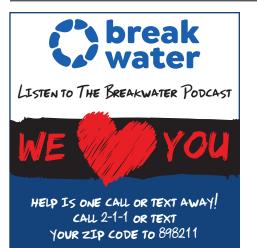
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Area vaccine efforts expand

Mobile teams part of county program

By Jack Tierney OSHKOSH HERALD

A mobile vaccination team, one of nine sent in mid-January to Wisconsin locations identified as having health care gaps and in need of COVID-19 administration assistance, "very quickly" increased vaccination efforts in Winnebago County, according to the Winnebago County Emergency Management director.

Eric Rasmussen reported on the effort at last week's Winnebago County Emergency Management Committee meeting. He said the mobile testing team arranged by the Wisconsin Executive Branch helped bolster phase 1A vaccination efforts with 5,500 vaccines administered over six days in the county.

As of Monday morning, 22,397 doses were administered to county residents who fall within Phase 1A of the state's vaccination plan or are at least 65 years old.

"I had my first vaccine dose (Saturday) at the Sunnyview clinic and it was the best experience," Oshkosh resident Mary Beth Gehrke said in an email. "All week I had talked with friends who had already been there and they said the same thing. It was so well organized, efficient, friendly, nonthreatening environment from the minute I drove into the area to when I left the parking lot."

To register for an appointment, visco.winnebago.wi.us/health/divisions and find "Sunnyview vaccine clinic." The Sunnyview vaccinating clinic closed this week while waiting for more supply. The county will not take walk-in appoint-

Those eligible for a 1A vaccination are asked to check with their employer. If not



A University of Wisconsin Oshkosh student nurse administers a vaccine Saturday at Sunnyview Expo Center.

affiliated with a vaccine provider, complete an online form from the Winnebago County Health Department to arrange an appointment at surveymonkey.com/r/3M-

Health Department director Doug Gieryn said it will take weeks to vaccinate the currently eligible population.

"Please be patient," he said. He encouraged residents to visit the health department website frequently for updates or follow its Facebook or Twitter sites.

The current eligible population for vaccines includes residents in skilled nursing

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Diversity efforts look to move community forward

Equity committee works to define issues

By Kaitlyn Scoville Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh is quickly becoming a more diverse community, but how is the city faring in racial equity?

Between 2010 and 2019, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, the population of Asian and Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander peoples in Oshkosh has in-

creased significantly. However, Black and American Indian or Alaska Native populations in the city were on the decline.

Mashebe Subulwa, a member of the city's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee (DEI) and an Oshkosh resident since 2011, said there weren't that many people of color in the city when he arrived.

"I could pride myself to be among the few Black people in town," he said. "But that came with its own difficulties: to navigate through a town where few people look like you."

Joaquín Lira and Mee Yang, both mem-



Subulwa

bers of the DEI who moved here in the 1980s, recognized right away how little diversity there was.

"You can see we have a long way to go to address some of the issues in regard to how we deal with diverse groups," Lira said.

"They talked about moving here because they wanted to improve the lives of their

Like Subulwa, people of color come to Oshkosh for opportunities. For them, they took a step in the right direction for their welfare, their family and themselves,

"We have been fighting hard to advocate that we are just like fellow white people from anywhere else moving into the city," Subulwa explained. "But it has not been easy. The problem is that we have to wear this skin every day. It doesn't matter

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Passion for helping finds warm home

Restaurant owner engages community

By Kaitlyn Scoville OSHKOSH HERALD

One man has been providing dinners for those in need since late January, and he hopes it will continue on for as long as it's necessary.

Rodney Frazier of Rodney's Cafe hosted a "pasta-thon" after a toy drive with the



Oshkosh Police Department inspired him to continue giving back to the community.

Frazier moved to Oshkosh from California nearly 15 years ago to care for his motherin-law. He decided to make the city his home after knowing he had

started something good and piggybacking off how kind and generous the community was being.

"I did the same thing in California," Frazier said. "I was a caregiver, I had group homes, I had several cafes in northern California where I hired people with disabilities. That's been in my heart all my life. I don't want to just limit people with disabilities, but anybody that needs my assistance, I want to be there for them."

He gained his love for cooking from his mother, who had to feed seven children Frazier said she had everybody in the kitchen helping her.

"I am the way I am because of my parents and my siblings. We all love helping



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Rodney Frazier coordinated a December toy drive that brought joy to many over the holidays.

people," he said.

The first week of dinners he donated was Jan. 25-29. Every day from 3 to 6 p.m. Frazier and volunteers passed out more than 500 dinners to those who needed it.

"It was for anybody that's been adversely affected by COVID or because of a lost job and they're struggling," Frazier ex-

Each week he provides a different entree, and all of his food has come from donations. Frazier's first pasta-thon was the only time he took from his own pocket.

His goal is to serve 1,000 people per week with these donated meals.

Over the summer, Rodney began collaborating with the Oshkosh Police Department after a conversation with Chief Dean Smith.

Police officer Kate Mann met Rodney last summer. Part of her role as public affairs crime prevention officer is doing community outreach and building that positive relationship between the community and the police department.

"I've had the fortunate time to be able to partner with him on numerous community events over Thanksgiving and Christ-





mas times," Mann said. "We found that we both have a passion for helping people of need in our community."

Frazier has some volunteers that help him regularly, but a lot of them come and go as he needs them. Residents also donate to his cause every day.

"I discourage people from giving me money; I want them to just give me the products that I need to provide the food,"

And Mann said that the generosity of the community is contagious.

"People really just express how much they're appreciating what Rodney's doing," she said. "These meals are helping feed families in need here in our community, and he's had such a positive impact on so many people's lives."

John Holland, public information officer for the fire department, met Frazier several years ago and said that he is grateful to even have a little part in the cause.

"I think he has a soft spot for the underdog," Holland said. "Rodney is just a great guy; he has such an amazing heart and such dedication to our community. It's fantastic to see the people that we're helping and to see the immediate results, the look on their faces and knowing they're getting a decent meal. He puts so much of himself into that."

And Frazier said that as long as people help him along, he will continue providing for the community.

"It's just the pure joy that I have from people supporting what I'm doing," he said. "And because of that, it's allowing me to continue to give out free meals. I'm really thankful for the citizens of Oshkosh to make me be the person to provide all these meals and assistance."



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Photo from myfishingpartner.com

The long wait for sturgeon spearing season is almost over on the Winnebago lake system.

Clear waters predicted for sturgeon spearing

With more snow cover and less runoff leading up to Saturday's sturgeon spearing season kickoff, the state Department of Natural Resources anticipates better water clarity than in recent years and higher harvests from Lake Winnebago.

At a news briefing last Wednesday, officials said preliminary checks showed water clarity between 10 to 16 feet and said it should lead to predetermined harvest caps being met before the 16-day season cutoff.

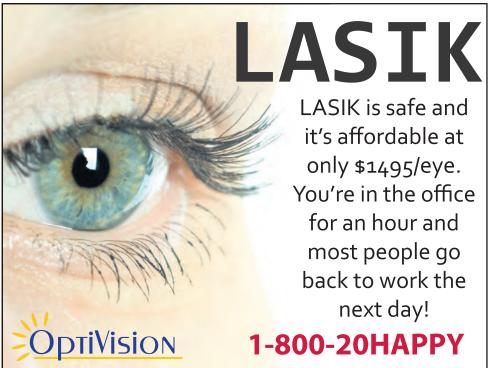
System-wide sturgeon harvest caps for the 2021 Winnebago system are 430 juvenile females, 950 adult females and 1,200 males

Spearers who have already scouted for the best areas for fish activity also have reported clear water. Historical data shows that an average lakewide clarity of 12 feet or greater typically results in a shortened season. DNR officials will continue to monitor water clarity since conditions can change rapidly.

Additional forecasts and daily season harvest reports will be available on the Winnebago system sturgeon spearing webpage at dnr.wisconsin.gov. Spearers are asked to review 2021 regulations for essential changes to the registration process, including new spear size and tine arrangement restrictions.

All DNR registration stations will be contactless. Spearers should place harvested sturgeon on tailgates or in an accessible location before entering the registration area and then remain in their vehicles throughout the process. The maximum spear head width for this season is limited to 18 inches and tines can only be arranged in a single plane.

