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Photo by Joseph Schulz

A thread ring is ready to be measured in Fox Valley Metrology's gauge lab, where the latest software allows for faster turnaround times to manufacturers.

Area job training efforts adapting to automation

High-tech positions seek employee match

By Joseph Schulz
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The high-wage, low-skill factory jobs that have shaped northeast Wisconsin are being replaced by high-skill, high-wage jobs, but it isn't clear that either workers or employers are ready for the shift.

Local companies currently have 1,500 tech jobs that they cannot fill, according to the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce's 2019 Economic Report. A new wave of automation, known as Industry 4.0, is

emerging, but 88 percent of local manufacturers either have no plan or only a partial plan for implementing this technology.

Some of today's high-demand jobs include process engineers, data management analysts, cybersecurity officers, industrial computer programmers, data engineers, data architects and application developers. These jobs and the lack of employer preparation were shown in a 2019 survey of 104 manufacturers conducted by the Northeast Wisconsin Manufacturing Alliance (NMA), an organization that promotes the region's industrial sector.

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Park View resident marks 108th birthday

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Thursday was a special day at Park View Health Center as its oldest resident, Ruth Stryzewski, celebrated her 108th birthday with family members at the senior living facility.

Stryzewski received a proclamation from Gov. Tony Evers, congratulations from all local members of the state Legislature and a proclamation by Winnebago County Executive Mark Harris designating Ruth Stryzewski Day in the county.

She was born Ruth Esther Winter in

East Bloomfield in 1912, one of nine children on the family farm. She displays a photo of the large brick house her grandfather built from onsite clay. The family were members of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in East Bloomfield, brought up in a strong Lutheran faith with two brothers becoming ministers.

She remembers as a child making trips with her father and brothers on the Paul L paddle wheeler from Tustin to Oshkosh, according to her close nephew David Misterek, who was at Park View to help her celebrate.

As a young adult, she moved to Oshkosh to enjoy city life. She was one of the first employees of Miles Kimball Co., where she worked as a customer relations specialist and was given the honor of being assigned to the first electric typewriter owned by the business. She became good friends with Miles and Alberta Kimball and has a wallet with a photo of Miles engraved on the front.

Stryzewski cherishes the moment where she met husband Elmer at a dance

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Sturgeon season ends big

By Jack Tierney
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Lake Winnebago sturgeon spear fishing season ended with 60 fish registered and 491 total, 12 more than the year before. The Upriver Lakes had 320 fish, bringing the total Winnebago System number to 811, 25 more than last season.

Winnebago Fisheries biologist Ryan Koenigs commended the dedicated spear fishermen and women who spent countless hours on the ice honoring one of Wisconsin's most unique traditions.

The largest fish on the Winnebago System came on day two by William Thern at 142.3 pounds, 80 inches. He was followed by Vincent Catania on day one at 140 pounds, 75 inches, and on day 16 by Richard Markowski at 122.9 pounds, 72.7 inches.

Early reports of thin ice and murky water from Koenigs kept some people on-shore waiting for conditions to improve. Week two saw shanty count increase and a string of successful days with 37, 40 and 41 fish registered on days seven, eight and nine. Weather neared 50 on the final day.

Spear fishing success on the Winnebago System follows the work of a group called Sturgeon for Tomorrow, founded in 1977 by sturgeon enthusiasts from the Lake Winnebago area to preserve, protect and enhance the sturgeon resources in the Winnebago System. The group grew into the largest citizen advocacy group for sturgeon in the world with five chapters and 3,000 members. Through their work, the foundation has raised over \$1 million for sturgeon research and management.



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Ruth Stryzewski sits with Park View activity specialist Ingrid Garrison last summer.



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Ken Levine (from left), Duaa Ahmad and Mike Wissink were honored in the state Assembly in Madison last week by Rep. Gordon Hintz for their actions during a student attack at West High School in December.

Hometown Heroes honor given after West incident

Police officer Mike Wissink, student Duaa Ahmad and teacher Ken Levine were honored as Hometown Heroes by state Rep. Gordon Hintz on the floor of the state Assembly on Feb. 20 for their roles during a dangerous and life-threatening situation Dec. 3 at Oshkosh West High School.

"This award is a reminder of the extraordinary things people are capable of when seeking to help others," Hintz said in a statement. "In the face of a potential tragedy, these individuals, these heroes stepped up and did what was needed in that moment. They chose to run toward danger, rather than seeking their own safety."

The award recognizes individuals from across Wisconsin who make a positive difference in their communities.

Wissink, a school resource officer, was in his office at Oshkosh West when a stu-

dent entered and stabbed him with a barbecue fork. One of his injuries was centimeters away from being fatal. Wissink fired on the student, striking him once, and in the struggle another bullet lodged into Wissink's arm before he was able to neutralize the student.

Levine, a teacher and football coach, responded by immediately administering aid to Wissink with a makeshift tourniquet that helped save Wissink's life.

Ahmad, a 17-year-old senior, led students that were evacuating the building across the street to the mosque she attends. She unlocked the door and guided an estimated 100 students inside. There she and her father provided coffee and water until police arrived and brought them to Perry Tipler Middle School, where they reunited with their parents.

Herzog on WASB board of directors

Barbara Herzog of the Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education was recently elected for a one-year term as second vice president of the Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) board of directors.

She is the representative for Region 7 on the 15-member board, which includes 27 school districts in the Oshkosh area.

"Barbara's long experience as a teacher, administrator and board member, combined with her devotion to lifelong education, makes her a valuable addition to the Executive Committee," said John Ashley, WASB executive director. "Her leadership includes commitments to equity of opportunity and the involvement of parents in the educational process."



Herzog

Herzog holds bachelor and master's degrees in education from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and a doctorate in educational administration and adult learning from UW-Madison. She also serves on area nonprofit boards.

Joining Herzog on the committee are President Bill Yingst, a member of the Durand-Arkansaw School Board; first vice president Sue Todey, a member of the Sevastopol School Board; and immediate past president Brett Hyde, of the Muskego-Norway School Board.

"It is an honor and a privilege to serve on the 15 member Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) Board of Directors as second vice-president," Herzog said. "This opportunity will allow me to gain knowledge and skills that I can share with the Oshkosh Board of Education and with other districts in our region."

"On behalf of the Oshkosh Area School District, we are incredibly proud of our School Board President, Dr. Barbara Herzog, for this amazing accomplishment," said superintendent Vickie Cartwright.



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Richard's Dance founder taught life lessons

By Susan Williams Everhard
FOR THE HERALD

When I was a little girl I dreamed of becoming a ballerina. My mother enrolled me in ballet and tap-dancing classes at Richard's School of the Dance. It was 1965 and I had just started kindergarten.

I remember trying on my first pair of tap shoes. They were shiny black patent leather on top, with little silver taps that made a magical sound when walking across a wood floor.

I was a bit shy the first time I walked into Richard's School of the Dance, which everyone still calls "Richard's."

The original studio was situated on the second floor of an old storefront building in downtown Oshkosh. The studio was at the top of a long, narrow flight of stairs.

Little girls dressed in black or pink leotards, tights and dance shoes were scampering up the stairs. They had to squeeze by the school's piano player, Loretta, huffing and puffing her way up the steep stairs. Loretta was a lovely, rather large, woman with infinite patience. She had to start or stop playing the piano upon curt commands by Richard whenever a dancer goofed up. Richard would shout "And!" and Loretta would "take it from the top."

I met Richard Verhoeven, with jet black hair, a trim, athletic build and a quick wit. I thought he looked like a movie star. I also met his sweet wife, Shirley, who commanded the back office and waiting room. I never heard anyone call her Mrs. Verhoeven, she was simply Shirley and everyone loved her. Shirley seemed eternally young, a petite woman with an impish grin, always giggling about something.



