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School staffing amid pandemic reviewed

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

Those in leadership positions have been challenged through the COVID-19 pandemic, and executives in the Oshkosh Area School District are no exception.

A recent Wisconsin Policy Forum article notes trends from the last decade regarding the turnover of district superintendents and principals. Schools Superintendent Bryan Davis reflects on what he has seen between Oshkosh since July and the previous school district he led in Shorewood.

“School districts are about people, so I think being able to maintain a strong culture that’s responsive specifically in COVID is to meet the safety needs of

both staff and students, and communication throughout the last two years has been important,” Davis said.



Davis

“Over the past year (for superintendents in Oshkosh) there’s been a 100% turnover – that’s pretty easy to track. But if we’re looking at principal turnover, we did have a jump last year.”

The OASD was among the 17.6% average turnover in Wisconsin’s school districts the past few years. There was a 9% principal turnover rate in the district for both the 2018-19 and 2019-2020

school years, which is two among OASD’s 22 principals.

Davis noted a spike in turnover in the 2021-22 school year, however, at 18% that he attributed to many factors.

“Some of (the turnover) may just be due to a group of baby boomers reaching either retirement age for the first time or have been working for a while beyond when they could retire and just decided now’s the time,” Davis said. “There’s certainly a mix of reasons but when you pile on leadership change with COVID anxieties, that’s a mix for some difficult times.”

While turnover with new principals and

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Photo by Michael Cooney

Christie classic

Oshkosh Community Players staged Agatha Christie’s “The Mousetrap” last weekend at The Grand. Sergeant Trotter (right) played by Nate Scheurs is shown in a scene with the cast. Brad Dokken was director with assistant director L. Douglas Bord-Pire.

Prep soccer leaving UWO’s Titan Stadium

Other sports will continue to be played at college’s venues

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Starting this fall, Oshkosh high schools that use University of Wisconsin Oshkosh facilities for their sporting events will be scaling things back a bit.

Oshkosh North, Oshkosh West and Lourdes Academy will each move boys and girls’ soccer matches to different venues when the next school year begins due to rising costs in using the college’s facilities. Other sporting events will remain at UWO facilities.

Both North and West will use the new turf

field being built as part of the athletic complex at Oshkosh North. Lourdes Academy, which has a co-op with Valley Christian for soccer, will play on Valley Christian’s grass field, while potentially going to St. Mary Catholic in Neenah to host WIAA post-season matches.

Lourdes Academy athletic director Kevin Wopat said the boys soccer team played a tournament game at St. Mary Catholic this fall when Titan wasn’t available.

“We will work with St. Mary Catholic to potentially host soccer at their site. It’s a beautiful facility and that is a much more affordable option,” Wopat said. “We would reach out to Oshkosh North to use their field, but I expect the demand there to be

really high.”

Soccer was one of the few sports that the Oshkosh public schools were using UWO’s Titan Stadium for, but being able to move those matches to their home turf will be more cost-effective.

North has used Schumerth Field for games in the past and West has hosted multi-team events on the fields at Winnebago County Park.

“Their programs are expanding and our programs are expanding and you can only hold so much (at Titan Stadium),” North athletic director Craig Lieder said. “We do our best to work with them, but they are

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High school soccer games at UW Oshkosh’s Titan Stadium will become a thing of the past next season.

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City of Oshkosh photo

An aerial view shows the city's clearwells facility south of Menominee Park on Lake Winnebago.

Water storage options reviewed

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

In a follow-up discussion with the state Department of Natural Resources, city staff came forward with an update on possible alternatives to bringing the city's clearwells up to code without reconstructing them.

As part of a DNR sanitary survey in 2007, the organization put Oshkosh on notice that the clearwells – treated water storage tanks – did not comply with state code requirements, according to a staff memo to the Common Council last week.

In a 2014 meeting, it was made clear that replacement of the clearwells is required to maintain compliance. In recent conversations, however, the DNR said it may be open to entertaining an option that would allow the existing tanks to remain in service.