Spearers are encouraged to check with local fishing clubs and conservation groups about ice conditions near the area they plan to spear.





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Oshkosh youth take on nature with winter sports

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International Youth Sailing of Oshkosh founders Steve and Sara Eliasen have been offering a variety of water-related sports instruction, including the frozen kind, for the last decade.

Sara Eliasen said they normally provide downhill and cross-country skiing classes at school playgrounds with groups ranging in size from 20 to 300, often in tandem with Dr. Eric's Skate Club.

With this winter season in the midst of a pandemic, the club expanded its program to the public at parks such as Red Arrow and Menominee. With the support of the Oshkosh Recreation and Parks departments, Eliasen said they have been able to set up cross-country skiing, downhill skiing and skating for whoever wants to participate. They provide the ski gear and instruction so that residents can gain an easy access to these sports.

"We knew that kids, parents, seniors, families – everyone – would need to get outside, get some fresh air and exercise, and have some fun doing something that is naturally socially distanced," Eliasen told freelance photographer Michael Cooney.

"Once you learn the basics, they can be pretty easy, accessible and safe for most people. Through these years, with downhill skiing, we have witnessed kids progress from learning to ski at the sledding hill at Red Arrow Park to becoming exceptional skiers, eventually becoming instructors at area ski hills."

Red Arrow Park is usually used for cross-country instruction on Monday afternoons and certain Saturday mornings, along with Menominee Park on Tuesday



Photo by Michael Cooney

Cross-country skiers work their way across Red Arrow Park as part of a Saturday lesson that included downhill skiing on the hill.

afternoons when possible.

Red Arrow's sledding hill is used for downhill instruction on some Saturday mornings. Details for signing up are at sai-

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The nonprofit group is on the water in warmer months with basic sailing instruction and more advanced opportunities. Its 13-year-old sailing program is part of the school district's grade school curriculum and averages about 1,000 students per summer.

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Transit center plans advance, study endorsed

By Tom Ekvall HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Oshkosh Plan Commission last week unanimously recommended approval of a GO Transit Site Selection Study, which includes pursuing federal grants that would help convert the present 30-year-old downtown transit space into a permanent facility.

The study on long-term GO Transit needs was completed by SRF Consulting through a planning grant prepared by the city's transit operations and the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Com-

Correction

FEB. 3, PAGE 8: In a story about the Winnebago County capital improvements plan for 2021-25, the Herald miscalculated the project cost estimates as listed in the document.

The Sunnyview Expo Center generator's total cost would be \$880,000, not \$960,000; the district attorney's remodeling total cost is \$190,000, not \$380,000; the roof replacement project is an ongoing program with a five-year anticipated cost of \$1,265,000, not \$1.49 million; and the sheriff's office evidence storage building's total cost is \$305,500, not \$611,000.

The five-year total for projects is set at \$55.8 million, and after applying the general fund balance and adding debt issue costs it is \$50.8 million. The county bonds for projects and decides what to apply in the general fund balance. A resolution would come forward for each project for 2021 after the project is presented to the county board. This list is in no priority order and separated by department.

mission and authorized this spring.

Jo Ann Olsen, a consultant with the plan consultants, presented highlights at the meeting, noting that seven sites were initially considered for a downtown transit center with three chosen for final designs. These included the present downtown site, the Oshkosh Convention Center's north parking lot and a location at Jackson Street and Pearl Avenue.

Olsen said three public input sessions were held as part of the planning process during mid-November. The choices nar-

rowed down to the existing site and Jackson/Pearl Avenue locations. The current site was chosen for a variety of reasons, including lower redevelopment costs estimated at \$5.6 million while the Jackson/ Pearl site was put at \$12.2 million.

An upgraded transit center would be able to handle 12 buses at one time while the present one can accommodate six.

Ridership surveys noted high priority for temperature-controlled waiting areas, restrooms and ticketing/customer service interactions, as well as having building security and durability.

In other action, the commission approved recommendations for a central mixed-use design alteration review and design standards variance for facade work at the commercial building at Oshkosh Tattoo & Good Girl Piercing at 223 N. Main St., and a specific implementation plan amendment for a monument sign at 150 Aspire Lane.

The commission also received a Sustainability Advisory Board goals proposal for this year but took no action on it.



Photo by Michael Cooney

Clearing a path

A Winnebago County truck plows and salts roads after last week's snowstorm that dropped 5 inches or more.



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St. Vincent de Paul Society marks 55 years of caring

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

The St. Vincent de Paul Society first opened its doors in Oshkosh 55 years ago, providing the needy of the city and surrounding communities necessary resources.

In 1965, the St. Vincent de Paul Society started at 300 State St. It now resides at 2551 Jackson St.

The donation-only nonprofit holds a 9-to-1 volunteer-to-paid employee ratio, with the focus "to help those in need, living at or below the poverty level in our community."

"We do this by providing monetary assistance with rent and utilities, clothing and household item vouchers, mentorship, advocacy and guidance reaching out to other community resources for help," their website states.

Cyndi Trent, store manager since January 2020, said that the favorite part of her job was seeing how the store provides those necessities to residents in need.



The St. Vincent de Paul Society's Oshkosh store is at 2551 Jackson St.

"I hope that it has a ripple effect and has a bigger effect when people leave here and they've gotten the help that they needed,"

she said. "That's our mission here: Help the poor, serve the needy."

St. Vincent's gave nearly \$320,000 in assistance back to the community last year, including family funding, transportation, clothing, furniture and household items, and providing for the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry.

With a photo ID, proof of income and a copy of one's utility bill or lease, St. Vincent's can provide several resources, including clothing vouchers, furniture and household item vouchers, bus passes, gas cards, school supplies and financial assistance.

Other services such as the Salvation Army, Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services or Father Carr's Place 2B will refer people to St. Vincent's for vouchers.

Clothing vouchers are available once every six months, furniture and household items every year, financial assistance once every 12 months and bus passes are provided monthly.

St. Vincent's also participates in several community events around the city. They hold a back-to-school fair with the Boys & Girls Club to provide backpacks, school supplies and clothing vouchers, a Christmas program each year to set aside and give away donated brand new items to children and work closely with UW Oshkosh and Oshkosh North High School's Community program to gather more volunteers.

Coordinator Eileen Bimle helps those interested in volunteering with St. Vincent's. One can call, visit or email the store to provide some information for a small background check before starting.

Trent said that there are several parts of the store that people can help with, like technology, books, purses, clothing and art.

"Most people have a little niche; if we can find something for you to do here, we'd love to," she said.

And she added that the community service legacy should live on another 55 years.

"I want people to see that St. Vincent de Paul Oshkosh has a passion for helping our community," Trent said. "That's what we started with, and I think that we do a really good job at being there to help. I want that to be our legacy – that we helped those that are in need."





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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 3-Feb 19, 2021. Ballots must be at the Oshkosh Herald's office by **5pm on February 22, 2021.** 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 19, 2021. Ballots must be at the Oshkosh Herald's office by **5pm on March 22, 2021.** 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.

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Addiction response shifts during pandemic

By Kaitlyn Scoville OSHKOSH HERALD

The nonprofit organization Solutions Recovery Inc. (SRI) has experienced a more severe 2020 due to COVID-19. However, their attendance has remained about the same compared with previous

Trevor Fenrich, operations director and chair of SRI, said the resource center for those struggling with addiction had to close its doors from March until the end of May. During that time, they went completely virtual by setting up equipment in each of their rooms to host meetings and post videos on social media.

"I remember being really nervous about how individuals that are new - coming into recovery or to sobriety - were going to be able to find access to resources, specifically with support groups," said Megan Reinl, Solutions House program director. "All I knew was that there's going to be some pretty serious ripple effects because of this."

Although attendance has remained steady, both Fenrich and Reinl said there had been more relapses in 2020.

"Early on I didn't see too much but then things started to bottle up," Reinl said. "All of a sudden, once it hit summertime, it was very apparent that the relapse rate was up, overdose fatality rate was up. Addiction doesn't take a break just because we're in the middle of a pandemic. In fact, it probably exacerbates the problem more because of the isolation."

According to the Winnebago County 2020 Overdose Fatality Report (OFR), there were 35 overdose-related fatalities, which is double 2019's reported cases.

