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Sawdust project ready to take shape

T. Wall-led development will transform South Main

By Kaitlyn Scoville Oshkosh Herald

After Oshkosh's Common Council gave the all-clear for a near-300-unit rental housing complex on the south side, developer T. Wall Enterprises out of Middleton is eager to break ground.

T. Wall's Jake Bunz said the Mill on Main is a great opportunity to reinvigorate the riverfront and act as a catalyst for the Sawdust District. The commercial and residential build is slated to have 296 rental units and more than 22,000 square feet of commercial space along South Main Street.

"Oshkosh is a very large city with high incomes and we build luxury, quality apartment units," Bunz said. "The rents are a little higher than usual but Oshkosh can support that and the quality apartments we provide. Not only that but I know Oshkosh has a need for rental units. It was a good fit for us.

"(T. Wall) wants to create a community that brings together both the residents and the public for them to enjoy the entirety of a live, shop, play experience within the development."

The Sawdust District plan was established in 2018 after a Downtown Action Plan was put together by the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation and Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce going back to 2000.

According to the Sawdust District master plan, "the Downtown Action Plan provided a framework and agenda that successfully guided capital improvement projects and private investment for more than 15 years, including Opera House Square, the River-

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Photo by Michael Coone

Percussion experience

Carl Traeger Elementary School hosted a three-day Sights & Sounds of Ghana residency facilitated by former Oshkosh resident Mark Powers (left) that featured workshops with all classes and a Friday assembly to close out the week as a celebration of Black History Month. Powers led students through traditional West African instruments and rhythms they had learned about, including the Tingo double bell, Axatse rattle, and Kagan, Kidi, Sogo, and Boba drums. Students danced their way through accompanying movements with guidance from Traeger music teacher Jennifer Schmidt.

DNR expects successful



sturgeon spearing season

Strong population, good ice forecasted

By Steve Clark Oshkosh Herald

All indications are that this year's sturgeon spearing season should be another good one, according to the state Department of Natural Resources.

Aaron O'Connell, DNR sturgeon habitat biologist, said there are plenty of fish swimming around Lake Winnebago and the upriver lakes and expects that spearers taking to the ice should have success.

"Our estimate is right around 41,000 adults, so that's looking good," O'Connell said. "Spearers should be excited about that."

This year's season begins Saturday and

will run 16 days or until the harvest caps are met. O'Connell said caps will be set at 400 for juvenile females, 800 for adult females and 1,200 for adult males.

"The female caps are a little down from last year," he said.

Last year, 1,832 sturgeon were taken during the season, including more than 1,400 fish on Lake Winnebago – where the season caps were not met – and 364 on the upriver lakes, which is the highest total since the lottery system began in 2007.

One aspect that may work against spearers is that water clarity may not be at the desired levels for the season.

The DNR surveyed Lake Winnebago waters in late January and found the average clarity was at 10.7 feet, which is less than what the DNR would like to see. Wa-

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Adam Derkson (right) captured this 160-pound sturgeon last season on the bay south of Oshkosh.



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Mail truck contract challenged by EPA

Oshkosh Herald

Earlier this month, the White House and the nation's Environmental Protection Agency notified the U.S. Postal Service that they should reconsider its multibillion-dollar contract with Oshkosh Corp. to construct a new fleet of primarily gasoline-powered delivery vehicles.

According to an article released by Reuters, the EPA sent a letter to USPS "urging it to hold a new hearing on its 10-year contract with Oshkosh Corp. that could be worth \$6 billion or more to build up to 165,000 next-generation delivery vehicles."

About a year ago, USPS announced that it had awarded this 10-year contract to Oshkosh Corp., which is initially worth \$482 million and has the possibility to grow to about \$6 billion.

The current USPS fleet includes about 230,000 vehicles, some of which were put into service 30 years ago.

Oshkosh Corp. noted that the new fleet would have fuel-efficient gas engines but only about 10% of them would be electric powered, though all would be



convertible to electric drivetrains.

The USPS chose Oshkosh Defense over electric-vehicle maker Workhouse Group.

Oshkosh Defense president John Bryant told the Oshkosh Northwestern that the company could adjust its production to meet any updated requirements.

White House Council on Environmental Quality chair Brenda Mallory said in the letter that the USPS should complete a supplemental environmental impact statement, per the Reuters article.

USPS responded that the organization would review the EPA's concerns but "believes it is in compliance with environmental review requirements," the article reads. The environmental agency said the USPS vehicles are expected to get only 8.6 miles per gallon, "barely improving over the decades-old long-life vehicles that achieve 8.2 mpg."

"While we can understand why some who are not responsible for the financial

Police accreditation team open to public

A team of assessors from the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG) will examine aspects of the Oshkosh Police Department's policy and procedures, management, operation and support services Thursday, which will include a public call-in from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Comments called in at 920-236-5146



sustainability of the Postal Service might prefer that we acquire more electric vehicles, the law requires us to be self-sufficient," USPS said in a statement, adding it is "willing to accelerate the pace of electrification of our delivery fleet if a solution can be found to do so that is not financially detrimental to the Postal Service."

The EPA challenge comes shortly after Wisconsin state labor groups urged Oshkosh Corp. to move the fleet construction to Wisconsin instead of its South Carolina site choice.

The Biden administration announced it may pursue court action if changes aren't made to take up their environmental concerns. Through Biden's spending and climate bill, it would award \$6 billion to USPS to purchase electric delivery vehicles and infrastructure.

With this funding, USPS said all its fleet acquisitions could feasibly be electric by 2028 and the entire fleet by 2030.

are limited to 10 minutes and must deal with the agency's ability to comply with WILEAG standards. A copy of the standards is available at the Police Department.

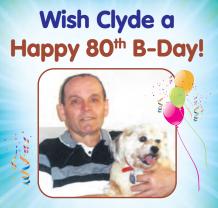
Verification that the department meets the board's standards is part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation, which is a recognition of law enforcement professional excellence.

The police contact is Professional Standards Lt. Matthew Harris at 920-235-5758 or mharris@ci.oshkosh.wi.us.

The Police Department has to comply with as many as 242 standards in order to gain accredited status for four years.

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Building permit values climb with costs, projects

By Kaitlyn Scoville OSHKOSH HERALD

The city of Oshkosh saw a record for building permit value in 2021 with nearly \$162 million worth of construction and update projects, which staff credited to both large developments and persistent material cost increases.

The previous high was in 2017 with \$137 million in permitted projects issued. Last year was also the first where permit fees collected surpassed \$1 million.

In 2017, just over \$903,000 in permitting fees were collected; \$892,000 was collected in 2020.

Oshkosh's chief building official John Zarate said permitting refers to any kind of construction happening in the city, whether it be for a new home, commercial development or remodeling.

"The big ones for us – at least as far as I'm concerned - are the residential new home starts, which is very big compared to what we've had in recent years," Zarate said. "In the last 10 years, we were probably averaging maybe 25 to 30 new homes."

In 2021 there were 84 new home starts. Community Development director Kelly Nieforth said the high number can be attributed to two large developments last year, including the Evergreen Pocket Neighborhood on West 9th Avenue that added 40 separate units.

"Costs skyrocketing for construction materials is just crazy," Zarate said. "Houses that were around \$200,000

Zarate two or three years ago are probably getting closer to \$300,000 to

build." 2022 also started strong with more than

double the permits issued in January compared to that month last year, and collection fees increased by more than 70%.

In the city's latest newsletter, this growth is attributed to larger projects around the city at Lourdes Academy, the former Smith School, Amcor's corporate office and the former Miles Kimball building.

From a late 2021 Wisconsin Policy Forum report, the number of permits issued in the state followed a similar trend. New housing permits issued rose 26% in Wisconsin between January and September compared with the same period in 2020.

Oshkosh also completed a compre-



hensive housing study published in December through RDG Consulting and Design, highlighting the gaps and areas of opportunity for housing in the city.

