Besaw at 126 both had sixth-place finishes.

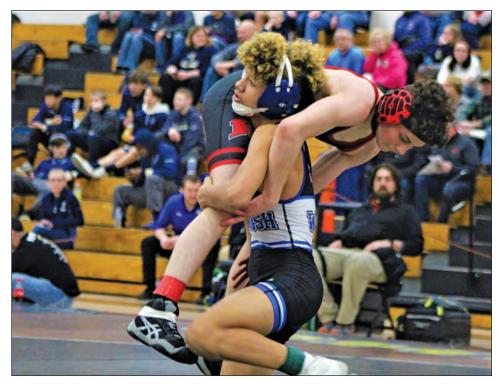
"Every kid was able to score team points in this tournament. We had all of our wrestlers participating end up in the top six," North coach J.R. Zemke said. "We are getting stronger and excited for the postseason."

Another wrestler a match short of the championship was Jonathan Burk at 120 pounds. Just a freshman, Burk shows a bright future as he knocked off Gabe Rodriguez of Kimberly with a pinfall at the 2:48 mark to secure third place.

Matthew Shallhorn (138), Drew McKay (152) and Copeland Barrett (285) brought home sixth places in their respected weight classes. Landon Spanbauer (fourth at 145 pounds) and Jeremiah Chmielewski (fourth at 170 pounds) capped off the weekend for North



Alec Hunter of Oshkosh West (top) works his way to an FVA conference championship.



Cade Schmitz of Oshkosh West lifts his opponent during a conference match last weekend.





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Herd cements hold on East with Maine win

By Ti Windisch HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Wisconsin Herd snapped back to its winning ways over the weekend with back-to-back home wins over the Fort Wayne Mad Ants and Maine Red Claws after a tough loss Tuesday to the Long Island Nets.

Long Island played a physical brand of basketball and prevented the Herd from getting into a rhythm all night, and the 117-110 loss was its third straight and longest slump for the team this season.

Wisconsin was able to turn things around Friday as it held off the Mad Ants for a 127-119 victory. Jaylen Adams continued his scorching offense with a gamehigh 37 points, and Dragan Bender was second on the team with 25 points in what ended up being his final game with the Herd before the Milwaukee Bucks waived him the next day.

Bender wasn't waived for any failing on his part. The Bucks needed to clear a roster spot to sign veteran forward Marvin Williams, who the Charlotte Hornets bought out the night before. Herd coach Chase Buford said he felt for Bender, who was an exemplary member of his team.

"Personality, attitude, mentality, all that stuff was elite pretty much every time he was with us," Buford said. "(Bender) played the right way, did a lot of great things for us on the court, and bought into our culture. We'll miss him a lot."

Without Bender or any other assignment players from the Bucks, the Herd faced off with the second-best team in the Eastern Conference on Saturday night when the Maine Red Claws came to town.

Both teams had their two-way players available, which meant that 7 foot 5 center and Senegal native Tacko Fall started for Maine.

Despite Fall's dramatic height advantage, which was more pronounced with Luke Maye starting in place of the 7-foot Bender, Herd defenders worked over the tallest player in G League history when he was able to get under the basket. Wisconsin's pace, always a priority for Buford, was faster than ever, so many possessions ended in a Herd bucket before Fall could get into position under the rim.

Buford credited his entire team defensively for helping prevent Fall from making his typical outsized impact on the game, as he scored just four points, his lowest figure this season. He gave Maye credit in particular, while Maye in turn praised his teammates with helping him out as necessary to prevent Fall from taking over.

"He's tough," Maye said. "He's a great player. He's got a lot of potential and he's only going to get better. But I just tried to work as hard as I could to kind of make it tough, and credit to my teammates for kind of coming in there and getting rebounds and just helping me out inside."

The Herd built up a nice lead by the fourth quarter but it was the work of one player in particular that stood out in Wisconsin holding onto the win. Trevor Lacey, who averages just over four points per game, got his number called by Buford to score some baskets in isolation. He did and then some, scoring 14 points on six of seven shooting in the quarter and at one point scoring 11 straight points.