After residents came forward asking city staff to review other possibilities than to rebuild the tanks above ground, they came back with this option to update the current water treatment system.

"This maintenance project comes with a

stipulation that we would have to put in an additional mitigation measure for treatment of potential contaminants that could enter the tank should they fail to be water-tight at any time during their use," said assistant public works director Steve Gohde.

City Manager Mark Rohloff said if there's any notice of structural deficiency in the current tanks, "all bets are off."

The staff memo also noted that if council would like to move forward with the alternative clearwells plan, extensive groundwater testing and assessments would have to be done before the mitigation proposal is brought to the DNR for consideration. This inspection and proposal would cost, in total, an additional \$330,000.

"The other thing the DNR made abundantly clear is that when these are replaced, they will have to go above ground. There is not an option to put them back below ground once they are reconstructed," Gohde said.

If the mitigation efforts were approved by the DNR and implemented at the cur-

rent clearwells, its lifespan would extend another 20 to 40 years, compared with a complete rebuild that would last anywhere from 60 to 100 years.

"This means that eventually, the city will have to construct aboveground structures to maintain the storage above groundwater," the staff memo reads.

In other action:

- A general development plan and specific implementation plan was approved for a Chili's restaurant on Koeller Street in front of the former Shopko building.

- Council amended a resolution approving the construction of a Caribou Coffee drive-thru to allow the building to have rooftop signage.

- Mask mandates for all city-owned buildings will be lifted at the start of March with the exception of the city's transit facility, which is still under federal order to require face coverings. Oshkosh will remain under national pandemic emergency status that was extended by the Biden administration.

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Mental health funding adds to school programs

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

Gov. Tony Evers announced last month that school districts across the state received funding through the “Get Kids Ahead” initiative, which was set by the state Legislature to provide further mental health support for students.

Through \$15 million for K-12 schools and \$5 million for University of Wisconsin campuses, Evers said this can help students across the state recover from COVID-19 stressors.

“We know this pandemic has affected our kids in more ways than one, including their mental health. And a kid who’s in crisis isn’t going to be able to pay attention at school, finish their homework or engage with their friends or teachers,” Evers said in his State of the State address.

“If folks want to have real conversations about our kids’ success and achievement, then start by fully funding our schools and making sure our kids can bring their full and best selves to classrooms and to their studies.”

The Oshkosh Area School District was allocated more than \$135,000 on a per-pupil basis. In a statement from the governor’s office, the funding can be put toward “providing direct mental health care, hiring and supporting mental health navigators, providing mental health first aid and trauma-based care training or providing family assistance programs.”

Oshkosh’s schools, in a statement from the district, highlighted its programs for

providing mental health services to students such as Rise Up, is partnered with Catalpa Health, Samaritan Counseling and other community organizations.

“The district expects to be able to put funding toward expanding its clinical therapy services and mental health student screening,” the district stated. “The OASD has partnered with Catalpa Health to provide on-site clinical therapy at a number of schools over the past several years.”

With Catalpa, both North and West high school students can have onsite counseling. North will have services on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, and West will have services on the first and third Thursday.

But because of staffing shortages, Catalpa has had to scale back its services through the district as well.

Samaritan Counseling works with the district to conduct its Wellness Screen with grades 8 through 12 each school year, and with the funding the district hopes to expand this screening to grades 6 and 7.

“The added funding will hopefully open up more options for partnering with additional providers to meet the district’s needs,” the statement reads. “The OASD is always looking for effective and innovative ways to better support the mental health needs of students. OASD will continue to consult with its mental health partners to explore other possibilities.”

Public Library calendar

Some programs require registration and are held at library unless otherwise noted. Library staff and patrons will no longer be required to wear a mask.