Submitted photo

Richard and Shirley Verhoeven with their daughter Patti in this undated photo.

Shirley collected our dance lesson money and managed the business side of Richards. She organized the annual photo picture taking of each class. She also sewed many of the dance costumes herself. She could always be counted on to have a safety pin handy for "wardrobe malfunctions" or a bobby pin for taming loose curls.

The studio itself had floor-to-ceiling mirrors running against the back wall with a ballet barre bolted to the wall. There was no air conditioning but a big fan was stuck in an open window. The view of neighboring business rooftops spread out like a scene from Oliver Twist.

Back in kindergarten, I met a little girl named Patti and I sometimes spotted her at Richard's. She had a certain confidence that most 5-year-olds lacked. I was later shocked to find out that she was Richard's daughter.

Patti lived just a few blocks down the

street and we soon became best friends. We had many slumber parties and practically lived at each other's houses growing up. From Emmeline Cook Elementary, we went to Webster Stanley Junior High and walked home together every day. We later went to Oshkosh North where we became varsity cheerleaders and remained close friends. Richard and Shirley were like second parents to me, and my parents, Russ and Jeannette Williams, were like second parents to Patti. For every milestone in our lives, they were all there supporting us.

After my first year at Richard's I was thrilled to perform in front of a live audience at the Raulf Theatre for the annual dance recital. We were dressed in Raggedy Ann costumes Shirley sewed in her kitchen. We had only one boy in our class and he was dressed as Raggedy Andy.

The annual dance recitals were — and still are — a big production. Richard was a perfectionist and showbiz professional. He would open the performance in a top hat, tux and tap shoes, singing, "There's no business like show business."

It felt like a real Broadway show, with dressing rooms in the basement where nervous dancers would wait their turn in bright red lipstick and rouge.

With the sheer number of dancers, literally hundreds of kids, the overflow had to wait outside in the back alley of the theater.

Richard was the master of ceremonies introducing the performers. Shirley stayed behind the scenes, peeking out of the stage curtains, smiling her elfin smile and encouraging us not to be scared.

The dancers performed on a real stage with a live orchestra, with the red stage

curtains rising and closing after each performance. There were ballet routines, tap routines and even hula dancing.

I never made it to the level of the famous Richardettes dancing to the song "Can you can-can?" a traditional French cabaret number. The dance featured a chorus line of female dancers with colorful skirts and petticoats, along with high kicks, splits and cartwheels, flashing their ruffled panties.

To me and many other former students, Richard was not just a small-town dance teacher. He was a mentor to many young girls and women.

He was famous for his quips to young dancers: "If your shoe falls off while you're up on stage, what do you do?" The answer, of course, was, "Keep on dancing!" With a mischievous twinkle in his eye he would then ask, "If your bra strap breaks, what do you do?" "Keep on dancing!" we would yell back gleefully.

His advice is fondly remembered by former students as a metaphor for dealing with life's everyday challenges. He taught us to never give up and believe in ourselves. We keep on dancing.

Richard's final curtain call came Jan. 31. He was 93 years old and recently still singing, dancing and entertaining the residents of his nursing home in Florida. I visited Patti in Florida when Richard was in his late 80s and I didn't expect him to remember me. As I walked in the door, he exclaimed: "Suzy Williams!" and gave me a big hug.

He and Patti also did a little soft shoe dance together and he clearly enjoyed it.

Services were held Saturday for Richard Verhoeven at Most Blessed Sacrament - St Mary's. His obituary appeared in the Oshkosh Herald's Feb. 19 issue.



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Rescue plan created for loyal companions

By Cheryl Hentz
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Most pets are surrendered because the owner's circumstances change, not because the animal is bad or has something wrong with it. One thing that may change is owners can no longer afford to care for their animal — including being able to feed them.

People at poverty level — it's 18.8 percent in Oshkosh, according to the Census Bureau — include single parents, veterans, seniors, the mentally ill and disabled, and other everyday people who have fallen on hard times.

"People have been coming in asking if they could surrender their dog because they couldn't afford to feed it," said Carmen Scott, marketing and communications manager for NEW Pawsibilities dog rescue in Oshkosh. "People lose jobs, they have medical problems that come up, so on and so forth. There are always going to be reasons why some people can't feed their dogs. But no one should have to give up a family member because they can't afford food. This is a problem we can do something about."

With a grant from Coldwell Banker the Real Estate Group Oshkosh, NEW Pawsibilities dog rescue and Shelter is providing free, nutritious dog food and treats to families through their RUFF Times Food Pantry. The program is designed to help families continue to care for their dogs through financial hardship and hunger. The dog doesn't necessarily have to be adopted from NEW Paws, nor will anyone need to

show earnings statements, tax returns or have a referral from a social worker to prove their income level and need.

The only criteria to receive food is that dogs must have a current license in any municipality and be spayed or neutered. There is a limit on how much food people can get based on the food and factors like weight, age and number of dogs in the house.

"They get plastic bags that have a two-week supply of food in them based on the information gathered. This is not something meant to fill the need of chronic poverty. It's to help people get by during times of financial difficulty," Scott said. "There's going to be different levels of need that people have, and why. So, there's no limit on how often a person can come to get food."

"Poverty sometimes gets resolved; other times it doesn't. Some people we'll see once or twice and never again because they've gotten themselves out of a hole they're in; others we'll maybe see every two weeks or so."

The Oshkosh Area Humane Society has been providing dog and cat food to people when they have income constraints and are on the verge of surrendering their pets because of it. NEW Paws goes a step further in outreach by having donation containers at businesses so people can drop off food while also at those places doing business.

"The other big difference is that we are not using food that is specifically donated or purchased for our rescue dogs. This is food that people in the community have donated solely for the food bank," Scott



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NEW Pawsibilities dog rescue and day care is at 3200 Algoma Blvd.

said, adding that partnering with other businesses on this project is the latest of many collaborations.

"The bottom line here is that when we work as a community, we're better able to solve problems. Pets are not inexpensive," she said. "But if I can take the burden of paying for your family member's food and treats, toys, etc., off someone, then they can put the money they're saving toward a different bill."

By partnering with others, Scott said they're making the community aware of a need and letting them be involved.

"That in turn will make those businesses or the community as a whole be more receptive to other needs in the future — like a new dog park, or better enforced leash laws, or whatever it may be — because they've helped save a dog's life," she said, adding that another future need is to raise enough funds for a larger facility.

"But that's a long-range goal. In the shorter term, we want to get more grants, like that which we got for the food pantry and to show people we're in this for the long haul," Scott said.

NEW Paws also is looking to start a dedicated seniors-to-seniors program.

"We know that about 12 hours of every seniors' day is spent alone. We also know that seniors need companionship, like anyone else. But in many senior living facilities residents can't have a dog over 25 pounds," Scott said. "We have a unique situation because of the relationship we have with the shelter in Kentucky where we get our dogs from where we can request, for example, that half our dogs be under 25 pounds. So we can market those dogs directly to the senior facilities."

"We can also get a grant where half the adoption fee will be paid for through grant money. So they will be able to get a dog at a reduced fee and if they need it, we'll have the food bank to help them."

The group is currently researching grants for that program and hoping to launch it sometime later this year.

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Tech positions

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The need for a new type of worker is likely to increase as more businesses begin to adopt Industry 4.0, which combines production and operations methods with smart technology, creating an autonomous and interconnected digital business, according to NMA.

“Even Oshkosh Corp. says, ‘We’re a tech company that builds trucks,’” said Rob Kleman, the Chamber of Commerce’s vice president of economic development.