Nieforth said there was pent-up demand

for several kinds of housing, such as condos and single-family homes.

"We saw the condos move quickly after they were completed, a lot quicker than we anticipated," Nieforth said. "Between regular single-family homes we've seen a lot of other types of units come on the market. And that's including rentals, especially in our central city."

Some rental opportunities are apparent in the Interstate 41 sector of the city as well, Nieforth said, noting "nice, evenly-spread housing developments through the community, which I think will benefit all folks looking for different types of housing."

Nieforth said the study indicates a great opportunity to allow residents to "age in place" - where they essentially won't grow

out of their living situation.

"We're seeing more of those in our community and it's really exciting, and we're happy that we have more options to offer people," she said. "From a housing standpoint, we are really excited about the success we had last year but not surprised. We've seen a lot of demand for different housing options in the community. And unsurprisingly they were very successful."

She said commercial development along I-41 frontage roads also has been growing steadily. Another spot with significant growth is along Oshkosh Avenue where Oshkosh Corp. built its global headquarters, which has drawn a variety of other business development.

"There will also be new types of restaurants people in the community will be excited about," Nieforth said, noting the upcoming Popeyes near Lakeshore Park, Chili's, Panda Express, Teriyaki Madness and a Mexican restaurant in the works.

But looking ahead, Zarate said he's expecting permitting prices to remain stagnant through 2022.

"I can see that these prices will probably stay the same through this year," Zarate said. "It doesn't seem like anything is going to change from what it was."

Solar energy project launched at 4imprint in renewable resources commitment

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh-based 4imprint is set to build a 2,600-panel solar array at its 2875 Atlas Ave. distribution center, paving the way for a large share of its energy being generated by renewable resources.

According to a release from 4imprint, the array will generate one megawatt of electricity for the building, more than 40 percent of the current requirements to power the distribution center.

"This project allows us to dramatically increase the proportion of the business we power with renewable energy," said Kevin Lyons-Tarr, 4imprint's chief executive. "It's an exciting step forward on our journey to become a more sustainable company and I'm proud of the work the team has done to bring

this project to fruition."

The project is the latest effort by 4imprint toward sustainability. In 2017, 4imprint launched an internal, environmentally focused team to measure the company's environmental impact, engage the organization around sustainability and make recommendations across the company and supply chain.

In 2020, 4imprint pledged carbon neu-

trality by December 2022. In November, the company announced it had been certified as a carbon neutral company by Natural Capital Partners.

The solar array installation is expected to be completed in August. A survey of the solar array site is scheduled for March, with installation slated to begin in April by Green Baybased Eland Electric.



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Oshkosh Corp. enters renewable energy deal

A company out of Duluth, Minn., is helping provide renewable energy to Oshkosh Corp. and other Fortune 500 companies after entering an agreement in 2020.

Allete Clean Energy, a subsidiary of Allete Inc., announced in late January the start of commercial operations at its Caddo Wind site in southern Oklahoma, which is contracted to send 303 megawatts of renewable energy to Oshkosh Corp., McDonald's Corp. and Hormel Foods.

Kevin Tubbs, vice president and chief ethics, compliance and sustainability officer at Oshkosh Corp., said the company is

proud to be participating, bringing more renewable energy to the nation's power grid while supporting its own climate goals.

In addition to its electric utilities – Minnesota Power and Superior Water, Light and Power of Wisconsin – Allete owns Allete Clean Energy; BNI Energy in Bismarck, N.D.; and has an 8 percent equity interest in the American Transmission Co.

According to an Allete release, Oshkosh Corp.'s sustainability efforts include a goal of reducing normalized greenhouse gas emissions at its facilities by 25 percent by 2024 when compared with 2014's numbers.

Fire displaces seven residents at duplex

The Oshkosh Fire Department responded to a duplex fire at 1024 Greenwood Court that displaced seven people and killed two pet cats.

Multiple crews were dispatched just before 5:30 p.m. Feb. 2 to find the kitchen and dining room heavily ablaze. The flames were quickly put out but there was extensive damage to the home.

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The displaced residents received assistance from the Red Cross, and one firefighter sustained minor injuries due to icy conditions.

Firefighters on the scene said there were no working smoke detectors in the duplex, which caused the fire to spread quickly before being noticed. They warned residents to make sure their detectors are working and to not leave cooking food unattended.

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Habitat project for six housing units advances

By Kaitlyn Scoville Oshkosh Herald

The city's Plan Commission approved a zone change that would allow Habitat for Humanity to construct six affordable housing units in the 600 block of Grove Street.

According to a memo from city staff, the subject site consists of four vacant parcels immediately west of Bella Vista Senior housing, on part of the former Mercy Hospital property.

"(Oshkosh) acquired the land from Winnebago County in 2015 with the intent to subdivide the property into smaller residential lots for single-family development. The surrounding area consists of a variety of residential uses with higher-density uses to the north, south and east and single family to the west," the memo states.

Habitat for Humanity has been working with the city and will be purchasing the lots, which are considered an ideal size for the six housing units.

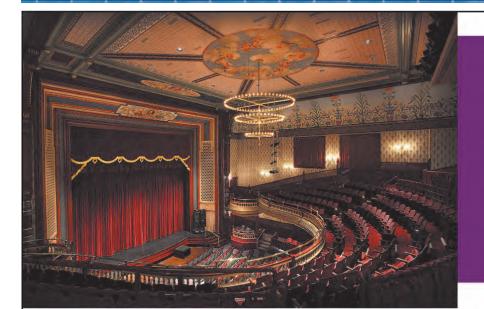
With the unanimous approval, the Common Council will review the zone change proposal at a meeting this month.





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Oshkosh board member elected to lead WASB

The Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education's vice president has been elected president of the board of directors of the Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB).

Barbara Herzog is the representative for WASB Region 7 on the 15-member board, which includes 26 east-central school districts.

John Ashley, WASB executive director, thanked Herzog for her continued service on the executive committee.

"Barb has lived out her commitment to public education," Ashley said. "Her experience as a classroom teacher, building-level administrator and central office administrator in four Wisconsin districts has prepared her well to serve as a school board member and president of the WASB."

Herzog is a voting member of the CESA 6 Board of Control and

a member of the WASB Policy and Resolutions Committee. She also chairs the

Oshkosh Area School District plans to host job fair on Feb. 15

The Oshkosh Area School District will be hosting a district-wide job fair with mini-interviews from 4 to 8 p.m. Feb. 15 at the Convention Center.

Full- and part-time work options are available in areas that include information technology, clerical, custodial and food service.

Correction

FEB. 2, PAGE 1: In a story about the Feb. 15 election primary, it should have stated there will be four names, not three, on the April 5 ballot for Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education.

The Oshkosh Recreation Department also will be seeking to hire building supervisors and a variety of summer positions.

Visitors have the opportunity to meet staff, principals, supervisors and educators to learn about positions. Walk-ins are welcome but may have to wait for available staff.

Job seekers are encouraged to bring copies of their resume and other application resources based on their desired position, including letters of recommendation and transcripts.

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Joining Herzog on the executive committee are first vice president Rosanne Hahn, a member of the Burlington School Board; second vice president Mike Humke, a member of the Dodgeville School Board; and immediate past president Sue Todey, a member of the Sevastopol

Sturgeon spearing

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ter clarity is not an issue on the much shallower upriver lakes.

"Usually if the water clarity is 12-feet or better on Lake Winnebago, that usually means the harvest caps will be met before the full 16 days," O'Connell said. "So, we're expecting the harvest on Lake Winnebago to be a little bit lower given the water clarity."

The water clarity might not be at the optimum level, but it appears ice conditions should not be an issue.

Jim Nobbe of Payne's Point Hook and Spear Fishing Club, who writes a weekly ice condition report for the Oshkosh Herald, said the ideal ice thickness would be between 18 and 20 inches for the sturgeon season and that much of Winnebago hits that mark.