In order to reopen, the SRI board of directors met and developed a strategic plan to provide recovering addicts the socialization that these people need. SRI has kept safe protocol by encouraging social distancing and providing masks and sanitizer.





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month program. In late 2020, they had

a waitlist of 22 people when their pre-

Though that list is long, Reinl said those

"I noticed resiliency with our residents,"

she said. "We're still fighting this beast

- this addiction, this disease - and they

really did lean on each other in times of

Fenrich said that SRI is looking to main-

tain virtual events for the time being but

have high hopes in holding its annual 5K

Reinl said SRI also has been working

over the past year to expand and add a

third facility. Though a location and open-

ing date are not decided, she's grateful for

"Without our patrons, our donors and

funders, we would not be able to serve the

population the way that we're able to," she

For those seeking help, Fenrich said

they can call, email or visit during operat-

ing hours, which all can be found at sri-wi.

run/walk in September.

the opportunity.

said.

COVID average is about 10 to 12.

in the program come out stronger.

hardship."

Solutions Recovery has been able to adjust its mission serving those struggling with addiction during the health emergency.

to expand that into a virtual sense," Fen-

rich said. "They can still join their support

group or meeting virtually, which I think

is really helpful for people in that at-risk

population. We provide the space like we

always have, but in a virtual and physical

The coffee counter is only open during

"We're not able to offer the same so-

cial interaction that we used to because

it's volunteer-run; some don't want to be

put at risk," Fenrich said. "But we do have

a dedicated group of volunteers that keep

At the beginning of the pandemic, SRI

Sober Living remained fully operation-

al with added restrictions, according to

Reinl. Even so, they experienced a de-

crease in applicants for a few months

cants from treatment centers," Reinl said.

"Eventually, they open back up and, after

people start to complete inpatient treat-

ment, we receive an influx of applicants."

"Typically, we receive referrals or appli-

during 2020.

the place open when meetings are here."

regularly scheduled meetings.

In-person attendance was down to 25 percent once the recovery center reopened in May. Meeting attendance in person is now about 75 percent, but "we're right about where we started pre-COVID between virtual and in-person attendance," Fenrich said. "We still wanted to be able to provide the resources that we have as much as we could virtually."

Fenrich said that though socialization is key for those in recovery, it's still important to provide what services they can virtually for those not comfortable to attend in person.

"I think it's a really great thing that we're able to offer the resource that we were in

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A 6.25-mile trail through much of the city and along its shorelines is shown marked.

City trail loop looking for name

The city's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee is looking to name the recreational trail route loop that follows the Fox River on both sides and crosses the Tribal Heritage Crossing on the Interstate 41 bridge.

The city is using the Polco online survey platform (at ci.oshkosh.wi.us under Services) to solicit name ideas for the estimated 6.25-mile trail that takes in River-

walk sections and some shared residential roads.

"In an effort to market this route to visitors and locals we are creating a recognizable name to help establish a sense of place and brand for this existing route," reads part of the survey description.

Poll takers have until Feb. 28 to choose three names from an established list or offer their own suggestions.

Chamber survey shows steady business climate

A survey of local chief executives, business managers and owners by the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce indicates Oshkosh has a position of strength in the marketplace while employment stays above the national rate.

The chamber's Annual Business Outlook Survey, a barometer used to gauge the degree of confidence of business leaders, signals that the 2021 recovery is underway but may be uneven. There is a growing degree of optimism among chief executives and business owners with 66.5 percent of those participating rating their companies' outlook as good to excellent in the next six months and 88.75 percent rating their outlook as good to excellent in the next one to three years.

Thirty percent reported that sales increased in 2020 over the previous year, 40 percent indicated that profits were up, and 53 percent increased wages. This past year, 27 percent of reporting companies added staff to their payrolls.

In 2020, 44 percent of respondents indicated their companies met or exceeded profitability expectations. Those companies missing the mark on profitability expectations cited the impact of the pandemic as the biggest cause.

When asked about forecasts for this year, 76 percent believe sales will outperform the previous year's level and 53 percent expect to add employees. Overall, 55 percent of the reporting companies expect sales gains in the first quarter compared with the previous quarter and 58 percent expect sales increases in the first quarter compared with the same quarter a year ago. Sixty-two

percent of area CEOs expect to hire more people in 2021 and 38 percent expect to make a capital expenditure.

Business leaders report that finding qualified workers remains a challenge, with 37.5 percent indicating they have job openings that are unfilled.

The jobless rate for Oshkosh in December was at 4.4 percent compared with 6.5 percent nationally. In April, the local rate was 14.3 percent.

About 57 percent of area manufacturers plan to increase their raw material inventories in the first quarter compared with the previous year, while 46.5 percent of retailers, wholesalers and manufacturers anticipate higher volume of finished goods inventory over the previous quarter.

Local CEOs indicated that legislative measures should be taken to improve their business and the state's business climate, citing three public policy issues: the labor shortage and lack of qualified applicants, the current tax climate, and increasing health care costs.

"While it is impossible to predict our economic future with a high degree of specificity and in spite of the COVID-19 pandemic, locally Oshkosh is doing well and has a position of strength in the marketplace," chamber president John Casper said. "People will look back on 2020 and consider it one of the most transformational periods in Oshkosh history. As we turn the page in 2021, businesses are focused on reigniting the local economy and reasserting their competitiveness. The year 2021 will be one of recovery."



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FVTC's 2020 fall graduates

Fox Valley Technical College announced its fall graduates in the Oshkosh area:

Jacob Abraham, Marketing, Oshkosh

Andrew Adolf, IT – Information Systems Security Specialist, Winneconne

Dhiya Attafi, Business Management, Oshkosh

Amanda Baranczyk, Hospitality Management, Winneconne

Shawna Beck, Nursing

– Associate Degree, Osh-

Brook Besant, Digital Marketing, Oshkosh

Ashley Biese, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Omro

Mackenzie Boehlke, Dental Assistant, Oshkosh

Juliana Bulson, Medical Administrative Professional, Oshkosh

Amanda Burns, Assistant Teacher; Early Child-hood Teacher, Omro

Dylan Bush, IT – Information Systems Security Specialist, Oshkosh

Janice Button, Business Management, Oshkosh

Shanna Calkins, Assistant Teacher; Early

Childhood Education; Early Childhood Teacher, Berlin

Dustin Campshure, Culinary Arts, Oshkosh

Kyle Cannon, IT – Network Systems Administration, Oshkosh

Madeleine Chapman, Practical Nursing, Winneconne

Chue Cheng, Medical Coding Specialist, Oshkosh

Thomas Crowell, Criminal Justice – Law Enforcement 720 Academy, Oshkosh

Brianna Delbridge, Forensic Science, Oshkosh

Donald Draves, Accounting; Accounting Assistant, Berlin

Rebecca Duwe, Practical Nursing, Oshkosh

Tobias Eberhardy, Dental Assistant, Berlin

Kyle Fournier, Quality Technician, Oshkosh

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Brittney Hamilton, Practical Nursing, Oshkosh

Crystal Harackiewicz, Digital Marketing, Oshkosh

Eric Harper, Electrical Engineering Technology, Winneconne

Thomas Henderson,
Process Technician,
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Matthew Htwe, Criminal Justice – Law Enforcement 720 Academy, Oshkosh

Amber Jackelen, Interior Design, Oshkosh

Ashley James, Medical Coding Specialist, Oshkosh

Samantha Johansen, Criminal Justice Studies, Oshkosh

Kyle Jones, Accounting; Accounting Assistant, Oshkosh

Terrance Jones, Digital Marketing, Marketing,

Oshkosh

Hannah Jungwirth,
Business Management;
Business Operations,
Oshkosh

Kristine Keller, Business Operations, Oshkosh

Paula Kjemhus, Medical Office Assistant, Oshkosh

Devin Kleman, IT – Web Development and Design Specialist, Oshkosh

Mackenzie Krokstrom, Interior Design; Interior Design – Kitchen & Bath Design, Oshkosh

Gregory Lambert, Web Design, Oshkosh

Zachary Larson, Electricity, Oshkosh

Logan Lehman, Supply Chain Management, Oshkosh

Shaneah Littel, Business Management, Oshkosh

Kang Lor, Dental Assistant, Oshkosh

Mohammad Mamun, IT – Software Developer, Oshkosh

Riley Marek, Business Operations, Oshkosh

Miranda Martin, Culinary Arts; Food Service Production; Hospitality Management, Oshkosh