Ann Franz, director of NMA, said the organization is working to increase awareness about Industry 4.0 because she expects it to take three years for supply chains to begin implementing it.

“By helping (businesses) be proactive now, we’ll be able to, hopefully, make them successful three years from now,” she said.

NMA’s survey found that automation-robotics and cyber security were the two areas that companies plan to invest the most heavily in over the next two to three years, with 62 percent planning to invest in automation and 56 percent planning to invest in cybersecurity.

Locally, the state Department of Workforce Development’s (DWD) 2019 Workforce Profile for Winnebago County says 61 percent of the job tasks in the Fox Valley have the potential to be automated.

The Fox Valley has a higher share of workers in jobs that are more exposed to automation, specifically in production, installation and construction, and extraction, while having a lower share of workers in the arts, sciences, computers and mathematics, according to the report.

Several companies have already embraced automation and other Industry 4.0

technologies. One in particular is Multicircuits, a circuit board manufacturer in Oshkosh that employs about 70.

Michael Thiel, the company’s director of operations and engineering, said it produces high-end circuit boards and has invested heavily in technology to meet demand.

Last year, Multicircuits purchased three automated drilling systems to increase efficiency. Before the upgrade, Thiel said the company’s drilling system required an operator to load panels onto a spindle to be drilled and once the panels were drilled, the operator would unload them.

But with the new drilling system, the operator puts a barcode on each panel and puts them into a slot on the back of the drill, and the machine handles all the loading and unloading.

The new drilling system “allows one operator to run multiple machines at once,” Thiel said.

The company also uses industrial robots with computer-controlled laser beams to define the circuit pattern directly onto circuit board panels, he noted.

“The operator can just load up the queue and tell the machine what jobs are loaded on there and the machine will handle the rest,” Thiel said. “It can sit there and run for a couple hours by itself.”

Fox Valley Metrology, an Oshkosh company that employs about 175 people and calibrates manufacturer’s measuring equipment, has also embraced technology. Steve Toll, the company’s vice president of sales, said the entire company runs on a piece of software that was developed in-house called “Supreme Metrology.”

The software monitors an item every step of the way through the facility, from receiving to shipping, down to the employee working on a specific item, he said.

When an item is received, a QR code is

stamped on it and scanned into the system. The computer determines whether the item needs repair or recalibration. From there the item is tracked as its QR code is scanned as it goes through the facility until it’s shipped back to the customer.

Every step of the way, Fox Valley Metrology’s customers can check in on where the item is, whether it’s awaiting repair, waiting to ship or in transit.

Toll said the software allows for faster turnaround times from receiving items to shipping them back to manufacturers, which allows them to keep prices low.

“Most other calibration labs of our size would probably have close to 50 percent, if not 100 percent, more employees than what we’ve got because they’re going to have that many more people involved in the process to make sure things are going smoothly,” Toll said.

As more companies continue to embrace Industry 4.0, Franz said there is the potential for workers to be displaced.

“I wouldn’t worry about losing jobs because there’s no people for all the jobs (and) that’s one of the reasons companies are having to look at automation and robotics,” Franz said.

The DWD report said increased automation exposure is expected to contribute to inequality in terms of wages and education.

It added that automation will increase the need for workers to develop skills and will put an “additional emphasis on the roles of postsecondary education.”

The use of automation is likely to increase, as leaders from multiple industries in northeast Wisconsin have realized that the region needs to evolve, or it will “become irrelevant over time,” according to a 2019 report by the New North, a regional nonprofit marketing and economic development organization.

Ideally, by 2030 the region will be connected by computers communicating between different facilities in the supply chain through the cloud, New North Executive Director Barb LaMue said.

“We have companies in the region that are already there,” she said, “and then we have others in the region that are just digesting the information, but don’t know where to go or what to do for the next step.”

As more companies begin taking that next step, the need to continue acquiring skills will only become more apparent, DWD economist Ryan Long said.

Workers are going to have to be flexible and comfortable with the idea of continuously changing skills to meet the needs of the labor market, he added.

To take up the need for a skilled workforce, the NEW IT Alliance, a nonprofit that aims to help companies fill tech jobs, has been working with local educators to help students develop computer skills.

Kimberly Iversen, NEW IT Alliance executive director, said the nonprofit has helped Oshkosh North and West high schools begin implementing the Microsoft TEALS (technology education and literacy in schools) program to offer advanced computer science classes in high school.

“Progress is being made, but nowhere near fast enough to cover the skill gap that’s needed,” Iversen said.

The NEW IT Alliance isn’t the only nonprofit working to deal with the need for skilled talent. Franz said the NEW Manufacturing Alliance is working with K-12 educators to show students how STEM skills can be used in the real world.

At the college level, she said the NEW Manufacturing Alliance worked with UW Oshkosh and UW-Green Bay to introduce four-year manufacturing degrees at both universities.

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Drug price task force hears perspectives

The Governor's Task Force on Reducing Prescription Drug Prices met in Oshkosh last Wednesday to understand and discuss how insurers and employers are managing increasing prescription drug costs, including the role of pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs).

In the task force's third meeting since it launched in November, presentations were made by the Pharmaceutical Care Management Association (PCMA) and America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP) about PBMs and the pharmaceutical market. Representatives from The Alliance, Advanced Laser, National CooperativeRx and Seats Inc. discussed the cost of prescription drugs from employers' perspectives.

Gov. Tony Evers established the task

force in August to analyze information relating to the development, pricing, distribution and purchasing of prescription drugs; review actions taken by Wisconsin and other states to reduce prices; and identify opportunities to coordinate with states and federal government.

"Today's meeting provided valuable insights," said Task Force Chair and Deputy Insurance Commissioner Nathan Houdek. "We learned about a few of the tools currently used to manage prescription drug costs."

The public is encouraged to follow the task force's work at <https://rxdrug-taskforce.wi.gov/pages/home.aspx>.

The group's next meeting is March 18 in Wausau.

108th birthday

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at the Eagles Club (now The Howard). Asked by Elmer to dance, she responded that she didn't know how. He replied, "That's OK, I will teach you."

Together they enjoyed dancing, singing and world travels to places like China, Europe and Hawaii, and were active in local musical groups that frequently toured. Her husband enjoyed hobbies that included carpentry, and they joined with another couple to buy lake property and built a cottage where they enjoyed many years of weekend trips.

Ruth and Elmer were longtime members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, where she served as the organist for many years. Elmer passed away several years ago



Submitted photo

Ruth Stryzewski has a wallet with an engraved photo of Miles Kimball she was given by her former boss and friend.

but Ruth still belongs to the congregation and enjoys routine visits from the Rev. Paul Lidtke at her Park View home where he provides communion.

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Herald welcomes new advertising specialist to staff

Tammy Ording has joined the advertising team of the Oshkosh Herald. The Oshkosh resident is a 2011 Fox Valley Technical College graduate with a certificate in marketing and entrepreneurial management.



Ording

Before joining the Oshkosh Herald, Ording provided hospitality services at Jansen's Bar and Restaurant for eight years. Ording joins Mike Sohm in the advertising department. Sohm is a retired U.S. Navy veteran and former owner of Shirts Plus, a promotional marketing firm.

To contact the ad team email advertise@oshkoshherald.com or call 920-508-9000.



Oshkosh Herald

Inside Adventure Game & Hobby, custom tabletop game boards are shown.

New spot for Adventure Game & Hobby

By Jack Tierney
OSHKOSH HERALD

A store that puts devices aside and lets the imagination wander, Adventure Game & Hobby, has finished moving into a new location at 408 N. Main St.

Adventure Game & Hobby has stocked its 6,000-square-foot store in the old Paper Tiger Book World building, which is more than twice the size of their previous location on Oregon Street, with the same board games, miniature game kits, puzzles, custom tabletops and hobbies that have drawn guests before.