"There might be a few minor spots where you have 14 to 15 inches but we're seeing up to 20 to 21 inches, depending where you are on the lake," Nobbe said. "Once you get more than 2 feet (of ice), it becomes a real pain to deal with."

Those were the ice conditions roughly a week out from the start of the season, but with a warm snap predicted in the days leading up to the season and a lack of snow School Board.

Herzog will serve a one-year term and was chosen by fellow directors Jan. 19 during the Wisconsin State Education Convention. The WASB represents all 421 school boards and 12 cooperative educational service agency (CESA) boards of control in Wisconsin.

on the ice, conditions could deteriorate before the first spear is launched.

"There is very little snow if any. What happens is the sun comes out and makes the top layer of ice slushy water," Nobbe said. "If it doesn't evaporate, it goes into the ice and starts to weaken it."

Conditions at the landings could also be compromised as warm conditions combined with heavy traffic could lead to issues getting on and off the ice.

Nobbe also was concerned about cracks being formed, relating to the winter of 2017 when the lake did not get much snow cover.

"We had 20 inches of ice and no snow but the lake was cracking in random places because of the temperature change and the sun caused it to be susceptible," he said.

O'Connell added that all nine registration stations that were used in 2021 will once again be in place for this season.

At least one thing set to change this season is the DNR naming a new director to oversee the sturgeon harvest starting Monday, two days after the start of the season. It is unclear whether the new director will be named before then.

then, O'Connell, Thomas Until Meronek and David Boyarski will share the leadership role.





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Silver Star Brands making office move

Oshkosh Herald

Silver Star Brands' consolidation of its headquarters and operations center at 2155 S. Oakwood Road is expected to be completed by this fall when it will leave its City Center location that holds about 100 of its employees.

The second-floor remodeling at Silver Star's warehousing and fulfillment center will create a 50,000-square-foot space is being led by Bayland Buildings Inc.

"This exciting transition and move will not only provide an updated and attractive work environment for our Wisconsin-based management team, but having our team members under one roof will enhance our collaboration and make us more efficient, productive and unified as a company," stated Silver Star Brands chairman Rob Goergen.

The new space will serve members of

Grand to feature singers in Parkinson's benefit

A special night of music will be coming to The Grand on March 4 as singers Jen Chapin and Shana Morrison will take to the stage in a show benefiting the Wisconsin Parkinson Association.

Chapin is the daughter of the late Harry Chapin, while Morrison is the daughter of legendary vocalist Van Morrison. Both women have released critically acclaimed albums while forging their own paths in the music world.

Oshkosh Fire Department promotions announced

The Oshkosh Fire Department announced promotions at last month's Police and Fire Commission meeting.

Lt. Mike Bryan has been promoted to captain; equipment operator C.J. Wedell to lieutenant; equipment operator Ryan Koplin to lieutenant; equipment operator the management team and customer support staff, along with 5,000 square feet for creative and photography needs.

The central-city office space being vacated was part of the original Park Plaza Mall built in the early 1970s and later renovated for extensive office space in the early 2000s when City Center was established.

City Center comprises 500,000 square feet on the Fox River's north shore bordered by Jackson Street, Division Street and Pearl Avenue and has Becket's restaurant, Caramel Crisp & Cafe and Planet Perk among its tenants. Class A office and private suite spaces are available and listed at citycenteroshkosh.com.

Silver Star Brands originated in Oshkosh as the Miles Kimball Co. in 1934 and evolved through ownership and direct marketing product lines before taking on its current name in 2013.

The show in Oshkosh is one of three taking place around the state to raise money for the fight against Parkinson's disease. The two will be performing at Shank Hall in Milwaukee on March 3 and will cap the three-show run March 5at the Barrymore Theater in Madison.

Peter Jest, founder of the Alternative Concert Group, put the shows together. Tickets for the all-ages show at The Grand are \$35 with the music beginning at 8 p.m.

Tony Montag to lieutenant; equipment operator Mike Stephens to lieutenant; firefighter Chris Clark to equipment operator; firefighter Joe Dutscheck to equipment operator; firefighter Ben Schoenborn to equipment operator; and firefighter Mike Wos to equipment operator.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

Feb. 14, 1972

Crusher Set To Perform: Wrestling sensation, the Crusher, returns to Oshkosh Thursday to perform in a professional wrestling show at Lourdes High School. The highlight of the evening will feature the Crusher taking on Ivan Koloff

Submissions sought for April Poetry Walk

The Oshkosh Public Library and Downtown Business Improvement District will be seeking poetic submissions for its partnering work to present the April Poetry Walk.

A selection of original poetry from local writers will be displayed in storefront windows along Main Street and the surrounding area through that month.

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Poems can be about any topic but must be the original work of the entrant. No vulgar, violent or explicit language is accepted. Those selected will be notified before March 14.



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in the feature event in a one fall or 60-minute match. The opening match will feature George "Scrap Iron" Gadaske facing "The Treacherous" Treach Phillips. An added event has "Dirty" Dusty Rhodes grappling Billy Howard. Also on the card will be the Hawaiian Don Muraco vs "The Big K" Stan Kowlaski in a 2-out-of-3 fall match. Tickets for the show are on sale at Spanbauer Sport Shop and all Mueller Potter Drug Stores.

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

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Lourdes powerlifters have fun, successful first season

By Steve Clark OSHKOSH HERALD

A new program at Lourdes Academy is certainly showing the strength of its participants.

The girls powerlifting team just completed its inaugural regular season with a meet at Neenah on Saturday and the first year was definitely seen as a success by coaches Karen Johnson and Mary Theisen-Lappen.

The idea for forming a powerlifting team sprung from Johnson, who had been working with girls in the Lourdes Academy weight room over the past year. She shared her idea and it was met with interest so she decided to form a team.

"I've had the girls coming in and lifting for the last year, to teach them form and get them comfortable," Johnson said. "I thought it would be something fun and I happened to know Mary. She gladly agreed to help us out."

Theisen-Lappen is a national-level powerlifter who had been an assistant coach with the UW Oshkosh track and field program until August.

"She just gives us credibility. Especially with the girls as they are learning stuff," Johnson said. "She's been so great for the girls."

Going from working with college-age athletes to those at the high school level was a bit of a change for Theisen-Lappen, but any difficulties in the transition were easily handled and she's happy to help a younger group of athletes.

"I've never worked with this age so that was a bit different," she said. "I enjoy working with kids, especially young girls, just so they can see it's cool to be strong. It's a neat thing and not just for boys."

That's an important aspect for the team





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Lourdes Academy powerlifting team coaches Karen Johnson (left) and Mary Theisen-Lappen (right) have had a strong inaugural season with a nucleus of 10 lifters, including senior Adrianna Geddes.

- showing girls they should be just as comfortable in the weight room as their male counterparts.

"I think we did it the right way in keeping it just for the girls," Johnson said. "I really wanted to give something for the girls to look forward to and that it's OK to be strong. It's OK to be in the weight room and try to get them comfortable there."

The team, which Johnson said had a solid core of 10 this season, participated in just two meets. Johnson said the first was a whole new experience for she and the girls but was excited about how well they did.

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"I think we had almost every girl (record a personal best lift) in our first meet, which was fantastic," Johnson said. "It was a learning curve with the first one, just trying to understand some of the rules. It's not just grab a bar and throw it up."

Navigating some of the nuances of powerlifting was also where Theisen-Lappen could lend her expertise as well as setting up the programs for the lifters to follow to add strength.

"I enjoy programming," she said. "It's something I have been doing for a long time.

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The results were seen immediately with higher lift totals and more comfort in the framework of the sport. However, their efforts are for more than just the powerlifting team.

Johnson said all of the girls participating are also involved in at least one other sport at Lourdes Academy. Getting stronger is only going to help in their other athletic endeavors.