RayAnn Martin, Therapeutic Massage, Oshkosh Olivia McConnell, Cosmetology, Oshkosh

Paxton Miller, Automotive Technology – Imports, Oshkosh

Bryan Milligan, Security and Asset Protection, Oshkosh

Nkau Mog Mee Lor, Business Operations, Oshkosh

Vincent Morrill, IT

– Software Developer,
Oshkosh

Tommy Moua, Web

Design, Oshkosh

Ethan Nettles, Medical Coding Specialist, Oshkosh

Kimberly Nichols, Nursing – Associate Degree, Oshkosh

Chi Nou Lor, IT – Software Developer, Oshkosh Jeremy Oakes, IT – Network Systems Administration, Oshkosh

Martin Perez, Food Service Production, Oshkosh

Aaron Perpich, Criminal Justice Studies, Oshkosh

Daniel Pessoa, Criminal Justice – Law Enforcement 720 Academy, Oshkosh

Alan Peterson, Aeronautics–Pilot Training, Oshkosh

James Pichette, Nursing – Associate Degree, Oshkosh

Hannah Poliak, Event Management, Oshkosh

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Mikayla Przekurat, Baking and Pastry Production, Oshkosh

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UW Oshkosh part of new precollege pipeline initiative

The University of Wisconsin System launched a precollege initiative last week to help guide high school students in preparing for, applying to and enrolling at UW Oshkosh and four other universities.

The initial investment of \$1 million will be equally divided among UWO, UW-Parkside, UW-Platteville, UW-Stout and UW-Whitewater.

Each of the universities will use the funding to develop and implement precollege activities and programs that serve the needs of students in their respective areas. At UW Oshkosh, the initiative will fund scholarship assistance to precollege students as the pandemic continues to impact families financially.

"We envision giving priority to first-generation students who participate in the program and who demonstrate commitment to social justice in their activities, communities and beyond," said Aggie Hanni, UWO assistant vice chancellor for enrollment management.

At other universities, the initiative will involve placing student coaches and re-

cruiters in a select number of regional high schools.

"Our partnerships with high schools and community groups across the state will help more students prepare for and succeed at our universities, and more graduates means more talent for Wisconsin's workforce," said UW System President Tommy Thompson.

Partnerships among UW universities and local high schools, and community organizations that serve young people will be a hallmark of this effort, one of a series of investments the UW System has made in recent months to help more students get into college and graduate.

In November, the UW System announced the Wisconsin Regents Opportunity Scholarship, which will provide up to \$10,000 for underrepresented and underserved students at key points during their education.

"UW System is doing everything it can to help students," Thompson said. "These initiatives are just a few ways we're working to ensure student success."



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Diversity panel

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whether you have a PhD as a Black person, you walk away from your house in the morning and you are treated like a thug."

Lira said he has seen progress but added that the city falls short on some ways to remain fully inclusive.

"Our approach to a lot of these minorities is based on the perception of what our values are, so there's a conflict of how we deal with them," he said.

Subulwa said that because these inequalities are not being directly dealt with, some might feel the urge to leave.

"I'm not surprised because of these challenges being neglected by the institution," he said. "It has never been easy to get those people who run the system to move in the direction that we want them to."

However, Lira added that he has seen minorities start to step up in Oshkosh despite misconstrued stereotypes found online.

"I think there's a lot of minority groups who are trying to become more visible in the community, which is really good," he said. "But I think a lot of our perceptions about those groups are based on what we see from the media. How do we make their values and our values coexist in a way that's good for everybody?"

Yang said that during her time in Oshkosh, she has seen the local government evolve and begin to advocate for the city's increasingly diverse community.

"Local leaders became more aware that our community has been more diverse and were more willing to accept newcomers and be more friendly toward them," she said.

However, Lira, Subulwa and Yang all say



Photo by Michael Cooney

Black Lives Matter rallies were held last summer in downtown Oshkosh.

there is a long way to go.

"I think that as we become more diverse with more people – different backgrounds and cultures – we need somebody to bring more awareness and work on a better understanding of each other," Yang said.

And Lira said there needs to be more connectedness and unity.

"All these different pieces are doing something, but at some point I think it would be good to have a more unified sense of direction," he said.

Mike Ford, Common Council member since April, agreed that diversity is not present in the city's employment.

"Perhaps that's not quite reflected in the power structures here," Ford said. "We have evidence that inequities exist in our city. If they're not addressed, if we don't take action to recognize the problem and actually plan solutions to it, that's going to be something we're all going to have to reckon with in our community."

Something that the city has been working toward, according to Ford, was the DEI. The group's first meeting was in fall.

"The goal there was to really take some of the inequities that we know exist in this community and translate it into the language of government – put it in terms that can be actionable at the city level," he said. "Once we have that, I think that's where progress starts to become possible."

Yang said the DEI is working diligently in assessing the minority population's needs.

"We have been working to put down a good draft of what we want to accomplish

when it comes to diversity in this community, and I hope that this committee will grow, be more inclusive and will be able to accomplish a lot of things that we weren't able to in the past," she said.

Lynnsey Erickson, also on the council since April, said the DEI is a start to continuing the discourse about diversity.

"I think that's a recognition that we, as a city, need to be able to have more opportunities to hear from different backgrounds and perspectives and have those experiences inform how we function as a city, what our priorities are, our goals are and how we actually serve the public," she said.

And with this, Erickson said that the progress can keep moving forward.

"I think there has been more and more momentum around at least talking about diversity and the experiences of Black, indigenous and people of color in our community," Erickson said. "We have to build equity in everything we do. I'm trying to make sure that with every decision that comes across, I'm thinking about who it's impacting. I'm trying to listen more, value and take seriously what (people of color) are saying and what they're experiencing for the city."

And beyond government advocacy, Subulwa said it's important for the community to understand too.

"If someone can say, 'OK, I'm going to listen to what you're saying and try to put myself in your shoes for a minute,' then we have progress," he said.

Lira said that though things are moving in the right direction, conversation needs to start becoming more consistent among the city's communities.

"I think we're on the right track, and I know there's different entities that are doing the same thing," he said. "I just hope that, at some point, there's some conversations among them so that they're all on the same track."

Yang would like to see the city move in a direction to where her children won't be discriminated against because of their race.

"I'd like to see my children be able to live in this community, with equity, not being selective or picked on and looked down upon as somebody who's different," she said.

And Yang added that it's not only a government issue, but individuals in the community also need to take part and educate themselves.

"The city has a job, and as a citizen, you have your own personal responsibility to say, 'We have to be nice to each other, we have to treat each other fairly and equally," Yang explained. "Leaders are there to lead, but it is a community as a whole that we need to work together and do our part."



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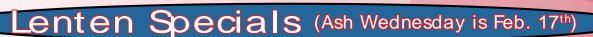
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EAA Air Venture 2021 plans come with precautions

The Experimental Aircraft Association updated its members last week on preparations for this year's AirVenture Oshkosh 2021, scheduled for July 26-Aug. 1.

Organizers said that while they are in full preparation mode, circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 situation have brought some additional safeguards and procedures to be part of that planning.

"There will be areas that will look different and areas where we'll incorporate technology to limit touchpoints as we work with local and state health officials to establish and maintain the best possible standards for public events," said Jack Pelton, EAA chief executive.

"Some areas may look different at Oshkosh this year, but the feeling will be the same as we gather to celebrate the world of flight."

Some of the initial decisions made for this year's event, some of which will evolve, include:

- Masks will be strongly recommended if unable to social distance.
- Proof of COVID vaccine will not be required to attend.
 - International visitation is dependent

on current international travel regulations and mandates in the U.S. and individual countries of residence.

• Increased physical distancing will be encouraged in all areas.

EAA is adding sanitizing facilities and working with companies for continual disinfection throughout the grounds. Wherever possible, ventilation will be increased in tents and indoor facilities.

Theater in the Woods, forums, pavilions and other outdoor venues will operate with reduced seating capacity, with social distancing opportunities on the open grounds.

There will be fewer exhibitors in each indoor exhibit building, creating more walkways and separation. Additional venues on the grounds are being re-purposed to accommodate indoor exhibitors that are moved this year.