They have added an escape room, which is a game where a team of players discover clues, solve puzzles and accomplish tasks in order to accomplish a specific goal in a

limited amount of time; as well as demo tables, weekly events, community puzzles and a new supply of kid and family-friendly games.

Owners Charlene and Teddy Alecos said they want to be the place in the community where people of all skill levels and interests can join and explore new hobbies, games and creative outlets.

The Alecoses said they are happy to be part of the Main Street Farmers Market business group. They said they are excited about the new guests that will bring who might not have seen them before.

The Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting event Tuesday to celebrate the new location.

Adventure Game & Hobby, Charlene said, hopes to continue being a valuable resource to the community by teaching skills to young people through complex games. In order to do that, she said, it's best to start kids at a young age so that they can work their way through to more complex games.

Charlene said board, tabletop and demo games have become a viable option in the digitalized gaming age because it fosters more community engagement and social interaction. Players must convene at the same location to battle.

Updates on weekly and special events, as well new items in store, can be found on the Adventure Game Facebook page.

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Wednesday, Feb. 26

St. Patrick's Day Card Writing Party, 4:30 p.m., Reeve Memorial Union, 2030 Hazel St.

Thursday, Feb. 27

Ascension Mercy Hospital Blood Drive, 1:45 p.m., Ascension Mercy Hospital, 500 S. Oakwood Rd.

Wisconsin Herd vs. Delaware Blue Coats, 7 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena, 1212 S. Main St.

Water City Racket Fest, 7 p.m., O'Marro's Public House, 2211 Oregon St.

"Beast on the Moon," 7:30 p.m., UW Oshkosh Experimental Theatre, 1001 Elmwood Ave.

Friday, Feb. 28

Introduction to Neighbors Past and Present: The Wisconsin German Experience, 8 a.m., Oshkosh Public Library, 106 Washington Ave.

RV and Boat Show Main Event, noon, EAA Aviation Grounds and Expo Hangars, 3000 Poberezny Road

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

Water City Racket Fest, 5:30 p.m., O'Marro's Public House, 2211 Oregon St.

Oshkosh Community Players presents "Someplace Different," 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

"Beast on the Moon," 7:30 p.m., UW Oshkosh Experimental Theatre, 1001 Elmwood Ave.

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

Point Reyes, 9:30 p.m., Fletch's Local Tap House, 566 N. Main St.

Saturday, Feb. 29

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

Water City Racket Fest Listen and Learn, 9:30 a.m., Oshkosh Public Library, 106 Washington Ave.

RV and Boat Show Main Event, 10 a.m., EAA Aviation Grounds and Expo Hangars, 3000 Poberezny Road

Water City Racket Fest, 2 p.m., O'Marro's Public House, 2211 Oregon St.

Cocoa Crawl, 2 p.m., downtown

Midwest Mayhem Fight Series, 6 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena, 1212 S. Main St.

Guns N Hoses Charity Hockey Game, 3 p.m., Oshkosh Community YMCA, 3303 W. 20th Ave.

'70s Party, 7 p.m., The Hangar, 1485 W. 20th Ave.

Team USA Fundraising Event, 7 p.m., Julie's Touch of Silver, 2070 W. 20th Ave.

Oshkosh Community Players presents "Someplace Different," 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

"Beast on the Moon," 7:30 p.m., UW Oshkosh Experimental Theatre, 1001 Elmwood Ave.

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

Sunday, March 1

RV and Boat Show Main Event, 11 a.m., EAA Aviation Grounds and Expo Hangars, 3000 Poberezny Road

Northwestern College A Cappella Choir, 6 p.m., at Plymouth Church, 1325 Georgia St.

Oshkosh Community Players presents "Someplace Different," 2 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

Tuesday, March 3

Board Game Night, 5 p.m., Adventure Games & Hobby, 408 N. Main St.

Thursday, March 5

Rooms of Blooms, 11 a.m., Paine Art Center & Gardens, 1410 Algoma Blvd.

Skyscape Theater Royale: Barnstorming, 6:30 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum, 3000 Poberezny Road

"Beast on the Moon," 7:30 p.m., UW Oshkosh Experimental Theatre, 1001 Elmwood Ave.

Oshkosh Community Players presents "Someplace Different," 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

Girl Power Fundraiser, 10 a.m., Fire Escape, 423 N. Main St.

Friday, March 6

Rooms of Blooms, 10 a.m., Paine Art Center & Gardens, 1410 Algoma Blvd.

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

Comedy Open Mic, 7 p.m., Backlot Comedy House, 424 N. Main St.

Wisconsin Herd vs. Westchester Knicks, 7 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena, 1212 S. Main St.

"Beast on the Moon," 7:30 p.m., UW Oshkosh Experimental Theatre, 1001 Elmwood Ave.

Oshkosh Community Players presents "Someplace Different," 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

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

Saturday, March 7

Oshkosh Craft Beer Week, Oshkosh breweries

Rooms of Blooms, 9 a.m., Paine Art Center & Gardens, 1410 Algoma Blvd.

Third Annual Winter Beer Fest, noon, Bare Bones Brewery, 4362 County S

Make-a-Swish Aim for the Heart, 2 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena, 1212 S. Main St.

Big Event Under the Big Top, 5:30 p.m., Oshkosh Convention Center, 2 N. Main St.

Gallery Walk, 6 p.m., downtown

Artist Brian D. Caulk, 6 p.m., Magnet Billiards & Bar, 519 N. Main St.

Wisconsin Herd vs. Capital City Go Go, 7 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena, 1212 S. Main St.

"Beast on the Moon," 7:30 p.m., UW Oshkosh Experimental Theatre, 1001 Elmwood Ave.

Oshkosh Community Players presents "Someplace Different," 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

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


Sunday, March 8

Oshkosh Craft Beer Week, Oshkosh breweries

Rooms of Blooms, 9 a.m., Paine Art Center & Gardens, 1410 Algoma Blvd.

"Beast on the Moon," 2 p.m., UW Oshkosh Experimental Theatre, 1001 Elmwood Ave.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

Feb. 20, 1964
Sandy's is New Drive-in for Oshkosh: A new drive-in will be built by Sandy's Swift and Thrift Drive-in chain on property located on Jackson Street between High

Avenue and Algoma Boulevard. Previously, the property has been the location of a used car lot. The new drive-in will be the 87th unit in a 16-state area for the Illinois corporation. The operation will feature complete drive-in facilities with limited inside seating. Expected to be open in early June, the eatery's menu will include hamburgers and other foods including the Hi-Lo... "with cheese in the middle and a pickle on top!"

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, Feb. 20, 1964

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Sawdust District proposal gets Plan Commission OK

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Sawdust District Master Plan for development on the south side of the Fox River received unanimous approval from the Oshkosh Plan Commission at its Feb. 18 meeting and now goes before the Common Council for action.

The Community Development Department had requested action on the plan, which describes future goals and objectives for land use, development and trans-

portation in the district. The plan focuses on the area south of the Fox River bound by Lake Winnebago to West 17th Street, running along South Main Street with some sections going as far west as Nebraska Street.

The Sawdust District was originally identified in the Imagine Oshkosh Master Plan as an opportunity area for business and residential growth. The completed Sawdust plan is divided into six sub-areas, each with their own character and land use recommendations, done in collaboration

with consultant Houseal Lavigne Associates, city staff and the Sawdust District Advisory Group established to offer input and guidance throughout the process.

When asked by commissioner Justin Mitchell whether the plan could be later amended, Planning Services Manager Mark Lyons said it is a guiding plan and that any pending developments will be evaluated based on their merits.