"Whether it's softball or soccer or volleyball or whatever, any time you can get stronger in the offseason it's going to help you," Theisen-Lappen said. "If you are more powerful, you are going to be faster, you are going to be able to hit harder and kick harder. I am excited to see how these girls do (in their other sports)."

With only one senior on this year's powerlifting team, Johnson believes the group will be back again next year and, hopefully, with a few more numbers.

"The girls are having a blast," Johnson said. "We only have one senior. I think we will be able to grab a few more girls. Fingers crossed, maybe we will get some boys to join us, too."



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An artist's rendering of the Mill on Main project that will arise in the Sawdust District.

Mill on Main

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walk, Leach Amphitheater and streetscaping along North Main Street."

Then in 2017, a new plan – Imagine Oshkosh: A Master Plan for Our Center City - was developed as an update on previous planning efforts and provided a long-term vision for that area.

The Sawdust District, then, is an expansion of Imagine Oshkosh that provides "focused and detailed planning strategies for the area identified as the South Shore sub-area in that plan," according to the overview document.

Bunz said with this larger, high-end and multiuse development comes disposable income that supports businesses in and around that larger neighborhood.

"Once you have that in the area, other stores - and low-income buildings - can start to be built around there," Bunz said. "But you need an anchor with that disposable income to support it all. We want this development to act as a catalyst for the area."

T. Wall is in the middle of a similar development in Neenah's downtown as well called Solaris near Arrowhead Park. Bunz said tenants have already starting moving in this month.

"I think that proves developments can work outside bigger cities such as Milwaukee, Madison and Green Bay," Bunz said. T. Wall Enterprises has completed larger developments in metro areas before looking for spots in the Fox Valley.

After the city released its housing study earlier this year, community development director Kelly Nieforth said there was a noticeable gap in higher-end rental options, specifically in the \$1,500 to \$3,000 per month range.

Bunz explained that the median income their developments attract are around \$50,000, along with young professionals and empty-nesters looking to downsize.

"It's exciting for the city to attract developers from other places, and it's encouraging to see them wanting to develop in Oshkosh," Nieforth said.

The Mill on Main will be constructed in three phases, starting along South Main, according to Bunz. The first phase is set to begin in October and open around spring 2024. From there and how fast T. Wall can lease units, the other two phases will come a year or two after each addition.

"We're developing three buildings that open up along the river and close to the lake where we have plenty of amenities for residents, but also open space - a park and hopefully an amphitheater - along the Riverwalk where residents and community members of Oshkosh can enjoy," Bunz said. "We want to bring in that area to enjoy and make it a community center, a gathering area."

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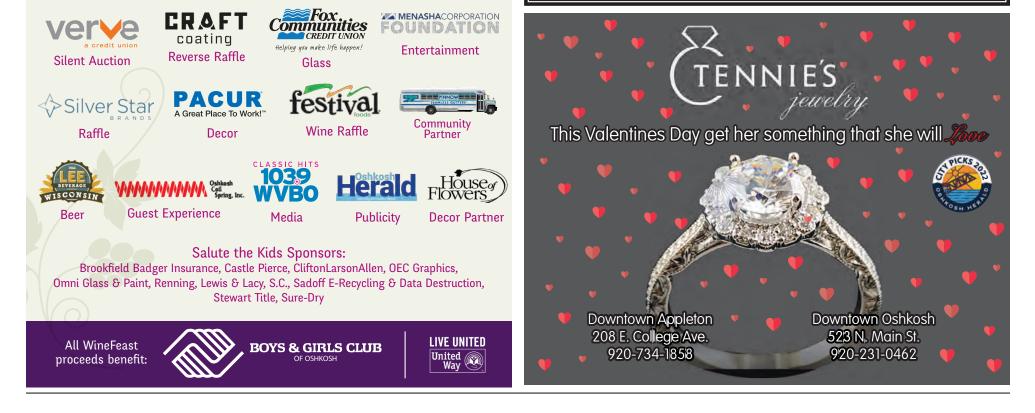


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White Christmas: The Exhibition, Oshkosh Public Museum, through Sunday

Thursday, Feb. 10

"Guys and Dolls" by Oshkosh North High, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Wave Robotics Community Night, 6 p.m., Oshkosh North High School Fab Lab

Melissa Aldana in concert, 7 p.m., The Waters, 1393 Washington Ave.

AM Oshkosh, 7:45 a.m., Hilton Garden Inn, 1355 W. 20th Ave.

Oshkosh Service League Blood Drive, 9:30 a.m., downtown YMCA

Bingo, 7 p.m., American Legion Cook-Fuller Post 70, 1332 Spruce St.

Group Uke Jam Sessions, 6 p.m., New Moon Cafe, 401 N. Main St. Friday, Feb. 11

"Guys and Dolls" by Oshkosh North High, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Oshkosh Polar Plunge, 5:30 p.m., Millers Bay at Menominee Park

Around the World in 80 Bites, 5 p.m., La Sure's Banquet Hall, 3125 S. Washburn St.

Fox Cities Golf Expo, 1 p.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Love Shouldn't Hurt Art Exhibit, 4:30 p.m., Planet Perk at the Grind, 240 Algoma Blvd.

Family Bingo Night, 6 p.m., downtown YMCA

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

Saturday, Feb. 12

"Guys and Dolls" by Oshkosh North High, 7 p.m., The Grand

Fox Cities Golf Expo, 10 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Wisconsin Herd vs. G League Ignite, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Downtown Oshkosh Chocolate Stroll, 1 p.m., 100-700 blocks of North Main Street

Oshkosh Polar Plunge, 3 p.m., Millers Bay at Menominee Park Winter Flight Fest, 10 a.m., EAA Aviation Museum

Candlelight Cross-Country Ski/Hike, 5:30 p.m., Winnebago County Community Park

Lip Sync or Swim 2022, 6 p.m., Algoma Club, 103 Algoma Blvd.

Men Who Cook, 5:30 p.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

"Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Sunday, Feb. 13

"Guys and Dolls" by Oshkosh North High, 2 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Fox Cities Golf Expo, 10 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Tuesday, Feb. 15

Wisconsin Herd vs. Windy City Bulls, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Thursday, Feb. 17

An Inside Look at Flying the Goodyear Blimp, 7 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum

Bingo, 7 p.m., American Legion Cook-Fuller Post 70, 1332 Spruce St.

Friday, Feb. 18

Battle on Bago fishing tournament, Millers Bay in Menominee Park Jason Gray in concert, 7 p.m., Dwelling 2:22, 222 Church Ave.

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

Saturday, Feb. 19

Battle on Bago fishing tournament, Millers Bay in Menominee Park

An Evening with Jacqueline Tabor, 2:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

"Ubuhle Women: Beadwork and the Art of Independence" exhibit opens at Paine Art Center

Cross-country skiing, 1 p.m., Winnebago County Community Park

Sonic Circus, 8 p.m., Revs Bowl Bar & Grill, 275 N. Washburn St.

Sunday, Feb. 20

Wisconsin Coin Expo 39th annual convention and coin show, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

Oshkosh Empty Bowls Soup Sampler, 4 p.m., The Howard, 405 Washington Ave.

Moms Morning Out Pop-up Vendor Event, 9 a.m., Jeff's on Rugby, 1005 Rugby St.

Grand's Downtown Saturday Night Series opens with vocalist

The Grand Oshkosh looks to fill the winter and spring weekends with its Downtown Saturday Night Series, opening Feb. 19 with Seattle-based vocalist Jacqueline Tabor.

The 10-performance series is designed to fill the open Saturday nights in The Grand's schedule through June and offer more of a club setting, with smaller, general-admission audiences with increased social-distancing options.