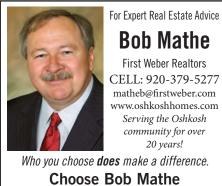
After the game, Buford said he made



The Herd's Trevor Lacey helped ignite the team's win over Maine with 11 straight points.

the call to let Lacey diverge from the usual Herd ball movement to attack in isolation and through pick-and-rolls. He said he initially wondered if it was the right decision before Lacey proved him right.

"I made the decision to put the ball in Trev's hands pretty early in the fourth quarter, and they were right there and I definitely was questioning if I kind of went to junking it up a little too early," Buford said. "But boy, did he just respond with big bucket after big bucket after big bucket, and made us look smart.



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"He's a talented player, he can do it in pick-and-roll, he's smart enough to know that when he's playing with other guys, maybe his role is to space the floor, but as we just saw, he can make plays, he can do things one-on-one and in pick-and-roll and wow, I mean, what a closing performance."

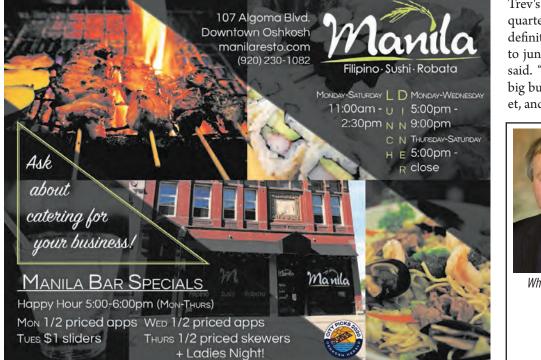
Lacey said he is no stranger to scoring but that between some conditioning issues early on and good players around him his focus has been on continuing to work hard and being the best teammate he can be rather than going out of his way to score.

"For the most part I know my role is glue guy — try to be a leader on the team — and tonight in that second unit coach, down the stretch, called my number and I made a play and he was like, 'Run it again,'" Lacey said. "I've been a scorer all my life, but it's not my place to force the issue on this team. Tonight was one of those nights and I stepped up and made some plays."

Lacey and the Herd are back in action Tuesday on the road against the College Park Skyhawks, where they will look for a bit of revenge after the Skyhawks came into Oshkosh and beat the Herd in their last matchup.

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Prep sports roundup

BOYS SWIMMING

North/Lourdes third, West fourth in FVA meet

The Oshkosh North/Lourdes boys swimming team finished third in the Fox Valley Association meet on Saturday, while Oshkosh West finished fourth out of six teams.

Neenah won its fifth title in the last six years, finishing with 617 points. Appleton North/East was second with 564, followed by North/Lourdes (318) and West (241).

Leading North/Lourdes was Chase Pecore, who had a second place finish in the 500 free (5:08.73) and a fifth place finish in the 200 free (1:56.76) while Trey Pecore and Owen Konop each had a third place finish. Trey Pecore was third in the 500 free (5:13.42) while Konop was third in the 100 free (51.55).

Pierce Pecore added a fifth place finish in the 200 IM (2:17.43) while Andrew McAvoy was fifth in the 100 fly (58.73).

Sam Blaskowski led the Wildcats, finishing second in the 59 free (22.68) while Connor Yakes and Eric Bal had sixth place finishes – Yakes in the 100 back (1:03.81) and Bal in the 100 breast (1:09.57). **WRESTLING**

Lourdes' Stelzer captures title in conference meet

Lourdes had three wrestlers compete in the Trailways Conference Meet on Saturday and 195-pound Keagan Stelzer brought home a first-place finish.

Stelzer recorded pins in all three victories, with his championship pin coming in 3:54 over Dakota Reinwald of Horicon. 182-pound Jack Reinardy went 2-2 and finished fourth, winning his quarterfinals match on a close 12-10 decision before losing in the semifinals 12-8. He rebounded winning his consolation semis with a 12-8 decision before losing his third place match on a 10-6 decision.