Lyons also noted that the Sawdust District Master Plan does not replace or

override previous plans the city has done, adding that the other Plans are still vitally important.

In another action, the commission recommended approval of an extraterritorial two-lot land division at 2888 Clairville Road in the Town of Algoma. The site is at the southeast corner of West 20th Avenue and Clairville. Planning staff said Winnebago County would have the final say on any zoning changes for the property.

Paine's Rooms of Blooms featured in March

Rooms of Blooms returns to the Paine Art Center and Gardens with floral creations March 5-8 and 12-15. Designers in the region will create arrangements for the

Paine's current exhibition, "Alphonse Mucha: Master of Art Nouveau."

New this year, visitors can enjoy additional tea time on weekend mornings.



Photo by Michael Cooney

Pageant prep

Reigning Miss Oshkosh Katrina Mazier (center left) leads contestants last week during rehearsals for this year's pageant. Nine area women are competing for the title of Miss Oshkosh 2020, and seven are vying for Miss Oshkosh's Outstanding Teen 2020. Sponsored by the Oshkosh Area Women's Association, Miss Oshkosh is an official local preliminary to Miss Wisconsin and Miss America. The Miss Oshkosh and Miss Oshkosh's Outstanding Teen Competition will be held at Alberta Kimball Auditorium starting at 7 p.m. March 7.

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How did Darwinian Evolution get to the point where it is now a humanistic religion rather than a scientific theory? Was it always that way?

The answer lies in the dramatic change that occurred 160 years ago when Darwin published "The Origin of The Species". It gave impetus to and an intellectual foundation to the belief in a godless world. It made God redundant because it posited that natural processes could make all living things. Before that most of the great scientists believed that a rational being created the world. Therefore, they as rational beings could understand it and explain it using mathematics and other methods of modeling.

Darwin proposed his evolutionary theory before the complexity of life was known. In his day the substance of living things was referred to as "protoplasm" and believed to be similar to amorphous rock, a mixture of simple stuff. Had he known of the spectacular complexity that waited to become known, it is almost certain an evolutionary explanation would never have occurred to him.

When first proposed, Darwinian Evolution was a valid scientific theory. It continued to be for many decades since the mysteries of cellular life did not begin to unravel until the middle of the 20th century. During that time the main thing Darwinian Evolution had going for it was its science label, since pro and con evidence was scant and no competing theories were viewed as scientific.

Scientific theories quietly vanish if they cannot live up to their claims, empirical evidence is lacking to support them and alternative explanations exist. That should

have been the fate of Darwinian Evolution because it cannot live up to its claims, empirical evidence is lacking to support it and alternative explanations exist.

As a scientific theory Darwinian Evolution has died but it lives on as a humanistic religion with its main believers being STEM faculty from major research universities. Among biologists and psychologists 61% self-report as atheists and agnostics. The most elite scientists are members in the National Academy of Science with 72% atheists and 21% agnostics. Membership is by election, with members likely electing those with similar beliefs.

I, an Oshkosh scientist, will be contributing submissions that describe life at its smallest levels -- those of molecules and cells. Proteins, genes, molecular machines and processes like the construction and transport of proteins, cell division and the cell's version of FedEx are fair game.

Upon reading each, my desire is that you would ponder the question, Is AoE or CoG the better explanation for its existence? My primary goal is that an informed public will demand that Darwinian Evolution be removed from science curricula in public schools.

My next submission will describe the amazing packaging of DNA in cells -- amazing because the DNA is ten thousand times longer than its storage bin, all parts must be accessible and it requires a huge number of molecular workers with special skills.

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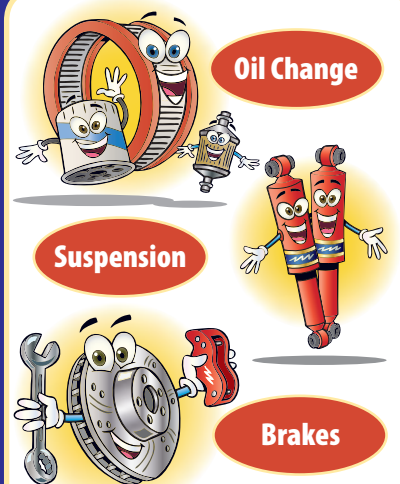
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Wildcats wrestling team lands three for state

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Oshkosh West wrestling team had a lot to be proud of Saturday as most of its roster was participating in WIAA Division 1 Sectional competition. Despite not being able to send everyone to Madison, the Wildcats landed three in next weekend's WIAA State Tournament while also missing on a few other close calls throughout the afternoon.

"As a team we wrestled very well today," head coach Duane Hartkopf said. "We had great week of practice and the kids bought in to what we asked them to do all season. Obviously sending three is great and we also had some other kids just miss."

Starting at 113 pounds, it was top-seeded Alec Hunter who continued his dominating season, breezing into the final round against Brent Miller of Germantown. Hunter capped off his strong day by earning a pin at the 3:14 mark to advance to state as sectional champion.

"I thought I wrestled phenomenal today," Hunter said. "My warmups were good prior to my matches. My wrestling was the best it has been all season and it felt like everything was going my way today."

The second of the Wildcats three state qualifiers came at 170 pounds where Collin Jones found himself up against FVA rival Bryce Crook of Neenah. Hoping for



Photo by Dustin Riese

North's Matthew Mathusek takes on West's Ben Buehring, who he pinned for a victory.

a better result than their earlier meeting in the regular season, Jones took Crook all the way to the final whistle, but the results remained the same as he settled for second place with a 6-3 decision loss.

"Today really made me believe in something that I didn't think was possible," Jones said. "I didn't start off too well this season and had to go through some rough

patches. Upsetting the No. 1 seed in my first match today was a huge confidence booster that got me going. I wanted to prove myself and others wrong and I did just that."

The final competitor West will send to the Kohl Center is Roman Martell at 182 pounds. After getting through his first two matches to reach the title match, Martell fell to Jacob Steidinger via pinfall with 18 seconds left and was forced to come back in a wrestle-back to earn his place. He earned a pinfall at the 3:42 mark to head to state.

"I think my first two matches of the day

were some of my best of the year as I did exactly what I wanted to do," Martell said. "Coming into my finals match I was very anxious, and you could see that with some of the moves I tried to do. Heading into my wrestleback, I came in with a win-or-go-home mindset and that certainly paid off for me in the end."

West had several other close calls, including Logan Grota at 138 pounds. After falling behind 7-3 through two periods in his finals match, Grota responded to earn the pin over Danny Jug of Slinger at the 4:55 mark but missed out on state due to no wrestleback.

"I have been dealing with some injuries this season, but I am not going to make excuses for that," he said. "Today didn't turn out how I wanted it to turn out and missing out on state is something I will regret in the future. However, today taught me some great lessons that I will take the rest of my life."

The 195-pound match saw Ben Buehring not only move up from JV but wrestle up a class as well. Despite giving his all-out effort, he came up short in fourth place but with no regrets on his performance.

"It was a good weekend even though I wish I could have gone farther," Buehring said. "I have been wrestling on JV most of the season and even moved up a class for regionals. I had some motivation heading into today because of who I faced. It was a great opportunity for me and I made the best of it."

Elijah Geffers (120) and Riley Stobb (220) were the other two Wildcats who wrestled Saturday although they lost early in the day.