"I want to create a series that changes the question from 'What's next at The Grand?' to 'What's at The Grand this weekend?,' said director Joseph Ferlo, adding, "This creates a low-cost, high-quality

'Guys and Dolls' to be staged by North High

Oshkosh North High School's Music Department is presenting "Guys and Dolls" Thursday through Sunday at The Grand.

The musical tells the story of a fly-bynight gambler attempting to woo a Salvation Army missioner for a \$1,000 bet. Meanwhile, a beleaguered showgirl tries to hook her fiance of 14 years, the founder of the oldest established floating crap game in New York. Frank Loesser's music and Damon Runyon's colorful characters are featured.

Show times are 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$14 and \$16, and \$10 for students and seniors. series of performances, for people who are comfortable coming out to a performance."

Tabor, the Seattle Chanteuse, combines relaxed energy with tremendous range and masterful improvisation. She was the winTabor

ner of the Seattle-Kobe Jazz Vocal Queen competition and as a result performed in Kobe, Japan.

Tabor will spend several days in Oshkosh as an artist-in-residence at the William Doe House, and will work with students during Black History Month.

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Spartan girls can't keep up with North Lightning

By Dustin Riese Herald contributor

In what was a rare Saturday night affair, the Oshkosh North Spartans (4-16, 0-15 Fox Valley Association) were looking for their first conference win of the season as they took on the Appleton North Lightning (6-14, 4-11 FVA).

In the team's first meeting, Appleton North was able to withstand a Spartans team who played them tough in the first half before pulling away for the win. This is an entirely different looking Spartans team now as injuries have started to accumulate at the worst time, and the Spartans continued to struggle from the field as they fell to the Lightning, 63-29.

"I can't fault the girls' effort in this one as we continue to give it everything we got effort wise," head coach Jayme Engen said. "We just have those moments during the game where we struggle to put the ball in the hoop and you can't do that in this conference and expect to win consistently. Add some key injuries for us lately which doesn't help, but we have to find ways to



win which we are not doing right now."

The Spartans stayed close to Appleton North early on, keeping it within five points thanks to Mallory Ott taking advantage of her matchup. Ott finished with a team-high 15 points on 6-of-9 shooting and added eight rebounds and two steals.

"We had a lot of good opportunities to get Ott the ball early," Engen said. "Those opportunities put her in one-on-one situations and she did a great job converting in those situations. The more effective she was, the more their defense started to pay attention to her which made things harder for us."

While Ott may have had the hot hand for Oshkosh, it was Karissa Smith who had the hot hand for the Lighting to close out the first half. She knocked down a three and then converted on a 3-point play to make it 28-14 going into the half.

"Smith is the focal point of their offense and might be the best shooter in this entire league," Engen said. "She doesn't get enough credit for all the things she does for them. I thought we did a great job for





the most part containing her, but once she started to get going late in the first half we were in trouble."

Appleton North didn't take the foot off the gas in the second half, outscoring the Spartans 35-15. Emma Niemczyk added seven points for the Spartans with seven rebounds and three steals.

With just two weeks to go until the postseason, Oshkosh North needs to start focusing more on getting healthy and less about the wins. Despite the record, along with the Spartans dropping to Division 2 for the playoffs this year, Engen believes this team can win.

"This group has done a great job sticking together despite playing through a lot of adversity," he said. "We know how difficult the FVA can be and then losing one of our best players makes it that much tougher. I think if we get some pieces back we have a shot to make a little bit of noise this postseason, especially dropping down to D2 where we avoid some of these FVA schools."



Rayjon Tucker pulls up for a shot against the Fort Wayne Mad Ants on Sunday.

Herd loses to Mad Ants, 113-110

The Wisconsin Herd lost Sunday to the Fort Wayne Mad Ants, 113-110, at the Oshkosh Arena.

The Herd led by six points at the end of the third quarter, but the Mad Ants hit seven unanswered points to go ahead early in the fourth. There were five lead changes until the Mad Ants pulled away for the win.

Rayjon Tucker led the Herd with 26 points while Jalen Lecque added 18. Javin DeLaurier posted a double-double with a team season-high 19 rebounds and 14 points.

Justin Anderson led the Mad Ants with 29 points.

On Friday night the Herd lost to the Greensboro Swarm, 127-109.

Tucker led the Herd with 23 points while Lecque added 23 and Tremont Waters had 22. Jalen Crutcher and Kai Jones led the Swarm with 27 each.

The Swarm scored 40 points in the second quarter to go up by 12 points at the half. The Herd came within six points but the Swarm outscored the Herd 27-25 in the fourth quarter for the win.



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WRESTLING

Wildcats finish fourth in FVA tournament

The Oshkosh West wrestling team finished fourth in the Fox Valley Association tournament on Saturday, while Oshkosh North was eighth.

The Wildcats had two second-place finishers in Roman Martell (195) and Edwyn Schroeder (113) while Max Carlin (138) finished third. Ryland Schneider (120), Elijah Geffers (126), and Jasiah Williams (132) were fourth while Garth Martell (285), Ben Buehring (220) and Lukas Schroeder (145) rounded out top five finishes with fifth place medals.

The Spartans had two third-place finishers in Jeremiah Chmielewski (220) and Jamaul Ragland-Schreck (170) while Caleb McKay (126), Jonathon Molash (132) and Hunter Gruse (160) finished fifth.

Kaukauna won with a dominating 278 points, while Kimberly was second with 190 points and Neenah third at 179.

Carpenter wins at meet

The Lourdes wrestling team only had one wrestler compete in the Trailways Conference meet on Saturday, and Mason Carpenter finished first.

The 120-pounder went 3-0, receiving a bye in the first round before winning by tech fall -17-0 – in the semifinal to advance to the championship where he won on a 7-2 decision.

BOYS SWIMMING

West third, North/Lourdes fourth in FVA meet

The Oshkosh West boys swimming team finished third and Oshkosh North/ Lourdes was fourth in the Fox Valley Association Championships on Saturday.

Chase Pecore had two third-place finishes – in the 200 free (1:55.11) and 500 free (5:11.36).



Valley Christian's Alexandros Giannopoulos (right) had a team-high 14 points along with 12 rebounds in a loss to Wayland Academy on Friday.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lourdes crushes Horicon

The Lourdes girls basketball team dominated Horicon on Thursday night, beating them 58-29 in a Trailways-East Conference game.

The Knights (16-4) sit at 9-1 in the Trailways-East, and will face Oakfield (10-0) for the first place matchup on Tuesday.

Delaney Rudeinger led the Knights with 15 points, while Hailee Bauer and Addy Hafemeister eacg added 14.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Warriors fall to Wayland

The Valley Christian boys basketball team only scored five second-half points Friday as they dropped a Trailways-East Conference game against Wayland Academy, 49-28.

The Warriors (4-12) only trailed by two



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Alexandros Giannopoulos led the Warriors with 14 points and 12 rebounds.

North falls in OT at home

The Oshkosh North boys basketball team lost an overtime thriller on Friday night, losing 70-68 to Appleton North at home in a Fox Valley Association contest.

The Spartans (15-5, 9-5 FVA) couldn't stop Lightning's Max Nelson, who scored five straight in overtime – including a mid

range jumper with 20 seconds left to put them up 70-68, the eventual final.

The Spartans forced overtime by hitting a three, and had a chance to win after stealing the ball but missed a layup.

Steve Clark led North with 21 points.

Kimberly cruises by West

The Kimberly boys basketball team nearly scored 100 points on Friday, picking up a 99-60 win over Oshkosh West in a Fox Valley Association contest.

The Papermakers were hot from the field, making 33-of-53 shots from the field – including 18-of-27 from deep. They also went 15-of-18 from the free throw line.

Jackson Paveletzke and Jamison Grall combined for 43 points for Kimberly.

Lourdes falls to Horicon

The Lourdes boys basketball team lost a Trailways-East Conference game against Horicon on Friday night, falling 65-62.

The loss moves the Knights (12-5, 8-2) to second place after Oakfield remains at 8-1.