BOYS HOCKEY

Ice Hawks lose to De Pere

The Oshkosh Ice Hawks boys hockey team was shut out on the road Saturday, falling 4-0 to De Pere in a nonconference game.

Oshkosh only trailed 1-0 after two periods but De Pere pulled away in the third, scoring three goals in the final period.

Connor Klett had 35 saves in the loss.

<u>GIRLS HOCKEY</u> First period haunts Warbirds in tournament

The Fond du Lac girls co-op hockey team gave up four first-period goals in a 6-3 loss against the Fox Cities Star in an Eastern Shores Conference Tournament game.

Scoring goals for Fondy were Hattie Verstegen, Sofia Koppa and Ella Spies. Hailee Scheier recorded 33 saves in the loss for the Warbirds.

GIRLS BASKETBALL West cruises past North

in conference matchup

The Oshkosh West girls basketball team used a big second half to beat Oshkosh North 55-33 in a Fox Valley Association



Paige Droessler of Lourdes Academy goes up for a shot against Wayland Academy in the Knights' 78-24 conference win on Friday.

contest Friday night.

The Wildcats jumped out to an early 11-1 lead but the Spartans clawed their way back, going on a 11-6 run to cut the halftime deficit to 17-12. But the Wildcats would outscore the Spartans 38-21 in the second half to pull away.

Callista Rochon-Baker had a career-high 24 points while Kiersten McNulty added 11 points.

For the Spartans, Meghan Gruse and Emma Leib led the way with nine points.

Lourdes crushes Wayland Academy

The Lourdes girls basketball team led by more than 30 points at the half in a big 78-24 Trailways-East win over Wayland Academy at home.

Lourdes, which led 44-12 at halftime, got 20 points and eight rebounds from Paige Droessler, who went 10-of-15 from the field. Raechel Russo added 11 points, seven rebounds and eight assists in the win.

Hope Burns and Mary Husman added 11 points as well as Burns grabbed seven rebounds and Husman had nine along with five assists.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Hustisford stops Valley Christian

Andy KathinanThe Valley Christian boysshotThe Valley Christian boysconferencebasketball team was out-scored by 26 points in thesecond half as they droppeda 85-47 Trailways-East Con-ference game at home Friday night.

Isaiah Wade led Valley Christian with 19 points with six rebounds while Yianni Giannopoulos and Isaiah Humiston added 12. Wade and Humiston combined to hit eight threes in the loss.

Giannopoulos added six rebounds and six assists in the win.

Compiled by Alex Wolf, Herald contributor





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Baseball signing

Oshkosh West senior Christian Schiek signs his national letter of intent last Tuesday to play baseball at Upper Iowa University in Fayette, where he received both academic and athletic scholarships. Schiek, shown with his parents Amy and John Schiek, played for the GRB Rays organization out of Madison this past summer. The third baseman led the team in doubles with 10 in 107 plate appearances and 89 at bats, was fourth in hits and RBIs, and third in runs scored.

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UW Oshkosh basketball

Titans bounce back with win over UW-La Crosse

The UW-Oshkosh men's basketball team bounced back after losing two straight, picking up a 79-74 Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference win over UW-La Crosse on Saturday on the road.

The Titans (13-8, 7-3 WIAC) trailed by nine early in the second half before using a run to grab a lead with 9:08 left and followed that up with a 9-0 run to go up by nine to help pull away from the Eagles (16-5, 5-5 WIAC), who were ranked 18th coming into the game.

Jack Flynn, who had the big 3-point play to give the Titans their lead in the second half, had a team-high 18 points. Levi Borchert added 17 points and seven rebounds while Adam Fravert had 16 points, 12 rebounds and four assists.

Eddie Muench added 14 points in the win for UWO, which shot almost 52 percent from the field.

Arneson leads Titans to fourth-quarter win

The UW Oshkosh women's basketball team had a career night from Nikki Arneson as the Titans outscored UW-La Crosse by 12 in the final quarter to help secure a 85-76 win on Saturday.