Rec basketball

Feb. 19

WEDNESDAY RECREATION

Players def. Oblio's78-65
 Christianos Pizza def. Pete's Garage87-65
 Greene's Pour House def. Isagenix61-56
 Lakeside Marinabye
Standings: Christianos Pizza 9-2 Players 9-2
 Oblio's 8-2 Isagenix 3-7 Greene's Pour House 3-7
 Pete's Garage 2-8 Lakeside Marina 2-8

Feb. 20

THURSDAY RECREATION

Oblio's def. CLIC63-57
 608 Brewing Co. def. Legends49-44
 Oshkosh Tattoo def. Team Manila65-44
 Hoops I Did It Againbye
Standings: 608 Brewing Co. 11-0 Hoops I Did It
 Again 7-3 Team Manila 6-4 Oshkosh Tattoo & Good
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Spartans battle but come up short at sectionals

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

It was a big afternoon for the Oshkosh North wrestling team as it hosted the WIAA Division 1 Sectional with a chance to land several of its boys at state. Unfortunately North was unable to advance any of its participants to Madison on Saturday despite them laying it all on the mat.

“It was kind of a tough day for us as a team,” head coach Val Zemke said. “We had kids, several kids, that put themselves in position to make it to state. Unfortunately, for whatever reason we didn’t have enough go our way when it mattered.”

One of the wrestlers who put himself in position to advance was Cade Schmitz at 132 pounds. After falling in his semifinal match, Schmitz needed to win the third-place match and hope for some help along the way. Schmitz took care of his end by pinning Walker Wichman of Watertown in just 29 seconds, but it wasn’t enough for Madison as he settled for third on the day.

Only the top two advance to state in Division 1.



Photo by Dustin Riese

North’s Cade Schmitz goes in for the attack against Walker Wichman of Watertown at 132 pounds, pinning him in 29 seconds to take a third place in sectionals.

“My day could have been better,” Schmitz said. “There isn’t much else to say. I could have done better but just couldn’t put things together.”

In the 170-pound class, it was Jeremiah

Chmielewski giving his best efforts hoping he too could earn a trip to the Kohl Center. Needing a win and a Jones win from Oshkosh West in the championship round, Chmielewski took care of his end with a 10-5 decision, but the loss by Jones forced him to land in third missing state by one spot.

“I definitely felt when all is said and done that I could have probably done a

little better today,” he said. “It was a very stressful day today, but now that it is over, I can say it was a relief. Yes, I wanted to make it to state but I am happy with how I did.”

The final Spartan who had a chance at the podium was Matthew Mathusek at 195 pounds. After going 1-1 through two matches, Mathusek knocked off Ben Buehring of Oshkosh West with a pin in just 27 seconds to earn a wrestleback for one last shot at Madison. Up against Hunter Jeranek of Slinger, Mathusek saw his luck run out, falling in 1:41 via pin.

“I think I picked it up in terms of wrestling very well today as opposed to how I was even a few weeks ago,” Mathusek said. “I didn’t know what to expect of myself coming into regionals and ended up taking third to advance here before taking third at sectionals today. I am definitely happy with my performance.”

Jonathon Burk (120), Dylan Besaw (126) and Landon Spanbauer (152) were the rest of the Spartan participants on the afternoon.

Despite those three having their days end early it was still a successful season for the Spartans as they landed six individuals in the sectional meet with three earning podium recognition.

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UW Oshkosh basketball

Titans men win, finish second in conference

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh men’s basketball team ended its season with five straight wins as it beat UW-River Falls 74-64 in a Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference game on the road Saturday.

The Titans (17-8, 11-3) ended up finishing second in the WIAC behind No. 7 nationally ranked UW-Platteville (12-2). The Titans will host the WIAC Tournament this week and received a bye in the first round. The Titans will play Thursday in the semifinals.

The Titans got 19 points from both Jack Flynn and Adam Fravert in the win as UWO built a 14-point halftime lead.

Will Mahoney and Levi Borchert chipped in 10 points in the win.

Titans women earn fourth seed in WIAC

The UW Oshkosh women’s basketball team won its regular season finale Saturday, helping it earn the No. 4 seed in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Tournament which started Tuesday.

The Titans (15-10, 8-6) faced No. 5 UW-Stout in the tournament Tuesday but results were not available because of deadline.

Katie Ludwig had a career-high 23 points in the win for UWO, which shot nearly 53 percent in the win. Ludwig shot 6-of-7 from the field, including 3-of-3 from deep and 8-of-8 from the free throw line.

Nikki Arneson chipped in 16 points and six rebounds.

Youth Rugby registration set for spring season

Oshkosh Youth Rugby is taking player registration for the spring season for those in ninth through 12th grades.

Practice will be held March 1 and 8 at

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Prep sports roundup

GYMNASTICS

Oshkosh finishes fourth at conference meet

The Oshkosh North/West gymnastics team finished fourth in the Eastern Valley Conference Championships on Saturday out of six teams.

Olivia Navin had a solid day for Oshkosh – finishing fourth in the uneven bars (8) and vault (8.6) while taking sixth in the beam (8.15) while finishing sixth in all-round with a time score of 32.725.

WRESTLING

Knights season comes to an end at sectionals

The Lourdes wrestling team's season came to an end Saturday at the WIAA Division 3 Sectional at Dodgefield.

Keagan Stelzer had the best day for the Knights and was the closest to making it to state. Stelzer finished 2-2 and eventually lost his third-place match. The top three advance to state.

Stelzer (195) pinned his opponent in 1:32 in the first match and then lost the semifinals match on a close 3-2 decision. He bounced back with a pin in 1:48 in the consolation semis but was pinned in the third place match.

The Knights may have went 2-7, but six of those seven losses came to state qualifiers.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Lourdes tops Oakfield

The Lourdes boys basketball team built

a 24-point halftime lead as it dominated Oakfield 75-33 in a Trailways Conference game Friday night.

Preston Ruedinger had a game-high 20 points in the win while Josh Bauer added 15. Jack McKellips and Caden Chier also reached double figures, scoring 11 and 10.

The Knights (20-1, 14-0) will close out the regular season tonight when they host Milwaukee Academy of Science.

Wildcats split pair of games over weekend

The West boys basketball team lost a tight 55-50 nonconference game against Chippewa Falls on Saturday at home.

Caleb Fuller led West with 24 points while Karter Thomas added 13.

Then on Friday, the Wildcats picked up a big 65-40 win over Appleton West in a Fox Valley Association contest at home. West outscored the Terrors 38-18 in the second half to pull away for the win.

North wins high-scoring affair with Fond du Lac

The Oshkosh North boys basketball team picked up a 92-85 win over Fond du Lac in a Fox Valley Association contest played Friday night in Fondy.

Josh Dilling led the Spartans with 27 while Garang Deng and Jalen Keago each added 21 in the high-scoring game.

Henry Wright led Fondy with 30 points.

Giannopoulos has big night for Valley Christian

The Valley Christian boys basketball team pulled away to secure a 66-54 win

over Horicon on Friday night, getting a big night from Yianni Giannopoulos.

Giannopoulos scored 25 points – getting to the line 18 times, making 12 – while adding four rebounds and four assists in the win.

Isaiah Wade added 15 points and 15 rebounds while Nickolai Thur chipped in eight points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Rochon-Baker reaches milestone in victory

Oshkosh West senior Callista Rochon-Baker reached 1,000 career points Thursday night as the Wildcats picked up a 49-40 Fox Valley Association win over Fond du Lac.

Rochon-Baker scored 18 points for West while Kiersten McNulty added 17.

The Wildcats (10-12) earned the No. 10 seed in the WIAA Division 1 Tournament and will travel to face No. 7 Watertown in the opener at 7 p.m. Friday night.

Spartans fall in FVA finale

The Oshkosh North girls basketball team lost a 73-27 Fox Valley Association contest on Thursday at home to first-place undefeated Hortonville.

The Spartans earned the No. 16 seed in the WIAA Division 1 Tournament and faced No. 17 Manitowoc Lincoln on Tuesday – results were not available before publication.