Jack Seibold led Lourdes with 16 points while Malith Liabwell had 13 and Adam Arnoldussen had 12.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Warbirds pick up shutout

The Fond du Lac co-op girls hockey team shut out Lakeshore on Saturday, picking up a 4-0 win.

Chloe Tobin had two goals to lead the Warbirds while Kristi Binder and Allison Waara added goals. Emily Brown had two assists while Hailee Scheier had 22 saves.

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Three from UW Oshkosh will be added to WIAC Hall of Fame

Ken Allen, Helen Briwa and Ralph Sims, former standouts in University of Wisconsin Oshkosh athletics, will be inducted into the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Hall of Fame July 23, part of the 27-member class for 2022.

Allen served as UW Oshkosh's head men's gymnastics coach from 1969-82 and 1984-92, leading the Titans to seven NAIA championships and three NCAA Division II titles. UWO also won a pair

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Aurora Medical Center Oshkosh is seeking a front entrance ambassador to assist with helping patients/visitors find their way to their appointments throughout the hospital. Volunteers will greet patients at the front entrance, assist with wheelchairs and walk patients to the appropriate area. Contact Michelle at michelle.tisljar@aah.org.

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of conference titles and Allen received NCAA Division II Coach of the Year honors three times and NAIA Coach of the Year recognition on five occasions. He coached athletes to 47 NAIA event titles and 23 NCAA Division II event first-place finishes.

Briwa is the only women's director of athletics in UW Oshkosh history, holding the role from 1971-88. In 1970, she was a member of a three-person committee that

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drafted the Wisconsin Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Conference constitution. She helped form the Midwest Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women and served as theorganization's commissioner from 1971-73. Briwa coached women's badminton (1974, 78-79), women's field hockey (1968-92), softball (1971-72, 76), women's track & field (1969, 74-77) and women's volleyball (1968-73).

Sims was a member of the men's bas-

Titans roll past Blue Devils

Celebration.

The fifth-ranked UW Oshkosh men's basketball team never trailed in holding an explosive UW-Stout offense in check in an 84-57 win at the Kolf Sports Center on Saturday night.

The Titans improved to 17-3 overall and 8-2 in the WIAC with the win, which was the 17th victory in their last 18 home games. It was also UW Oshkosh's ninth straight win over the Blue Devils and their largest margin of victory in the series since 2003.

Hunter Plamann scored 19 points and Cole Booth added a career-high 18 points to lead the Titans, who used a 19-4 run midway through the first half to seize control of the game and take a 44-31 halftime lead.

Eddie Muench and Levi Borchert each chipped in 15 points in the win, while Borchert snagged a team-high eight rebounds.

Adam Tinsley scored 12 points to lead the Blue Devils, who entered the game as the top 3-point shooting team in the WIAC but made just 3-of-13 attempts from behind the arc against the Titans. The conference's leading scorer Lovell Williams was held to 10 points.

The Titans will travel to UW-Stevens Point on Wednesday.

ketball team from 1975-78 and collected

NAIA All-America First Team honors in

1978. The three-time all-conference first

team selection was named the confer-

ence's Player of the Year in 1977 and 1978.

Sims finished his career with 2,303 points

the third-highest total in league histo-

ry. In 2012, he was selected to the WIAC

Men's Basketball All-Time Team in con-

junction with the conference's Centennial

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Women drop heartbreaker

The UW Oshkosh women's basketball team surrendered a game-tying basket with eight seconds and then had a game-winning 3-point attempt come up short at the buzzer as the Titans lost on the road to UW-Stout 58-56 on Saturday.

UW Oshkosh trailed 30-27 at halftime but took a one-point edge into the final quarter, where both teams took turns holding the lead. Jenna Jorgensen tied the game at 56 with a jumper with 23 seconds left and then had a chance to give the Titans the lead but her layup attempt after a steal was blocked.

The Blue Devils' Lizzy Olsem then made the go-ahead basket for the Blue Devils, who held on for just their third win in the last 19 games against the Titans.

Jorgensen led the Titans with 15 points, while Abby Kaiser was the only other Titan in double figures with 11.

UW Oshkosh, which slips to 15-5 overall and 4-4 in conference play, will host UW-Stevens Point on Wednesday.

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West's Carlin brings energy, efficiency to the mat

By Tim Froberg HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Wrestling might be the most physically demanding sport offered in high school. It also might be the most rewarding.

Just ask Max Carlin.

"Those close matches, when you barely squeak out a win or you beat someone you shouldn't have, it all makes it worthwhile,"



the Oshkosh West senior said. "Being able to walk off the mat with a victory, there's no greater feeling in the world."

Carlin exits the mat with that type of satisfaction most of the time. He's one of the top wrestlers on

a rock-solid Wildcats team and received honorable mention at 138 pounds in the Wisconsin Wrestling online rankings most of the year. He's racked up more than 20 wins in 2021-22 and will look to keep his season alive in this weekend's WIAA regional tournament action. Carlin is a fourth-year varsity wrestler who went 8-3 at 132 as a junior.

"I'm really enjoying being up a weight class as 138," he said. "I feel strong out there. It's been a lot less challenging to manage my weight and I have more energy."

Bringing energy to the mat has never been much of a problem for the hard-working Carlin, but it sure doesn't hurt to have a little extra in the tank.

"Max is a guy who is going to work as hard as he can, whenever he can," said coach Matt Quadra. "He never complains





Submitted photo

Max Carlin has built on his wrestling career at West for an opportunity at tournament success.

or asks 'why.' He just does it."

And he does it well. Carlin just missed qualifying for sectionals last season by finishing third in regional competition at 132. His goal this season is the same as most WIAA wrestlers - to compete at the state individual tournament Feb. 24-26 at the Kohl Center in Madison.

"There are a lot of tough kids in my weight class – a lot of competition," he said. "I'm a senior and I'm probably not going to be wrestling in college, so this is my last run at it (the state tournament). The tournament is going to be a culmination of my entire wrestling career and get-

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ting to state would definitely be the best way to end it."

Carlin has been wrestling since the sixth grade. Unlike many wrestlers, he doesn't have a family background in the sport. Neither his older brother, Nate, nor his father, Lawrence, competed in the sport. Both were football players. Nate was a playmaking wide receiver at West, while Lawrence played college ball as a kicker at Franklin and Marshall College.

"I come from a big football family," he said. "I'm the first in our family to wrestle. It's something I took a like to right away. I played basketball and football, but neither really clicked with me. I gave wrestling a try and fell in love with it."

Carlin considers himself to be more of a technician on the mat than a brawler.

"I'm not necessarily the strongest guy in any given match," Carlin said. "I'm definitely more technique than power. I try to be faster than my opponent and beat him to the punch."

While wrestling is his preferred sport, Carlin also competed during the fall on the West boys' tennis team. He played primarily on a JV doubles team.

"I had never played tennis in my life, but I had some friends doing it," Carlin said. "I'm glad I did it. It was something new, a break from wrestling and a lot of fun."

Carlin is a good wrestler and an even better student. He carries a 3.91 gradepoint average. Carlin hasn't settled on his choice of school next year, but has a good idea of what he will study.

"I enjoy physics, math and my STEM classes," Carlin said. "I'm thinking about majoring in something in the STEM field."

Until then, he's focused on his classroom work at West and walking off that mat with his hand raised in victory the next few weekends.

"Sometimes it's tough (balancing school and sports)," Carlin said. "But I find time to get everything done with my schoolwork and still bring energy to the (wrestling) room."



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Seckar's 21 not enough as Kimberly tops West

By Dustin Riese Herald contributor

After starting slow, the Oshkosh West girls basketball team has found themselves in the middle of the Fox Valley Association with a 7-8 conference record and 8-12 overall.

The Wildcats went up against a Kimberly team that they beat earlier this season, and despite a big night from Paige Seckar, the Papermakers pulled away late in the second half for a 58-43 win.