The Titans (12-9, 5-5 WIAC), which snapped a two-game losing streak, got 33 points from Arneson – a new career high.

Trailing by four with six minutes left, a Karsyn Rueth 3-pointer gave the Titans a 73-70 lead. UWO finished the game on a 21-8 run to help pull out the win.

Arneson had a stellar night – going 9-of-11 from the field (5-of-6 from deep and 10-of-11 from the free throw line) while grabbing nine rebounds as well.

Leah Porath and Olivia Campbell added 17 and 16 points, respectively.

UWO shot 52 percent in the win and 54.5 percent from deep.

niors Amelia Eierman, Alyssa Paul and

Andi Pieczynski; juniors Liz Barry, Katy

Berger, Maddie Frey, Yasenia Nieves and

Sloane Peerenboom; sophomores Chloe

Barta, Malayna Brehmer, Sarah Eierman

and Chloe Gustafson; and freshman Abi-

Wauwatosa West, Sheboygan North,

Watertown, Sun Prairie and Middleton rounded out the top five in the D1 Hip

Hop Routine. Twelve teams competed.

Compiled by Alex Wolf, Herald contributor

North dance team takes 10th at state Members of the state team include se-

The Oshkosh North girls varsity dance team competed in the WACPC State Dance Meet on Feb. 1, and the Spartans finished 10th in the Division 1 Hip Hop routine. A previous story listed them in seventh place.

The Spartans, coached by Charlotte Golliher, Kaitlin Stindt and Marisa Ladwig, earned a trip to State Dance after they finished third in the Division 1 Hip Hop routine at the WACPC Eastern Regional on Feb. 1 at Kimberly High School.

Diversifying the family farm workshop set

gail Yanacek.

Diversifying the family farm will be the topic of a Feb. 25 workshop at the University of Wisconsin Extension Winnebago County at 625 County Y.

Topics include business development, marketing and sales assistance from an Oshkosh Food Co-op representative,

sources of technical and financial assistance, and help in raising livestock and growing/selling produce.

The workshop runs from 9 a.m.to 2 p.m. and costs \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. An information packet, lunch and refreshments will be provided.





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Urban craft fair

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Darin McFarlin and his son Dominic of Saint Angel Productions had their handmade items at the Fall in Love With Handmade urban craft fair Saturday at Becket's City Center court. More than 40 vendors and live music was featured, and a photo booth with a Valentine's theme raised funds for the Oshkosh Area Humane Society. Supplies also were collected for the city's Day By Day Warming Shelter.

Paws to Celebrate event at animal shelter

The Oshkosh Area Humane Society is hosting a Paws to Celebrate event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

Executive director Joni Geiger said the event is focusing on animals adopted in 2019. She said 1,389 found new homes last year. The shelter will have raffles, a trivia scavenger hunt, prize wheel, ice cream sundae bar and Wall of Love, where visitors can display a message about a special animal in their lives.

"We're always so busy here with new animals and people coming and going all

the time, that we rarely get to just stop and take a breath and appreciate all the good happening around us and really recognize all the animals we've helped," Geiger said in a press release.

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The Winnebago County Master Gardeners Association is holding a gardening seminar day Saturday at La Sure's Banquet Hall. Activities start at 8 a.m. with registration and a continental breakfast.

Benjamin Futa, executive director of Allen Centennial Gardens at UW-Madison, will be keynote speaker at 8:45 a.m. Anita Carpenter, ecologist and volunteer prairie keeper for UW Oshkosh, with speak at 10:45, and Futa will again speak after lunch break on "Principles of Planting Design with Perennials."

Silent auction and raffle opportunities close at 2 p.m., at which time Jim Niehuis, professor of horticulture at UW-Madison, will speak.

More information is at www.winnebagomastergardeners.org.

Referral cards available for organizations

The Winnebago County Drug and Alcohol Coalition has created "We Heart You" referral cards to share with people with substance use and mental health issues, families and friends of individuals affected, and organizations and agencies that refer people to help.