Lourdes loses lead against Princeton/GL

The Lourdes girls basketball team had a

halftime lead but was outscored 24-17 in the second half as it lost a Trailways Conference game against Princeton/Green Lake, 44-41, Thursday night on the road.

Hope Burns had a game-high 18 points – hitting four 3's – for the Knights while Amelia Lindahl had seven points and Rachel Russo had five.

The Knights earned the No. 3 seed in the WIAA Division 5 Tournament and hosted No. 14 Faith Christian on Tuesday. Results were not available before deadline.

Winner of that game would face the winner of the No. 6 Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah/No. 11 Heritage Christian on Friday night.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Warbirds open up playoffs with victory

The No. 2 seeded Fond du Lac co-op girls hockey team opened up the WIAA Tournament with a 6-0 win over the No. 7 Beaver Dam co-op team on Thursday.

The Warbirds hosted No. 3 Arrowhead on Tuesday but results were not available before publication.

In Thursday's win, the Warbirds only had a 1-0 lead going into the third period but scored five goals in the final period to pull away.

Ella Spies and Hattie Verstegen each had two goals in the win while Tori Schmidt and Cassie Stephany added goals in the third.

Sofia Koppa had three assists in the win while Hailee Scheier recorded nine saves.

Compiled by Alex Wolf, Herald contributor



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Herd splits two, adds Justin Patton to roster

By Ti Windisch
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Wisconsin Herd beat the Grand Rapids Drive on the road and then lost against the Drive at home this week, but the biggest win of the week may have been a roster move. Wisconsin acquired Justin Patton, a talented big man who last played in the G League with the Oklahoma City Blue.

Wisconsin's on-the-court win came before Patton was officially on the Herd, as Wisconsin beat the Drive 107-103 in Grand Rapids. Frank Mason was brilliant in that contest, as he scored a career-high 44 points while making 13 of his 23 field goals.

After trailing early in that game, Wisconsin managed to tie it up by halftime thanks in large part to Mason, who already had 21 points. The Herd then pulled away in the third quarter just to have Grand Rapids return fire and take a six-point lead at one point in the fourth. Mason continued to lead the way though, and his impressive scoring led Wisconsin to the tight victory.

With Patton and Milwaukee Bucks forward DJ Wilson in tow, the Herd took on the Drive again on Sunday afternoon, this time in Oshkosh. The Herd controlled the first three quarters, and despite some back-and-forth scoring in the third quarter held a 19-point lead heading into the final quarter, which was extended to 21 early in the fourth after Mason scored two of his 36 total points.

Immediately after Mason's bucket, the Drive went on a huge run, scoring 18 of the next 21 points to make the game extremely close, and Grand Rapids went on to win 126-117 as Wisconsin's offense sputtered. Mason's 36 points was a game-high, while the Drive had three players score at least 20 points in the win.

In his second G League game of the season Wilson put up 18 points, eight



Photo by Emil Vajgrt

Herd big man No. 8 Justin Patton drives the ball right against a Grand Rapids Drive player.

rebounds, six assists, and five blocks before he fouled out in the fourth quarter. He said he believed mental lapses were responsible for the Drive coming back to win, and cited some of his miscues.

"I know I had a couple [lapses] on the defensive end, missing a couple of block out assignments, assuming the ball was just going to, you know, fall to us," Wilson said. "My man ended up getting one, I

think twice, and then, fouling out, turning the ball over, and stuff like that."

Mason had four turnovers in the fourth quarter, all of which included contact from Drive defenders. Mason also shot just four free throws in the game, despite attacking the rim all afternoon. Herd coach Chase Buford did not mince words in saying the officiating was unfair, especially as it came to Mason not getting calls.

"Frank shoots 14 of 17 [from the field]," Buford said. "He shoots four free throws throughout the night despite getting to the paint all night long. They shoot twice as many free throws as we did despite us being the attacking team — we outscored them 58 to 42 in the paint and they shoot twice as many free throws as we do. The math doesn't add up in that. And they know they gave it to them at the end. The refs really tried to give that to Grand Rapids in the fourth quarter, and they did a great job of doing that."

Despite the loss, Patton looked strong in his Herd debut. He came off of the bench and posted 11 points, two assists, two blocks, and a steal in 22 minutes. Patton said he wanted to get the win next time out, but thought his fit on the team was seamless.

"It's a great team, they've got a great thing going right now," Patton said. "When I first came here, I told Chase this is beautiful basketball just to watch. It's fun."

To open a roster spot for Patton, the Herd released young center Brandon McCoy. In 26 games with Wisconsin this season, McCoy averaged 7.3 points and 7.0 rebounds per game.

Community Players present stage premiere

Oshkosh Community Players presents the premiere of "Someplace Different," a new comedy by Fox Cities playwright Bradley Dokken, opening Friday at The Grand Oshkosh.

"Someplace Different" follows servers and patrons of a popular restaurant, Someplace Different, and gives a first-hand look at restaurant life. From awkward first dates to unruly customers and disgruntled staff members, there's food, friends and laughs

along the way.

This is Dokken's second original production with the Community Players after a run of "One Strange Night" in 2018. He is directing the show alongside L. Douglas Bord-Pire. More than 20 actors from Oshkosh and the Fox Cities area lead the cast.

Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Feb. 28 and 29, 2 p.m. March 1 and 7:30 p.m. March 5-7. General tickets are \$18-\$24 and suite seats are \$30.

Trinity open house set

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The Fox Valley Workforce Development Board has received a \$97,000 grant from the state Department of Workforce Development to serve area residents laid off from retail jobs, the second such grant received to serve this group.

Last year the board received a \$64,580 grant, which has been exhausted. Retail employment in Wisconsin is down by about 9,000 workers, or 3 percent, from its peak in 2016.

Local workforce boards use the funding to cover retraining, including tuition,

books, supplies and equipment needed. The grant may also cover the cost of housing, mileage, child care and other bills, and seeks to train for roles in sectors as varied as manufacturing, IT, health care and transportation.

The board also has resources available through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Any laid-off individual will be evaluated for programs available, and should visit the Fox Cities Job Center, 1802 Appleton Road, Menasha, or Fond du Lac Job Center, 349 N. Peters Ave.

Obituaries

Joyce E. Klemz

Joyce E. Klemz, age 84, passed away on Monday, February 17, 2020 in Oshkosh. Joyce was born on November 1, 1935 to the late Anton and Caroline (Spanbauer) Schmidt. On September 14, 1957, Joyce married Richard "Dick" Klemz in St. Jude Parish (Sacred Heart Catholic Church). He preceded her in death on December 30, 1998. Joyce worked most of her life landscaping the City Center in Oshkosh.

Joyce is survived by her one son; Rick (Mary) Klemz, two daughters; Carol Neubauer and Angela Suhail, two sisters; Doris (Dick) Gocker and Phyllis (Al) Harke, and six grandchildren; Kenric Klemz, Kayla Klemz, Erin Hughes, Emma

Suhail, Sarah Suhail, and Richie Suhail.

Joyce is preceded in death by her husband; Dick Klemz, parents, one daughter; Kay Klemz, and one brother; Kenneth "Sunny" Schmidt.

There will be no visitation. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 AM on Friday, February 28, 2020 in St. Jude Parish (Sacred Heart Catholic Church), 519 Knapp St., Oshkosh, WI 54902. Father Louis Golamari will be the celebrant.



Norma J. Nitz

Norma J. Nitz, age 57 of Oshkosh, passed away peacefully as a result of cardiac complications on Sunday, February 16, 2020. She was born on December 27, 1962 to Charles and Wilma (nee Hauser) Saunders in Mauston, WI. Norma was married to Peter Nitz on June 8, 1996 and their marriage was blessed with two children, and one grandchild.