Several annual events where physical distancing is not possible will not be held this year, including the Monday night concert; the Young Eagles, EAA Lifetime Member, and International Visitors dinners; the Runway 5K run/walk; and large corporate events and receptions.

High-demand forums and presentations will be held more than once to accommodate demand and allow for distancing.

Details on those measures and new programs for low-contact procedures for admissions, camping registration, points of entry, and other high-volume areas will be available and updated on a dedicated area of the EAA website.

"EAA is incorporating innovative ideas for our presentations and even the air shows to keep you safe in 2021 while keeping the fun factor high," Pelton said. "We appreciate your understanding that these plans will evolve in the coming months. We expect changes as we gear up for opening day, so our goal is to bring you any new information regularly as soon as we confirm it. We also understand that the ultimate decision to join us is always yours, based on your personal situation and comfort level."

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United Way to hold celebration of community's annual giving impact

Oshkosh Area United Way is holding its annual Community Celebration to honor the generosity of those who gave, advocated and volunteered throughout 2020.

The event set for noon to 1 p.m. March 4 will highlight the good the community has done over the past year. Campaign co-chairs Andrew Leavitt, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh chancellor, and Oshkosh Corp. vice president Bryan Brandt will share accounts of lives that have been changed thanks to donations and award campaigns.

Bergstrom Automotive donated a 2020 Chevy Spark to the campaign so that a

Food co-op workshop offered

The Oshkosh Food Co-op will be host to a Seeds to Sales webinar March 24 through a grant from the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education program established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Participants in the free workshop get knowledge of how to grow, scale, market and sell to food co-ops, featuring a roundtable of experienced local producers, a presentation from Willy Street Co-op's purchasing director Megan Minnick from Madison, and presentations from the state Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection and Winnebago County Health Department.

"This webinar is just the start of the outreach programming we hope to offer our community," said newly hired co-op general manager Jeffrey Thouron. "By helping producers of all sizes gain a deeper understanding of wholesale sales, we hope this workshop will help grow the local food movement across the state."

The webinar is directed at farmers and producers, including those who sell prepared foods, wellness products and raise meat. The co-op will integrate a live tour of the store under construction and also offer a 15-minute chair yoga session to help break up the virtual webinar that runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Registration on the Oshkosh Food Coop's website closes Feb. 28.

happy donor will drive away in a new car. Donors who have given more than \$52 in 2020 or increased their donation from the previous year will be eligible to win.

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Amcor Student Discovery Series presented

The Grand Oshkosh has announced that the Amcor Student Discovery Series has been adapted to a virtual format, free of charge.

The longest-running educational series in the Fox Valley is entering its 27th season. By collaborating with production companies across the nation, the student lineup includes full-length programs suited for every grade with curriculum connections.

All shows and accompanying education materials are available to classrooms - in person, virtual or somewhere in between.

"While we patiently wait to bring students to The Grand, we will bring the shows to their classrooms," said Joseph Ferlo, Grand director.

Current offerings:

Chicken Dance: ArtsPower, through June 30 for grades preK-2nd

Anne of Green Gables: ArtsPower, available through June 30 for grades 3-6

Be the Change: Letters Aloud, available through May 31 for grades 6-12





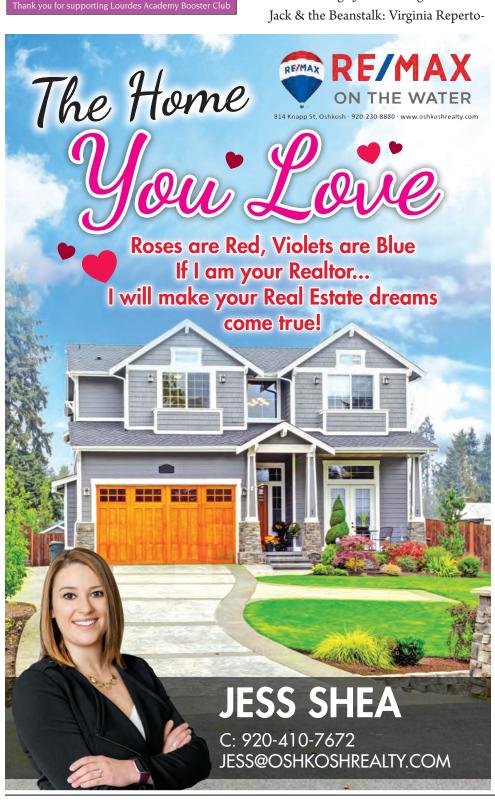
"Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad," presented by the Virginia Repertory Theatre, is part of the Amcor Student Discovery Series available through The Grand.

Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad: Virginia Repertory Theatre, available through June 30 for grades 3-8

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Arena gets two WIAA basketball finals divisions

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

Menominee Nation Arena will be one of two venues to welcome this season's reconfigured boys and girls state basketball tournaments on separate weekends Feb. 26-27 and March 5-6.

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association championships will take on a different format, new locations and atmosphere from when they were last held in March 2019. Last year's high school season was abruptly ended in the middle of regional and sectional tournaments for the boys and girls when the pandemic initially hit.

Todd Clark, WIAA director of communications, said the five divisions will be announced for either Oshkosh or La Crosse when sectionals conclude and teams are determined for each based largely on location. The arena will get two of the divisions with the other three played at the La Crosse Center.

"(We are) just trying to keep as much regional as possible, based on the combinations for the guidelines we have during the pandemic," Clark said.

He expected Division 1 to lean toward Oshkosh as higher-population schools are mostly on the east side of the state, while noting that each tournament will come together differently depending on the pool of teams. There are about 35 schools opting out of the competition this year, which led the WIAA to shrink the division number down to five.

For the first time since its early history, semifinal and championship games for each division will be played on the same day.

"Everybody's in and out in one day," Clark said of the final-four arrangement.

Semifinal games will tip off in late morning and early afternoon with evening championship games that will be staggered to allow complete TV coverage of both sites. The girls tournament has been at the Resch Center in Green Bay and the boys at the Kohl Center in Madison, but both are currently closed to event spectators. WIAA officials wanted to find venues that could allow schools to bring in a limited number of fans as they have through most of the season.

"What we're trying to do is find locations where we can have some fans – a restricted number – but we feel it's important for mom and dad, brother and sister are able to come and be able to watch," Clark said.

Both sites can take in 1,000 fans – 500 for each school per game – and maintain social distancing guidelines, the WIAA determined. Clark said they were fortunate enough to find these locations with the help of the state Department of Health

"Not every state is as fortunate as what

Wisconsin has been in being able to provide opportunities to continue on," he said. "The reason we are able to do that is the hard work of doctors, ADs, student-athletes and coaches to follow the guidelines."

Schools will get their tickets to sell as they decide but there will not be a walk-up ticket option for general spectators. Clark said some remaining tickets may end up with the venue for people to purchase electronically.

WIAA Assistant Director Kate Peterson Abiad praised the Menominee Nation Arena staff for working with them to host two of the divisions for both tournaments.

"We believe that Menominee Nation Arena and the Oshkosh community will do a great job to create a memorable experience for our high school basketball players as they celebrate the 2020-21 season," she said in announcing the plans.

Haliburton earns NBA rookie honors

It did not take long for Tyrese Haliburton to get noticed after the Oshkosh North graduate was recently named the NBA's Western Conference Rookie of the Month for December and January.

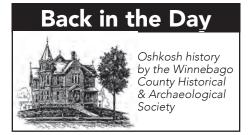
"I'm just growing day-by-day, game-by-game," he said to NBC Sports California last Wednesday after making a game-winng play to defeat the Boston Celtics. "It's an honor to win Rookie of the Month, but honestly I couldn't care less. I'm just trying to win games."

Haliburton, who was picked 12th in the 2020 NBA Draft from Iowa State, is sixth

among all rookies averaging 11.2 points, 5.4 assists, 3.7 rebounds and 1.2 steals per game while averaging just under 29 minutes. He leads all rookies in clutch minutes and has made some big shots late in a few victories.

He's shooting 47.1 percent from the field and is at an outstanding 42.3 percent from deep.

Haliburton has been a spark on a young Sacramento Kings team that sits at 10-11 on the year, hoping to make a playoff push later in the season.