The cards were created with contact information on resources for treatment, recovery and mental health services in northeast Wisconsin. Organizations that would like We Heart You cards can contact Stephanie Gyldenvand at sgyldenvand@co.winnebago.wi.us.

Obituaries

Ruby Chitwood

Ruby Elise Chitwood, 95, formerly of Boscobel and Blue River, passed away on



January 27, 2020 at **Evergreen Retirement** Community in Oshkosh. She had been a resident of Evergreen for the past 10 years. Ruby was born

at home on August 17, 1924 in Hickory Grove Township in

Grant County. She was the third child of Carl and Alma (Olson) Anderson.

While attending Boscobel High School, Ruby lived with her grandpa Anderson and, later with the Harris Murley family serving as a nanny. She graduated as an honor student in 1942.

Ruby married Keith Gale Chitwood in the Five Points Lutheran Church parsonage on December 18, 1944. She said it must have been love, as she moved from a home with indoor plumbing to a rural farm home with outdoor plumbing.

Ruby joined Keith in a farming operation, which grew into three modern farms during their marriage. As a farmer, she was the herdswoman, milk production and herd health record keeper and the farm accountant. Ruby was also the chief cook, baker, seamstress and homemaker. As a farmwife, she had a large garden and canned for the family. Ruby and Keith were active conservationists, leading in hillside contour farming and forest management of their woodlots. They were active in the National Farmers Organization.

Ruby was supportive of the Blue River and Riverdale public schools; and encouraged her children to be active in academics, sports, clubs and music. She held education in high regard and encouraged her children to earn college degrees and advanced degrees. Activities of the Byrds Creek Happy Hustlers 4H Club and the Blue River United Methodist Church were important to the family.

In 1973 Ruby and Keith built a home in Richwood Estates and enjoyed the views of the Wisconsin River.

Ruby is survived by her sons, James M. (Kay) of Oshkosh, and Theodore D. (Ronda) of Dodgeville; and son-inlaw, Larry Kent (Dian Winter) of Fond du Lac; eight grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren, Matthew (Heidi) Chitwood of Stevens Point and their sons Peter and Jackson; David (Andrea) Chitwood of Greenville, SC and their sons Wesley and Rigby; Stephen (Katie) Chitwood of Whitefish Bay and their daughters Riley and Connelly; Kara Chitwood (Dan Searing) of Denver, CO and their daughters Olivia and Emerson; Kyle Chitwood of Milwaukee; Tara Kent (Jake Lavigne) of Denver, CO; Lindsey (Adam) Nelson of Fond du Lac and their children Kendall, Susanna and Brady; and Kelly Kent of Boulder, CO; and a sister-in-law, Rose Chitwood; many nieces and nephews and many friends.

Ruby was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Keith; a daughter, Susan Rae Kent; a sister, Alice Dale; and brothers, C. Leroy Anderson and Clifford (Tip) Anderson.

The family is appreciative of the great care and attention given Ruby by the Evergreen Retirement Community staff and Oshkosh Aurora Medical and Hospice staff.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2020 at the Boscobel United Methodist Church in Boscobel, Wisconsin on 104 Buchanan Street at 11:00 A.M.

Visitation will be held from 9-11 a.m., with lunch and fellowship to follow. Rev Jean Wanek Bartlett will officiate.

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Ruby enjoyed the many social activities with the families who lived on "The Back Road" in Richwood Township.

John Koch

John Koch, age 80, of Oshkosh, died Sunday February 9, 2020 at Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh.

Funeral services for John will be held on Monday February 17, at 11:00 AM in Poklasny Funeral Home (870 W. South Park) with the Rev. Andi Wolf officiating. Burial will follow in Omro Cemetery.