Norma loved her work as the Head Housekeeper at Bella Vista Retirement Community. She loved all of the residents and made many friends who she cared about deeply. Her sense of neatness and organization is something that carried over to her home life as well. Norma loved her family dearly and always looked forward to spending time with her husband, children and mother. Norma and her mother ran their weekly errands together and they also shared a love of card games. A few of her favorites include Canasta, Skip-Bo and Cribbage. Norma enjoyed sewing and quilting, and had been a part of the First United Methodist quilting

group. She loved babies, and would work tirelessly to make baby blankets for family and friends who were expecting. Norma also loved animals, nature and playing computer games.

Norma is lovingly survived by her husband Peter Nitz; children, Stephan and Samantha Nitz; one grandchild, Tyler Miller; mother, Wilma Klemmer; brothers: Fred (Karen) and William "Bill" (Lillian) Saunders; sisters, Judy (Mark) Bates, Nancy (Darriel) Kumbier, Hazel (Gordy) Przybyl, Wilma (Jerald) Vinyard, Helen (Gerald) Luessow; half-sister, Charlene Bahe; brothers-in-law, Bryon (Barb), Paul (Tina) and Gary (Rochelle) Nitz. She is further survived by her beloved cats, Snowflake, Milo and Riker.

She was preceded in death by her father, Charles Saunders; brothers, James "Jimmy" and Charles "Junior" Saunders; father-and-mother-in-law, Neil and Barbara Nitz; and beloved cat, Princess.

In honor of Norma's wishes, there will be no funeral service, but a celebration of life will be held at a later date.



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Message to youth

Krys, a resident at 426 Dove St., and her aerospace engineer friend Phil created this ice monolith last week. The monolith stands 6 feet tall and lit by a solar-powered yard light, turning the frozen structure into a "kaleidoscope of colors," Krys said. "Our hope is that this monolith will inspire youth to think creatively and to encourage them to attain the dreams that are an arm's length away," she said. Krys welcomes spectators but asks that they remain on the sidewalk or street.

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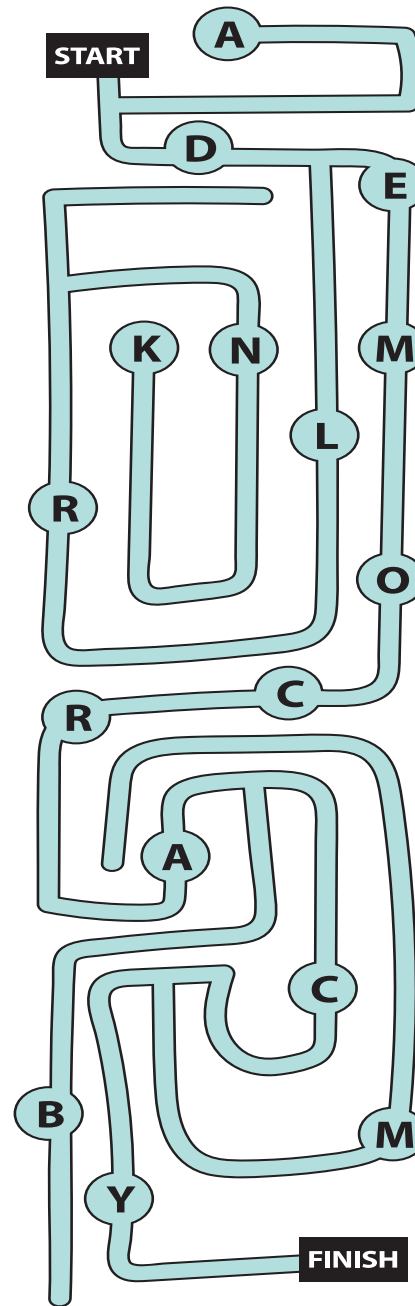


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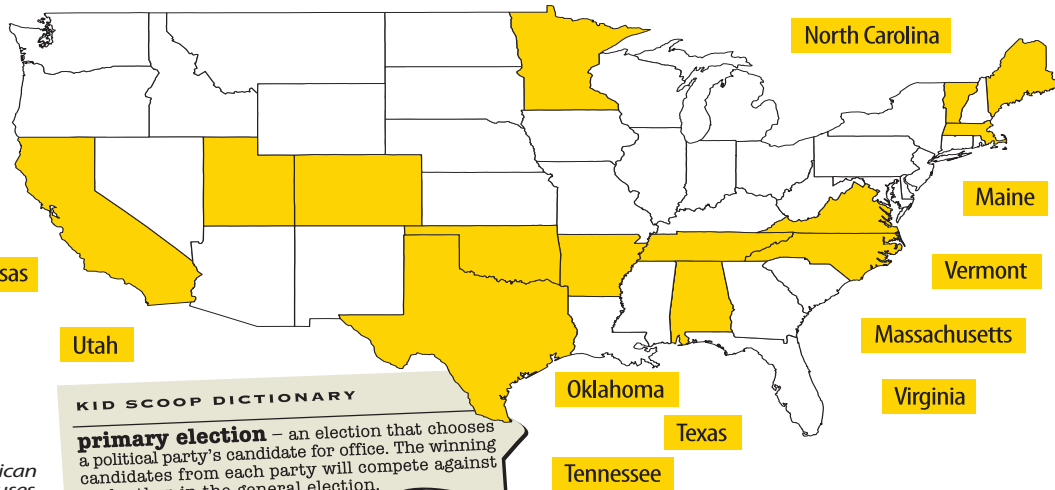
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SUPER TUESDAY

On Tuesday, March 3rd, citizens over the age of 18 in 14 states and American Samoa will vote for who will represent their political party as the candidate for president in the November national election. That is a quarter of the states and U.S. Territories all voting on the same day, and it's known as Super Tuesday. It is a super day to celebrate democracy!

WHO IS VOTING?

The states holding their primaries on Super Tuesday are shaded. Draw a line from the name of each state to where it is located on the U.S. map at right.



*Not shown on map: American Samoa will also hold caucuses on Super Tuesday.

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primary election - an election that chooses a political party's candidate for office. The winning candidates from each party will compete against each other in the general election.

Replace the missing words.

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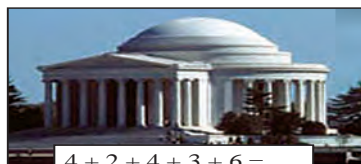
Trump in the fall and _____ back the White House for their party.

The U.S. Constitution calls for American _____ to elect a president every four years. The _____ takes place in November.

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Extra! Extra! Candidate Search

Look through the newspaper and find the names of people running for public office. On a piece of paper, write down each name and the office they wish to represent. Can you discover which political party each candidate represents?

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

What do donkeys and elephants have to do with elections?

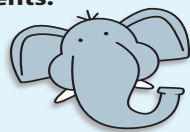
Donkeys and elephants have long been the symbols of the two biggest political parties in the United States, thanks to a cartoonist named Thomas

Nast. In the 1870s, Nast drew a donkey to represent one party and an elephant to represent the other in cartoons for *Harper's Weekly* magazine.

Unscramble the letters to see which party each animal represents.



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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Election Words to Know

As you read more about elections in the news, it is good to know the meanings of the words you will read and hear.

Candidate: a person running for office

Election: the process of choosing a leader by voting

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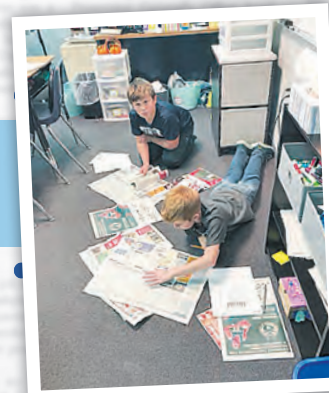
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