Feb. 2, 1972

Store Closes After 51 Years in Oshkosh: The oldest women's clothing store in downtown Oshkosh, Mangel's Feminine Apparel at 223 N. Main St., closed permanently this week. According to a

company spokesman in New York City, "The store is closing this week because of our inability to acquire a competent replacement for the manager, Mrs. Harold Johnson, who resigned." The closing of the Oshkosh store marks the removal of the last Wisconsin store in the national chain's list of retail locations. Mangel's owns the building located on the southwest corner of Main Street and High Avenue and will offer it for sale through a local realty company.

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UW Oshkosh men open at home with victory

By Dustin Riese Herald Contributor

After nearly a year since the UW Oshkosh men's basketball team last took the floor, the Titans were back last week with a pair of games against UW-Platteville. The defending regular season champion Pioneers got the better of the Titans Wednesday, but UWO responded with a nice bounce-back win Friday, 77-68.

Third-year head coach Matt Lewis was pleased with the response from his group especially when things didn't go as planned Wednesday.

"We are really pleased with our response following Wednesday's loss," he said. "The guys competed every possession tonight and showed a lot of mental and physical toughness. It was an awesome college basketball game."

After it was announced there would be no NCAA tournament for Division III this year, it becomes a battle for the WIAC title. Now two games into what hopefully will be an 11-game season, Lewis knows this season won't be like any other but that doesn't stop him from expecting great things.

"This season has had unique challenges and demanded a lot of our players," Lewis said. "However, our guys have found a way to build relationships with each other, invest in their games and have fun in the process. They have done everything we have asked them to do and continue to make sacrifices so they can keep playing games. We want to be able to keep practicing and playing and find our best basketball at the end of the season."

Early on it was the Pioneers getting off to an early lead with Drew Gunnick and Quentin Shields putting Oshkosh in a 5-0 hole. After Will Mahoney and Eddie Muench closed the deficit to 7-5, Platteville turned up the intensity on defense. The pressure gave the Titans fits as they struggled to get good shots and turned the ball over.

That strategy was paying off for the Pioneers, with Justin Stovall getting inside with Kyle Tuma and Logan Pearson showing their versatility and forcing the Titans to call a timeout trailing 15-6. That timeout couldn't have come at a better time as Eric Peterson began to take over. Not only did he score the next seven points for his team, but his tenacity on defense sparked buckets from other players with the Titans crawling back into things 18-15.

Three-pointers from Muench and Mahoney gave the Titans their first lead 21-20 and capped off a 15-5 run.

"We got off to a slow start but our guys kept trusting each other and playing for each other," Lewis said. "We found our stride when we started getting stops on the defensive end. That's where it all starts for us."

Platteville answered with a Stovall three on the other end to grab the lead once again, but it was Peterson draining a three on the other end to put the Titans back in front for good at 24-23. Peterson had a great night offensively, leading the Titans with 17 points and starting the night 6 for 6 from the floor.

"Eric had a great night tonight and impacted the game on both ends," Lewis said. "He has invested a ton of time in his game over the years and is a very versatile player. Eric is one of our best defenders and we trust him on anyone at that end of

the court. I loved the way he defended and rebounded this week."

With the Titans now in front, it was time for others to get involved offensively as freshman Cole Booth got in on the action along with Quinn Steckbauer to help push the lead to 33-28. Oshkosh then got two clutch buckets from Nick Otto in the closing minutes as the Titans ended the first half on a 34-14 run to take a 40-29 lead

Leading at the half is a familiar position for this team but sometimes holding on to that lead can be a challenge. Peterson opened the scoring in the second half for Oshkosh as his three kept the Titans in front by 11. With both Stovall and Shields helping the Pioneers claw back, it was time for another offensive weapon to make his presence felt in Levi Borchert.

After scoring just one point in the first half, Borchert was a mismatch on offense, scoring the team's next eight points on a series of impressive post moves to give the Titans their largest lead of the night 51-39.

Like all great teams do, Platteville continued to find ways to bounce back and put together a 9-1 run led by Pearson and Shields to close the gap to 52-48.

Lewis on what he noticed during this crucial stretch of the second half:

"We were focused on taking care of the ball and getting stops on defense," he said. "Platteville is a very good team, and we knew they would make a run. Our guys made enough plays to maintain our lead down the stretch and finish it out."

Sensing momentum was on Platteville's side and in need of a bucket, Mahoney provided just that as his three pushed the lead back to eight. Hunter Plamann was then awarded two technical free throws at the line and the Titans were back up by 11. Now up 12, it was Peterson again coming through with a clutch shot as his three put the Titans up by 15.

Oshkosh was hoping to keep the pressure on, but once again Platteville put together a run of its own. Stovall was a nightmare all night long and he continued to be in the second half with a pair of thunderous dunks paired with a nice touch from the outside. He along with Ben Probst gave the Pioneers an 8-0 run as they were back within striking distance 65-58.

Fortunately for the Titans, that would be as close as things would get as they responded with a 7-0 run of their own to go back up 72-58. Despite some nice buckets from Tuma and Shields down the stretch, things never got closer than eight points as Plamann, Peterson and Borchert all hit free throws down the stretch to preserve the 77-68 win.

The Titans were led by Peterson and his 17 points with Mahoney adding 16 of his own. Muench and Borchert rounded out the double-digit outputs for Oshkosh with 11 points each. Stovall led all scorers on the night with 18 with Shields picking up 17.

Titan women split with UW-Platteville

The UW-Oshkosh women's basketball team opened up its season this past week, splitting a pair of games against UW-Platteville.

The Titans lost last Wednesday's matchup, 74-68, before winning 81-64 on Friday.

In the first game, UWO had a four point lead going into the fourth quarter but the Pioneers outscored them 26-16 in the final quarter.

Leah Porath led the Titans with 16 points while Jenna Jorgensen had 11 points. Kennedy Osterman added 10 points and five rebounds.

In Friday's win, the Titans built a big lead early on and never looked back. Kennedy Osterman led UWO with 15 points while Julia Silloway and Karsyn Rueth added 12 points. Silloway added four rebounds and six assists in the win





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West advances two to state wrestling finals

By Alex Wolf
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Oshkosh West's Alec Hunter and Roman Martell are headed to state after both captured WIAA Division 1 sectional titles this last weekend at Hartford.

Hunter (120 pounds) went 3-0, picking up a major decision win in the first round before defeating Kaukauna's Bryan Winans in the semifinals, 6-0. Then in the title match he won convincingly – an 11-3 major decision.

Martell (195) also went undefeated on the day, winning by forfeit in the quarterfinals before winning by tech. fall in the semifinals (19-2) before picking up a tight 3-1 decision over Appleton West's Spencer Brewton in the championship match.

The state tournament will be held at Kaukauna High School this Saturday with Division 1 starting at 10 a.m. Hunter (16-0 this year) will go up against Wisconsin Rapids Preston Spray in the first round at state while Martell (12-2 on the year) will go up against Wisconsin Lutheran's Amos Weide.

The Wildcats finished fifth out of 24 teams.

Riley Stobb (220) finished fourth for West while Clayton Ellison (106) finished fifth. Stobb went 2-2, picking up a win in the opening round but then lost an 11-5 decision in the semifinals. He responded with a pin in the consolation semis before falling 4-1 in the third-place match.

Ellison lost his first match but then pinned his opponent in the consolation round. He was then pinned in the next match but won his fifth-place match over Neenah's Owen Blenker on a 7-3 decision.

Mason Klinger (182) added a sixthplace finish for the Wildcats.

The North Spartans were led by Landon Spanbauer (160), who finished sixth. His lone win came in the opening round, where he pinned his opponent in just under three minutes.

Knights advance one

The Lourdes wrestling team had two compete in the WIAA Division 3 sectionals last weekend and will advance one to state after Mason Carpenter went undefeated at 106 pounds.

Jack Reinardy (182 pounds) also competed but lost his first two matches.

Carpenter received a bye in the opening round and then won by technical fall, 16-0, in the semifinals. He then won a 7-2 decision in the title match.

Carpenter, a freshman, will go up against Cumberland's Dawson Johnson in the first round. The WIAA Division 3 state tournament will be held at Wausau East High School and quarterfinals will begin at 9 a.m.