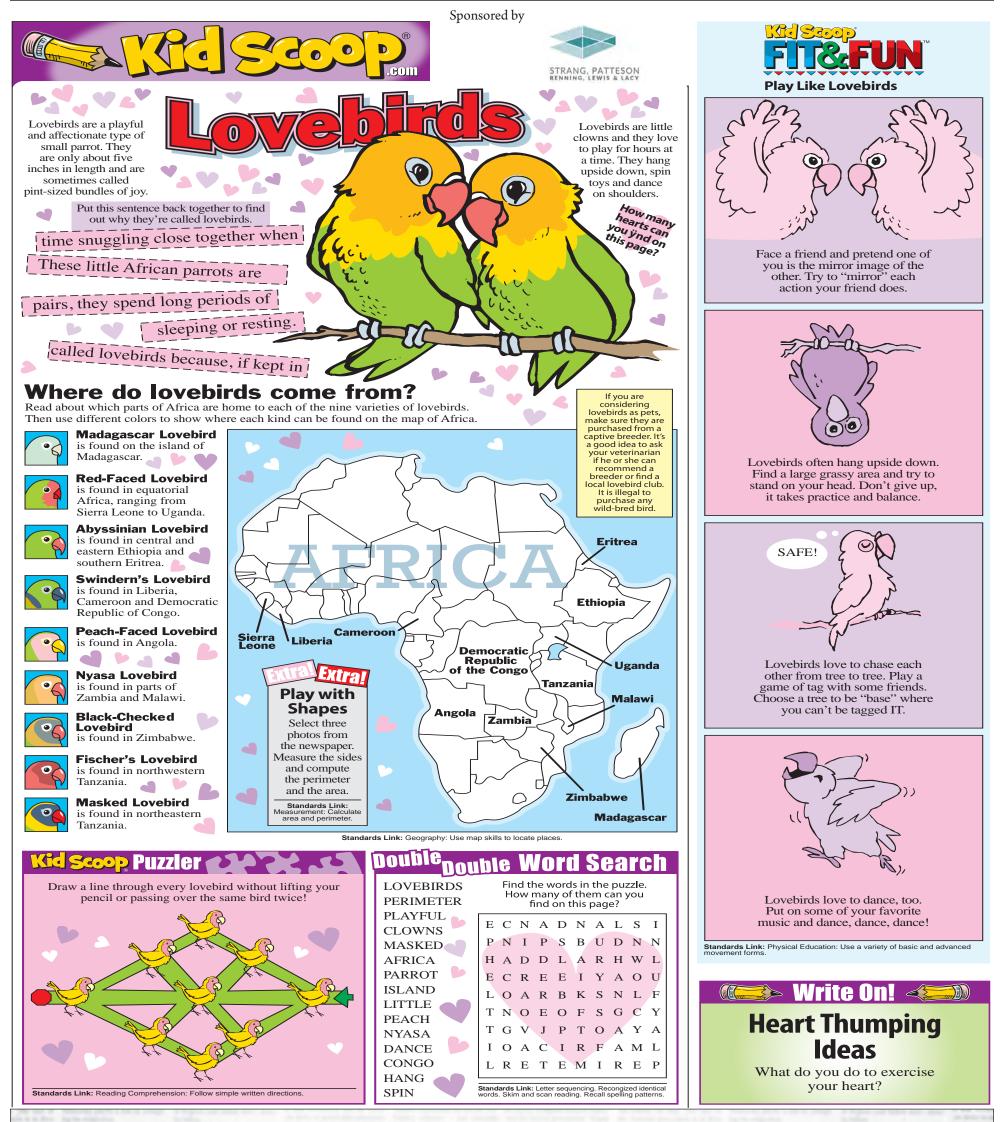
Memorials may be given to the Blue River United Methodist Church, Riverdale School District Foundation or the Evergreen Retirement Community Foundation.

Thanks to Brian Kendall and Kendall Funeral Services for assisting the family in planning for the memorial celebration.

Online condolences can be sent to www.kendallfuneralservice@gmail.com

Family and friends may call at the funeral home on Sunday from 5:00-7:00 PM and also on Monday from 10:00 AM until the hour of services.





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