Wednesday

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4
Resume Workshop, 1-4 p.m., adults

Thursday

Mindworks, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., adults

Friday

Teen Book Club, 4:30 p.m., ages 9-11
Tween Book Club, 4:30 p.m., grades 6-12

Saturday

Hip Pop Hooray for Reading Giveaway (limited supply), 9 a.m., all ages

Monday

Book Buzz, 8 a.m., YouTube
Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers
Read to a Dog, 4-5 p.m., ages 5-12.
Shelf Selected for Kids, 6:30 p.m., Facebook Live

Tuesday

Adult DIY: Folded Book Art, 6 p.m., adults

Stories by Starlight, 6:15 p.m., ages 8 and younger

March 9

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4
Job Interviewing Workshop, 1-4 p.m., adults
Memory Cafe: Laughter & Lyrics, 1:30-3 p.m., adults

March 10

Mindworks, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., adults

March 14

Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers
Read to a Dog, 4-5 p.m., ages 5-12.
Write Now! Conquer Writer’s Block, 6 p.m., adults

March 15

Winnebago Free Legal Assistance Clinic, 4:30-6:30 p.m., adults
Stories by Starlight, 6:15 p.m., preschoolers

March 16

Smart Starts Play Stations, 9-11 a.m., ages 1-4
Career Counseling, 1-4 p.m., adults

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Local man pleads guilty to terrorist conspiracy

Oshkosh Herald

A 22-year-old local man was one of three pleading guilty last week on charges of scheming to attack power grids in the United States in support of white supremacist ideology.

Jackson M. Sawall, of Oshkosh; Christopher B. Cook, 20, of Columbus, Ohio; and Jonathan A. Frost, 24, of West Lafayette, Ind.; each pleaded guilty to conspiring to provide material support to terrorists, according to court documents. Prosecutors said the plea agreements indicate the defendants knew the support they sought to provide would be used to carry out the federal offense of destroying energy facilities.

"These three defendants admitted to

engaging in a disturbing plot, in furtherance of white supremacist ideology, to attack energy facilities in order to damage the economy and stoke division in our country," said Matthew G. Olsen, assistant attorney general for national security, in a release from the U.S. Department of Justice.

According to court documents, Frost and Cook met in an online chat group in fall 2019, where Frost shared the idea of attacking a power grid. By late 2019, Cook's friend Sawall joined the conspiracy and assisted with recruitment efforts, operational security and organization.

The plan was to attack power substations nationwide with powerful rifles. In February 2020, the co-conspirators met

in Columbus where they further trained and went to a shooting range. Frost also provided Cook and Sawall with suicide necklaces filled with fentanyl that were to be ingested if caught by law enforcement.

During a traffic stop in Ohio, Sawall swallowed his suicide pill but survived.

"The defendants in this case wanted to attack regional power substations and expected the damage would lead to economic distress and civil unrest," said Assistant Director Timothy Langan of the FBI's Counterterrorism Division.

"These individuals wanted to carry out such a plot because of their adherence to racially or ethnically motivated violent extremist views."

The defendants face a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison. A federal district court judge will determine a sentence. The case was investigated by the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force in Columbus, Milwaukee, Indianapolis and Houston. The U.S. Attorney's Offices in the Eastern District of Wisconsin and Northern District of Indiana provided support.

Nature Series offered at Seniors Center

The Oshkosh Recreation Department is offering a free Nature Series featuring local nature and garden enthusiast, author and radio host Rob Zimmer, monthly throughout the spring and summer at the Oshkosh Seniors Center.

The series will take place from 10 a.m. to noon one Wednesday each month through August. Topics include Tundra

Swan Migration on March 16; Spring Wildflower Showcase on April 20; Wonderful Warblers on May 18; Voices of Nature on June 15; Gardening for Hummingbirds & Butterflies on July 20; and Dragonfly Spirits on Aug. 17.

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Meritor being acquired by Cummins in \$3.7B deal

Oshkosh Herald

Power product maker Cummins Inc. is acquiring Meritor Inc., a global manufacturer of axles, brakes and heavy-vehicle parts that includes Oshkosh-based AxleTech operations, in a deal valued at about \$3.7 billion.

Cummins, based in Columbus, Ind., specializes in diesel, natural gas, electric and hybrid powertrains and powertrain-related components, while Meritor is a global leader in drivetrain, mobility, braking, aftermarket and electric powertrain technology for commercial and industrial markets.