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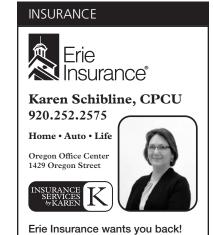
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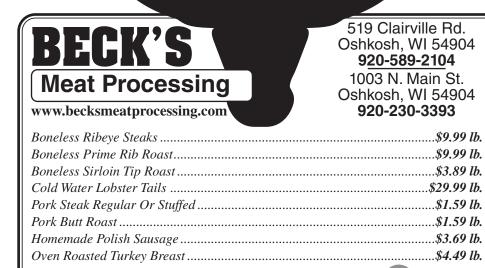
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Prep sports roundup

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Spartans fall to Menasha and Appleton North

Oshkosh North dropped a pair of games over the weekend, falling 62-40 to Menasha on Friday night and 67-40 against Appleton North on Saturday.

On Saturday, the Spartans got out to a slow start as they trailed 30-12 at the half. Mallory Ott had 14 points and seven rebounds to lead North while Ashley Borowitz added 12 points. Ava Hanson had five assists in the loss.

In the loss against Menasha, Borowitz had a team-high 12 points and added two steals while Ott had nine points and seven rebounds. Hanson added six points and four assists.

The Spartans have the fourth seed in their regional and hosted fifth-seeded Sheboygan South on Tuesday. Results were not available. The winner of that game will travel to face top-seeded Sheboygan North on Friday night.

Wildcats fall to Kimberly in conference final

The Oshkosh West girls basketball team lost its season finale on Friday night in a 63-22 Fox Valley Association game against Kimberly.

The Wildcats, who scored only nine points in the first half, was led by Sabrina Pickert who had six points. Brianna Davis added four points and eight rebounds.

The Wildcats earned the No. 2 seed in their regional grouping and will host the winner of third-seeded Fond du Lac and No. 6 Manitowoc Lincoln.



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Oshkosh North's Bailey Boelter fights for a loose ball in Friday's game against Menasha.



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Prep roundup

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Lourdes ends regular season with two losses

The Lourdes girls basketball team lost two close games to end its season, falling 47-39 to Berlin and then 54-52 to Hustisford on Saturday.

On Saturday, Molly Moore had a big night, scoring a team-high 25 points, while Hope Burns added 17. Against Berlin, Burns had 23 points while Charley Mullen was the next high scorer with just five.

The Knights earned the No. 2 seed in their WIAA Division 5 regional and will host No. 3 Stockbridge at 7 p.m. Friday with the winner advancing to play Saturday night.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Lourdes tops Hustisford, Horicon over weekend

The Lourdes boys basketball team picked up two wins over the weekend, picking up a 63-51 victory over Hustisford on Saturday and a big 80-34 win over Horicon on Friday.

On Friday Lourdes led early and had a 47-19 halftime advantage. Preston Ruedinger had a game-high 28 points while Jack McKellips added 15 as 10 different Knights found the stat sheet.

On Saturday it was much tighter as Lourdes only led by four points at halftime before pulling away in the second. Ruedinger had 29 points while Jack Huizenga added 18. McKellips and Josh Bauer added seven points in the win.

The Knights earned the No. 1 seed in their WIAA Division 4 regional and will host the winner of the Hilbert/Manawa



Hope Burns hits a three-pointer to put her career Lourdes Academy scoring over the 1,000-point mark against Berlin on Friday.



Photos by Andy Ratchman

Preston Ruedinger drives to the basket against Horicon in their 80-34 victory on Friday.

game Feb. 19.

West loses to Patriots and Wauwatosa West

The Oshkosh West boys basketball team dropped a pair of games over the weekend, losing a buzzer-beater to Appleton East on Friday and then lost a non conference game against Wauwatosa West on Saturday.

The Patriots hit a game-winning shot to beat the Wildcats, 61-59, on Friday despite leading by nine points at one point in the second half.

Jacquez Overstreet had a game-high 26 points while Tristan Johanknecht added

On Saturday West started slow and trailed 28-17 at the half. James Bradley led the Wildcats with 19 points and Overstreet added 16.

The Wildcats earned the No. 2 seed in their Division 1 regional and will host the winner of the Oshkosh North/Sheboygan South matchup Feb. 19.

Kaukauna rallies to beat Spartans in FVA final

The Oshkosh North boys basketball team lost a close Fox Valley Association game against Kaukauna on Friday, falling

Jalen Keago led the Spartans with 26 points while Steven Clark was right behind him with 24. Reed Seckar added 12 points in the loss.

The Spartans will host Neenah on Thursday and DeForest on Saturday before playing in the WIAA Division 1 tournament. North earned the No. 3 seed in their regional grouping and will host No. 6 Sheboygan South Tuesday Feb 16

Valley Christian falls at home to Manitowoc

The Valley Christian boys basketball team lost a game at home Friday, falling 80-60 to Manitowoc Lutheran.

Only six players scored in the game for the Warriors with Elijah Wade leading the way with 21 points and 11 rebounds. William Kehoe added nine points while Jaden Francis, Alexandros Giannopoulos and Isaiah Humiston each added eight.

The Warriors earned the No. 4 seed in their Division 5 regional and will host No. 5 Young Coggs on Feb. 16.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Warbirds win regional

The fourth-seeded Fond du Lac co-op Warbirds girls hockey team advanced to the sectional finals after picking up a 5-0 win over No. 5 Brookfield Central.

Fond du Lac jumped to a 2-0 lead after the first period after Lauren Taber and Ella Spies each added goals before a Kaylee Malson goal in the second made it 3-0.

Spies and Emily Brown added late goals in the win. Tori Schmidt and Brown led the way with two assists.

Hailee Scheier had 12 saves in the win. Fond du Lac faced top-seeded University School of Milwaukee this Tuesday in the sectional semifinals







Wildcat center is top-notch shot blocker

By Tim Froberg HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Opponents trying to sink a shot inside the lane against Oshkosh West face a major obstacle. Her name is Kiersten McNulty.

The 6-foot-2 senior is not only West's top scorer and rebounder but has emerged as an elite rim protector. Sixteen games



McNulty

into the Wildcats' season, McNulty has an impressive 39 blocked shots, an average of 2.4 per game.

"Kiersten has been the player her teammates look for on the floor when things are getting tough," said West coach Kenisha

Phillips. "She's extremely versatile and her height doesn't hurt, allowing her to play outside and inside the lane on both the offensive and defensive ends of the floor."

McNulty is wrapping up a strong hoops career at West. She leads the Wildcats in scoring (9.0 points per game), rebounding (6.8 rebounds per game) and blocked shots.

"I just try and be a team player and make sure I set everyone up for success," McNulty said.

McNulty is a fourth-year starter who received all-Fox Valley Association honorable mention last season after averaging 11.3 points and 6.8 rebounds with 29 blocks. As a sophomore, she averaged 9.2 points and 4.4 rebounds with 31 blocks. She quickly broke into the Wildcats' lineup as a freshman, averaging 5.9 points and 4.6 rebounds with five blocks.

"I honestly wasn't expecting to play varsity right away," McNulty said. "It was really nerve-wracking, especially starting over a couple of seniors. I didn't know how the team was going to react. But the players were all very welcoming and that made it easier for me."

McNulty plays the game year-round and competes for the Bay Area AAU team - coached by former WNBA player Anna DeForge – in the non-prep season.

"That helps me a lot because AAU ball is way more aggressive than high school," McNulty said. "And it's great having Anna DeForge as our coach. Her wisdom has helped me a lot."

McNulty has been playing basketball since the age of 7. She's always been the tallest player on the court and has worked hard to sharpen her overall game.

"It's fun getting the blocked shots and chances to score near the basket, but I

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Kiersten McNulty has been the top inside defender for Oshkosh West.

Senior spotlight

feel I can do things that some guards really can't do," she said. "I just love getting on the court. Out there, you don't have to worry about anything else. You just focus on the game. I couldn't imagine not playing basketball. It's always been such a big part of my life."

Her all-around skills, work ethic and intelligence will help McNulty at the next level. She's committed to play Division 1 college basketball for Youngstown State University. An exceptional student,

McNulty carries a 3.5 grade point average and plans to major in psychology.