"This team gives it their all from start to finish no matter the team or score," West head coach Kenisha Phillips said. "Although the final score may not always show it for us every game these girls are competing."

MaKenzie Drout, who had a game-high 22 points, scored the first eight for Kimberly and helped the Papermakers jump out to a 17-10 lead - but Seckar and the Wildcats would respond and only trailed by two at the half.

Then in the second, it was Kimberly striking first as Drout continued what she

started. Buckets by Emma Kilpatrick and Grace Kieffer put the Papermakers back up seven and had the Wildcats in an early predicament. When they needed offense, they turned to Seckar, who ended the run with another two points en route to her massive 21-point day.

"It is insane Seckar is only a sophomore," Phillips said. "She is someone we are constantly asking more from on both ends - scoring, rebounding, defense. She has stepped up as a constant scorer for us in this second half of the season with her ability to get to the rim and she is starting to look for her shot on the outside.

"I think her teammates did a great job of helping her out as well tonight – hard drives, cuts and screening."

Still down by seven, the Wildcats went on a run of their own as a quick steal and a bucket by Jodarski ignited the Wildcats offense. Sabrina Pickert followed that with a deep three and Gehri with one of her own to give the Wildcats a 32-31 lead.

But that would be the last of the lead as Kimberly's Kilpatrick went inside for





three the hard way and then from the outside to put the Papermakers in front by 10.

Drout shot 8-of-20 from the field for Kimberly and added eight rebounds and five assists.

"Drout is a great player," Phillips said. "Her ability to shoot outside and pull up in the lane; she made a handful of those buckets with strong moves with defense all around her. We ask a lot of our team every night, continually switching and having to guard/recognize opposing players in a split second."

After a pair of free throws from Seckar to pull within eight, Kimberly went on a run with Kilpatrick, Krueger and Kate McGinnis all chipping in to push the lead to 14. Seckar added five more quick points to keep West within striking distance but the Wildcats ran out of chances as their offense was struggling late.

"I think our whole offense played well tonight, but we just had trouble finding the bottom of the net late in the game" Phillips said. "We got to the rim and are taking open, quality shots, but those shots didn't fall."

Herd to take on G League Ignite's young rising stars

The Wisconsin Herd will host the G League Ignite team Saturday night that features players expected to be first-round picks in future NBA drafts, including Wisconsin's Michael Foster Jr.

Ignite also showcases NBA veterans such as C.J. Miles and Pooh Jeter. The Herd was selected as one of 10 teams to play Ignite on their tour.

Washington High School of Information Technology will take on Racine Park High School in varsity and junior varsity games starting at noon ahead of the 7 p.m. Herd game. Foster attended Washington High School and will be presented a Distinguished Alumni Award during the high school matchups.

Ignite is dedicated to developing top young prospects in preparation for the NBA draft. Based in Walnut Creek, Calif., the roster includes elite players eligible for

the draft as well as NBA and G League veterans who serve as mentors to the team's young talent.

The team also provides life skills training that includes financial literacy education, community service involvement and scholarship opportunities. Ignite's competition includes both games against G League opponents and exhibitions against international teams.

Selden for Jones: The Herd obtained the returning player rights to firstround pick Wayne Selden from Lakeland and the South Bay Lakers' third-round pick in 2022 in exchange for Jemerrio Jones last week.

Selden plays for Afyon Belediye of the Basketball Super League in Russia and appeared in three games this season with the New York Knicks. Jones appeared in 19 games for the Herd this season.

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Accommodate platform helps UWO students succeed

By Shane Nyman UW Oshkosh Today

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh is heading into the spring semester better equipped than ever to meet the needs of its diverse student body.

A new software platform, aptly named Accommodate, has launched in collaboration between the Accessibility Center and Project Success and allows the university to better connect students with the resources and assistance they need across all three campuses.

The Accommodate platform, a product of the higher education software company Simplicity, allows for quick and easy communication among students, instructors, offices, academic departments and others. Between the Accessibility Center and Project Success, upwards of 700 students use a variety of available accommodations. The Accessibility Center provides reason-



able accommodations for students with documented disabilities, including in areas of academics and in the classroom, in housing and dining, in parking and winter weather and beyond.

Project Success is a remedial program

for students with dyslexia and other language-based learning disabilities. It's one of few university programs in the country

Black History Month marked at UW Oshkosh

More Than Words is the theme of this year's Black History Month programming at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. For Alphonso Simpson Jr., director of the African American Studies (AAS) program, it represents a call to action.

The campus is offering dozens of events – guest speakers, panel discussions, film screenings, workshops, arts performances – throughout February thanks to leaders and members of the AAS program, Black Student Union and Academic Support of Inclusive Excellence.

The second annual Dr. Martin Luther

King Jr. Commemorative Celebration and Awards Program is set for 6:30 p.m. Feb. 16 in the Reeve Union theater and virtually on Zoom. Keynote speaker is the Rev. Reginald Johnson of Believers in Christ Ministries in Milwaukee.

Other highlights are virtual roundtable discussions, including one Thursday night with five Black leaders in police departments from around the U.S.

On Feb. 23, Simpson will moderate back-to-back discussions with more panelists from around the country. A complete calendar of events is at uwo.sh/aasp. to specialize in phonics-based multisensory methodology to improve students' reading, spelling and writing. The program also provides developmental math instruction and tutoring. Many of the students it serves have been diagnosed with dyslexia or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), or both.

Between the two entities, some of the most common accommodations include extended test times, readers for tests or textbooks and note-taking assistance. Accommodate makes it possible for a student's needs to be easily accessible 24/7 and shared when necessary.

At the Accessibility Center, Associate Dean of Students Kiersten Bloechl-Karlsen said the platform replaces an outdated system of spreadsheets and paper files.

Bloechl-Karlsen said while hundreds of students do make use of the available accommodations, that group still is smaller than the national average.

"The commonly used statistic is 11 percent of students on college campuses need accommodations," she said. "Between the Accessibility Center and Project Success we're at less than that. For a campus our size, we're hoping that this database will help just improve the ease at which students can apply for accommodations and work through the process."

Project Success director Jayme Reichenberger said the streamlined process is going to make life easier for everyone involved. A student's accommodations can, for example, be easily communicated from one campus to another, be accessed by instructors anytime they need it and, if desired, be shaped on a course-by-course basis.

In some instances, the online platform replaces systems involving paper documents that sometimes needed to be physically carried on the campuses.

"The cool thing for instructors especially, is they can see all of the students who need accommodations on one screen for each course, whereas before they had to keep paper plans in a folder," Bloechl-Karlsen said.

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Battle on Bago marks its 15th edition

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The Battle on Bago fishing tournament enters its 15th year Feb. 18-19 with a continued focus on youth and conservation.

Spanning four area lakes -Winnebago, Winneconne, Poygan and Butte des Morts — the tournament based off Millers Bay in Menominee Park has been adjusting over the years to everything from the pandemic to the weather.

An estimated 10,000 participants and spectators take part over the course of the weekend.

The winter tournament was started by some of the current board members to raise money for the Oshkosh Rotary. Prize packages have grown along with new sponsors to surpass \$275,000 worth of cash and items that don't require catching the biggest fish.

In five years the organization has raised more than \$1.5 million for youth organizations and conservation efforts.

Ice conditions have dictated the scope of the tournament, once forcing a cancellation of the fishing but not the tent party. Fishing is unlikely to be affected this year with recent colder conditions.

Tickets to compete are on sale at some Fox Valley retailers, along with limited-edition membership packages. More information is at BattleonBago.org.



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Comfort support

Crystal Mulvey (center), of Karmali's Bar & Grill presents a \$1,000 check from the Oshkosh Tavern League Foundation to the co-presidents of Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a nonprofit organization providing beds and bedding to children in Oshkosh.