“Meritor is an industry leader, and the addition of their complementary strengths will help us address one of the most critical technology challenges of our age: developing economically viable zero carbon solutions for commercial and industrial applications,” said Tom Linebarger, Cummins chairman and chief executive. “Climate change is the existential crisis of our time and this acquisi-

tion accelerates our ability to address it. Our customers need economically viable decarbonized solutions.”

Under the terms of the agreement, Cummins will pay \$36.50 in cash per Meritor share, including assumed debt and net of acquired cash.

AxleTech/Meritor is an Oshkosh manufacturer that has rolled with technology and acquisitions from its original 1005 High Ave. location for more than a century. Willard “Colonel” Rockwell bought the wagon wheel company Wisconsin Parts in 1919 and created Wisconsin Custom Built Axles. Development of an evolutionary axle design patented in 1929 set the company’s course through the early decades.

Rockwell International acquired the company in 1953. Meritor purchased it in 1997 and sold it to AxleTech International in 2002 before buying it back in July 2019. Meritor is based in Troy, Mich., with more than 9,600

employees serving commercial truck, trailer, off-highway, defense, specialty and aftermarket customers.

A United Auto Workers union plant through much of its history, AxleTech’s 6,000 square feet of building space now holds fewer than 100 employees after topping 2,000 in 1995.

The company’s work with Oshkosh Corp. and its Defense segment has been focused on refurbishing and rebuilding its vehicles for service, including Defense’s palletized load system (PLS) vehicles.

“Our offerings will continue to play an important, strategic role as commercial vehicles transform to become electric and autonomous,” said Chris Villavarayan, chief executive of Meritor. “Our global team members and their commitment to excellence helped make this transaction possible and will fuel our innovations as we embark on this next chapter in our longstanding legacy.”

Cummins intends to finance the transaction using cash on the company’s balance sheet and debt. The Meritor board of directors unanimously approved the agreement.

Contest seeks young designers, superhero creators

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Public Library is giving children ages 3 to 17 the motivation to build an award-winning original design during its annual LEGOMania Design Contest.

This year in addition to several age-related categories, Oshkosh Corp. is sponsoring a Vehicles of the Future competition. House of Heroes Comics and Games is backing a battle for the best Superhero Hideouts and Supervillain Lairs.

Virtual entries are due March 23 and can

be submitted at oshkoshpubliclibrary.org/legomania-registration. In-person entries should be brought to the library’s lower level from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. March 24.

Judging for all entries will be March 25 with winners’ names announced at noon under the library’s dome and posted online.

Contest rules and an entry form are at oshkoshpubliclibrary.org. Contact the library’s Children’s Department at 920-236-5208 or youth@oshkoshpubliclibrary.org for more information.

State-based agricultural grants offered

The state Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection is accepting applications for Buy Local, Buy Wisconsin (BLBW) grants through April 2 that will award up to \$300,000 in funding this year.

The program can help farms and businesses more efficiently process, market and distribute locally grown food products, and provide consumers with access to more Wisconsin-grown food products, including organic vegetables, hops varieties, hazelnut products and grains.

Qualified applicants include individuals, groups or businesses involved in Wisconsin production agriculture, food processing, food distribution, food ware-

housing, retail food establishments or agricultural tourism operations.

Projects can receive grant funds for up to three years in duration and requests must be between \$5,000 and \$50,000. Projects must show a one-to-one match of cash or in-kind support accounting for at least 50 percent of the total project budget.

Selected project contracts and work would begin in June. Grant information and application materials are at datcp.wi.gov.

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Push for mail truck production continues

Oshkosh Herald

Continued efforts to have Oshkosh Defense reconsider its June decision to build the new U.S. Postal Service mail truck locally instead of in South Carolina ramped up over the past week in the forms of a Common Council resolution and a union labor rally at Oshkosh Corp. headquarters.