"I'm really excited about playing college ball, but a little nervous," McNulty said. "I need to get stronger because a lot of girls inside the post in college are really strong. But I'm so excited to get the chance to grow my game."











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Vaccinations

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and long-term care facilities; fire, police and corrections personnel; and adults 65

The next eligible population, starting March 1, includes education and child care workers; those in Medicaid longterm care programs; public-facing essential workers; non-frontline health care essential personnel; and staff and residents in congregate living.

The state Department of Human Services partnered with CVS and Walgreens pharmacies to administer vaccines. If not eligible for county services, residents' health care providers should be contacted as they may be following different guidelines.

At Park View Health Center, 94 percent of residents had been vaccinated as of last week, while 48 percent of staff had

CVS Pharmacy will return to Park View on Feb. 23 to conclude vaccinations there. No residents are currently positive for COVID-19 and resident admissions to the center have resumed.

The Emergency Management department has asked the Wisconsin National Guard to continue its presence in Winnebago, testing and administering vaccines, but cannot confirm if the mobile vaccine team will remain in the county. The teams visit on a week-by-week basis.

Vaccines are distributed from federal to state and local partners in these ways:

- The federal government informs DHS how much vaccine Wisconsin will be allocated on a week-by-week basis.
- DHS issues an Allocation Survey on Monday evenings to enrolled vaccinators (Winnebago County Health Department,



Ascension Medical Group in Oshkosh.

Lamonte "Butch" Schmid gets a vaccine recently from Darcy Michalkiewicz, an LPN with

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• Enrolled vaccinators indicate how many initial doses they can safely store and administer the following week by returning the survey by Tuesday evening.



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number of doses for each vaccinating entity using an allocation algorithm, which factors in prioritization recommendations from federal and state advisory groups; the state's federal vaccine allocation for the upcoming week; and information from the Allocation Survey.

- DHS reviews the results and places orders with the federal government on behalf of providers, usually Thursday or Friday.
- · Vaccinators receive an email informing them about the type of vaccine and number of doses they will be receiving, usually between Friday and Sunday.
- Early the following week, vaccines are shipped to vaccinating entities from McKesson (the distributor), directly from Pfizer, or from a Wisconsin-based hub.
- Once received, vaccinators are responsible for ensuring vaccine viability, security, storage, handling and administration.

Gieryn said he understands the excitement surrounding the vaccine, but that contagion levels remain high in the county. He urged resident to continue following hygiene guidelines.

"While it is very exciting that vaccine is arriving, it will take at least until the end of summer to reach an adequate level of community immunity, so we must continue to stay home, wear a mask, socially distance and practice good hand hygiene," he said. "Case rates remain very high and with the more contagious variant circulating in Wisconsin, we have to be careful to avoid another surge in virus activity."



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ONE Oshkosh strategic plan updated for 2021

In 2017, the Community Development Department at the City of Oshkosh worked with neighborhood associations and local housing agencies to develop a special brand and strategic plan: ONE Oshkosh - Our Neighborhoods Engage 2018-2020.

ONE Oshkosh is meant to unify and coordinate those working to strengthen Oshkosh's neighborhoods. Over the past year, staff and partners worked to update the strategic plan to guide efforts over the next four years.

ONE Oshkosh brings together public and private resources to invest in neighborhoods through tasks including property improvements and stronger relations among neighbors. This strategic plan has been drafted by the City of Oshkosh, Greater Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods Incorporated (GO-HNI), Habitat for Humanity-Oshkosh, Oshkosh/Winnebago County Housing Authority, and Advocap and is intended to guide neighborhood revitalization efforts, including affordable housing, through 2024.

The draft ONE Oshkosh strategic plan was developed based on the goals identified during partner input sessions held throughout 2020.

During the month of February, each partner will present the updated plan draft to their respective boards.

ONE Oshkosh 2021-2024 will be reviewed by Common Council once each partner has presented it to their boards in late February. The draft ONE Oshkosh 2021-2024 Plan includes a goal to "Maintain or increase resident perceived confidence in their neighborhood." To view the full plan document, visit ci.oshkosh. wi.us/newsletter/files/attachment.pdf.

Goals stated throughout the document are to "maintain or increase resident perceived confidence in their neighborhood; increase property values and improve socioeconomic diversity in Oshkosh's neighborhoods by creating or assisting affordable housing units; improve the physical conditions of Oshkosh's neighborhood infrastructure and existing housing stock through capital improvement projects and rehabilitating housing units; and increase neighborhood-based service delivery and resident engagement.

To improve the physical conditions of blighted properties in neighborhoods, the Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods proposed to inform neighborhood residents of community resources available; administer the Good Neighbor Grant program for curb appeal enhancements of private property (funded through 2022); inspire private investment in properties through a recognition program; engage neighborhood associations by promoting contests and challenges throughout the year.

To improve the physical conditions of blighted properties in neighborhoods, the city has proposed to dedicate funds from its annual budget for property acquisition; identify properties for acquisition/demolition/rehab; and develop and administer a system to track physical conditions of one neighborhood association per year, focusing on Rock the Block Oshkosh areas.

Legal firm names Oshkosh man president

Oshkosh native Pete Faust has been elected as managing shareholder and president of legal firm O'Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong & Laing.

Faust replaces Dean Laing, who was

managing shareholder and president for six years and will remain a member of the board of directors.

Faust is a corporate attorney who works primarily in mergers and acquisitions.



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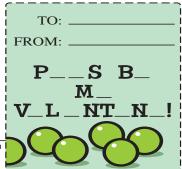


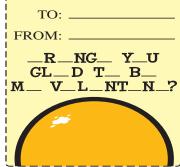


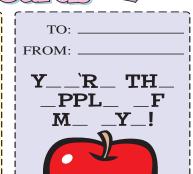


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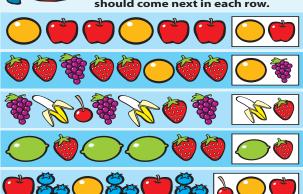


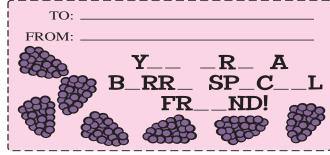




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> Circle the healthy food item that should come next in each row.













Ad Transformer

Look for newspaper ads that encourage kids to eat or drink things that are unhealthy. Rewrite the ad so that it is advertising something *good* for your health.

Standards Link: Health:

Valentine's Dev Feathy Heart Tag

Materials: Cut out the 10 cards at right. (Paste them onto construction paper to make them sturdier if you wish.) A watch with a second hand will be needed as well.

Directions: Give the stack of activity cards to the person who is "It." When "It" tags someone, that person selects a card and performs the named activity for the amount of time stated. After the person completes the activity, he or she becomes "It."

Standards Link: Physical Education: Use a variety of basic and

Draw a line from each piece of broken heart below to its

other half. What compound words did you create?

match

Kid Scoop Puzzier (*)

light

Standards Link: Language Arts: Identify compound words.

Hop on one foot for 30 seconds.

Flap your arms like a bird for 30 seconds.

Run in slow-motion for 15 seconds.

beat

sweet

Jump up Stand on one and down in place for 60 seconds.

Tiptoe in a circle while quacking for 10 seconds.

Pretend to carry an elephant for 60 seconds.

Double Word Search

leg while

singing for

45 seconds.

Pretend to be

a motorcycle

for 30

seconds.

Do jumping

jacks for 20

seconds.

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

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



Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Read the article below and correct the ten errors you find. The first one is done for you.

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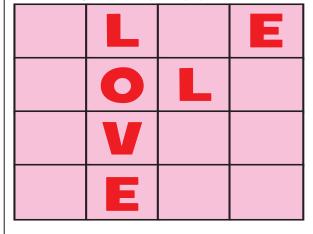
When you make a promise you really, really meant, do you cross your heart? do you listen to songs about feelings and emotions?

This time of year, we hear about and saw hearts everywhere. Long ago, people thought our feelings came from our hearts, maybe because strong feelings can make our hearts beated faster. now we know feelings come from the brane, not the hart.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Understand the meaning of words from context clues

Kid Scoo-doku

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word LOVE in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.



Write On!

Valentine Surprise

Make up a story about a Valentine's Day surprise. Who was surprised? What was the surprise? Use five or more adjectives in your story.

"The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away." -Pablo Picasso



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