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Obituaries

Phillip James Burkhardt

Philip James Burkhardt of West Bend died unexpectedly on Monday, January 31, 2022 at the age of 45. He was born on December 29, 1976 to David and Nancy (nee Meyer) Burkhardt. Philip was a graduate of Grafton High School and later attended UW-Oshkosh.

Philip worked in manufacturing where he made many wonderful friends. With them, he enjoyed many sports such as baseball, disc golf, bowling and of course watching the Brewers and Packers. Phil was also a movie buff and enjoyed baking and some woodworking.

Phil remains in the hearts of his parents David and Nancy of Grafton; brother Christopher (Heather) Burkhardt of Brookfield and sister Lori Burkhardt of Brookfield; niece Addison Burkhardt;

nephew Andrew Burkhardt; Aunts and Uncles: Jeanne Miscikowski, Janice (James) Fitzgerald, Judy Becker, Jill (Bill Vornsand) Burkhardt, Nancy (Peter) Samster, Rick (Virginia) Meyer, Debra (Thomas) Pett, David Meyer, great cousins and many long-lasting and devoted friends.

The family will receive visitors on Friday, February 11, 2022 from 4:00pm-6:00pm at Eernisse Funeral Home 1167 Washington Ave, Cedarburg, WI 53012. There will be a memorial service immediately following the visitation at 6:00PM.

The Eernisse Funeral Home of Cedarburg is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences may be left at www.eernissefuneralhome.com



Recreation Department offers craft workshops

The Oshkosh Recreation Department is offering craft workshops at the New Moon Cafe downtown Oshkosh from 6 to 8 p.m. starting Feb. 24.

Block Bunnies is the theme for Feb. 24,

followed by Welcome Peeps! on March 24 and Pinecone Flowers on April 28. Dragonfly Designs craft designer Tammy Wright will facilitate the workshops.

Details are at oshkoshrecdept.com.

Ice conditions report

By Jim Nobbe

Payne's Point Hook and Spear Fishing Club As of Monday we are finding 17-22 inches of ice in most areas of the lake. PPHSFC has two truck bridges and one ATV bridge on the north-south crack

that is on the "new ice" 1.4 miles out from our landing there is a minimum of 17 inches of ice on the new ice.

We also had

a crack start working south of us; it starts on the east side of the new ice, due east of the Winnebago County boat landing on Grundman Lane north of Oshkosh, and runs east.

We have one truck bridge on it. They are located roughly 0.3 miles east of the main north-south crack. Remember bridges are marked with two Christmas trees drilled into the ice. From that bridge travel is pretty easy down to Otter Street Fishing Club tree line in Oshkosh. They also have truck and ATV bridges out on the main crack.

There is very little snow on the lake; most of the snow is drifted around shove ice. With little snow cover the lake has been susceptible to cracking from the daily temperature changes, so keep an eye out for new cracks.

Water clarity on the west shore looks to be 10- to 14-feet from Oshkosh north.

People are catching perch and walleyes in the middle of the lake in the "mud flats" when they can get on a school of fish.

Be sure to stop in to PPHSFC this weekend for the fisheree and bands in the heated tent. Remember the ice is never 100% safe. Good luck spearing and ice fishing.



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June M. Poklasny

June M. Poklasny, age 89, of Oshkosh, passed away Sunday January 30, 2022 at



y January 30, 2022 at Evergreen Retirement Community in Oshkosh. She was born in Fond du Lac WI., on June 14, 1932 the daughter of the late John and Hazel Hintz Coulahan. June graduated from Fond du

Lac High School in 1950, Oshkosh State Teachers College, in 1954 with a degree in Education, and later went back to college earning a bachelor's degree in Chemistry. She met Joseph Poklasny in 1954 while in college in Oshkosh, and they married on July 30, 1955 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oshkosh. Joe preceded her in death on June 17, 2013. She was employed at Sacred Heart School in Oshkosh as a substitute teacher, the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, as a chemistry professor, and until the time of her retirement, June was employed by Kimberly Clark in its research and development department.

June is survived by two sons; Joe (Mary) Poklasny, of Oshkosh, Jim (Carol) Poklasny, Oshkosh, two daughters; Patty Poklasny, Oshkosh, Mary (Joe) Klang,

Rory Kempf

Rory Roy Kempf of Indianola, Iowa passed away on January 29, 2022 in Des Moines, Iowa. An inurnment with military honors will take place at a later date.

Rory was born on February 10, 1962 to Clifford and Betty (Everett) Kempf. He was a proud veteran of the United States Army, where he was staff-sergeant up until his retirement following 27 years of service. In his free time Rory loved woodworking and being with his family and grandchildren.

Rory is survived by his wife, Cynthia; children, Nick (Heidi) Kempf and Sarah (Andy) Eichhorn; stepsons, Christopher (Kelly) Phelps and Jeremy (Kathy) Phelps; grandchildren, Oliver, Kylah, Calynn,



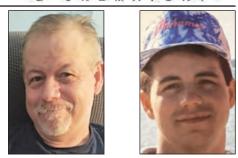
Milwaukee, four grandchildren; Andrew (Samantha Jensen) Poklasny, Sherwood WI., Maggie (Andy) Hanneman, Oshkosh, Alex (Caley) Leinweber, Oshkosh, Nick (Sarah Manthey) Leinweber, Oshkosh, three great-grandchildren; Cecelia, Zander Leinweber, Callen Hanneman, two sisters: Mary (Tom) Shilling, Neenah, Noreen (Bob) Van Price, Fond du Lac, and one brother; Dennis (Jannette) Coulahan, Fond du Lac. June is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

June was preceded in death by two sisters; Janice Johnson, Kathy Christie, and one brother; Jack Coulahan.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday February 5, at 11:00 AM in St Jude the Apostle Catholic Church (Sacred Heart site) with the Rev. Louis Golamari officiating. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Family and friends may call at the Poklasny Funeral Home (870 W South Park) on Friday from 4:00-6:00 PM and also at the church on Saturday from 10:00 AM until the hour of services.

In lieu of flowers a memorial will be established.

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Keegan, Montana, and Peyton; siblings, Phyllis Kempf, Lori Kempf, David (Marge) Kempf, Mike (Chung Uh) Kempf, Kim (Brian) Moode, and Debbie (Wayne) Schmike; and a brother-in-law Jerry Berger.

Rory was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Christine Berger; grandparents Adolf and Hilda Kempf and Floyd and Thelma Everett.



Richard C. Bahr

Richard C. Bahr, age 91, passed away at Bella Vista on Tuesday, February 1, 2022. Dick was born to the late Ewald and Sadie (Fisher) Bahr on September 12, 1930, in Oshkosh. After graduating from Oshkosh High School in June of 1948, Dick served his country in the United States Army. After being honourably discharged from the Army, he became a postal carrier for the United States Postal Service for 32 years. Dick married Nancy Leininger on August 11, 1951, together they had three children. Both Dick and Nancy were members of Trinity Lutheran in Oshkosh. They were married for 66 years. Dick loved Wisconsin sports and always enjoyed watching the Badgers, Bucks, Packers, and Brewers. In addition to watching sports, Dick was an avid fisherman. Dick was very proud to have had an opportunity

to fly to Washington with the Honor Flight in honor of his military service.

Dick is survived by his 3 children, Cynthia (David) Wortman, Michael (Kim) Bahr, and Scott (Laurie) Bahr; sisters, Betty Jensen, Joyce Murphy, and Joanne Klein; sister-in-law, Gail (Roger) Kimball; 11 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. Dick is further survived by his special friends, Alan, Peter, and Carl.

Dick was preceded in death by the love of his life, Nancy; 4 brothers, and 2 sisters.

A service for Dick will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church (370 Bowen Street), on Saturday, February 12, 2022, at 11:00am. A visitation will take place from 9:30am until the time of service. A burial will take place at Lake View Memorial Park.

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