While public officials, including U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin, have supported UAW 578 chapter's push for the company to create a new production facility here instead of Spartanburg, Oshkosh Defense officials have responded that the size of the project does not allow for a viable local option.

The UAW chapter held a rally Saturday outside Oshkosh Corp. headquarters attended by UAW, AFL-CIO and American Postal Workers Union representatives, state Democratic legislators and U.S. Senate candidates. The noon-hour assembly was the most public appeal to get the company to manufacturer between 50,000 and 165,000 of the Next Generation Delivery Vehicle locally under a multibillion-dollar



Photo by UAW 578

A UAW labor rally was held Saturday outside Oshkosh Corp. global headquarters seeking to advance their cause to have the company produce the U.S. Postal Service mail truck locally.

contract awarded in February 2021. The UAW 578 also has been circulating a petition for support of the request.

"Oshkosh Defense and the UAW have worked hand in hand for more than 80 years, supporting generations of Wisconsin workers across the Fox Valley," said Ron McInroy, director of UAW Region 4, in a press release ahead of the rally. "It's this long-standing partnership led by union workers that won Oshkosh Defense the opportunity to build the Next Generation Delivery Vehicle contract for USPS."

UAW Local 578 president Bob Lynk added, "Oshkosh Defense was built by union workers in Wisconsin, and it's only right that the company invest in our communities. But right now, the company is turning its back on the families and work-

ers that have fueled its growth for more than 80 years, after spending the last decade cutting local jobs nearly in half."

The Common Council approved 6-0 a resolution that supported encouraging Oshkosh Corp., the city's largest employer, to bring production of the Next Generation Delivery Vehicle for the U.S. Postal Service here. Brought to the table by member Aaron Wojciechowski in early February, he said his goal with the resolution was to promote Oshkosh as a great place to live and work.

Don Bent, Oshkosh Defense's chief operating officer, said last week that its Spartanburg facility will have more than 900,000 square feet to accommodate the modern automotive processes needed to produce the next-generation mail truck.

"This building is a different scale for

Oshkosh Defense – a scale that simply was not available in Wisconsin," Bent said. "This building is larger than our three largest Wisconsin facilities combined."

Council member Bill Miller was forward with his opposition to bringing politics to the agenda.

"I'm disappointed with this. What I would've liked to see is a resolution for how we can bring more bodies to Oshkosh," Miller said. "The issue here isn't bringing jobs to this area; the issue is finding qualified talent. There isn't a company in this town that doesn't need bodies."

Member Michael Ford said Wojciechowski made clear his intention to show that Oshkosh fosters a welcoming work environment through partnership with the city.

"I do believe this resolution accomplishes that goal of staying out of (politics)," Ford said. "It recognizes bringing organized labor to our community and how important our city's largest employer is to our local economy. This is a positive resolution that speaks on how much we value our partners here in Oshkosh."

Bent noted that Oshkosh facilities remain in full operation producing and supporting the Defense segment's Joint Light Tactical Vehicles, Family of Heavy Tactical Vehicles and its A2 series of Family of Medium Tactical Vehicles. S-Series cement mixers and H-Series airport snow removal trucks are also built in Oshkosh with preparations being made for the MCWS Stryker Lethality project.

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 Circle your nominee in each category.
 A minimum of 30 categories must be completed for a ballot to count.

RULES

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

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 EAA Museum
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 Paine Art Center</p> <p>New Restaurant (restaurants opened after Feb. 2021)
 Chick-Fil-A
 Mile High Pub
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 Cousins Subs
 Eaton's Fresh Pizza
 Firehouse Subs
 Jimmy John's
 Subway</p> <p>Late-Night Food
 Niko's Gyros
 Pete's Garage Bar
 Taco Bell
 West End Pizza</p> <p>Patio
 Dockside Tavern & Spirits
 Fletch's Tap House
 Fox River Brewing Co./Fratello's
 Ground Round</p> <p>Brewery
 Bare Bones Brewery
 Fifth Ward Brewery
 Fox River Brewery</p> <p>Coffee Shop
 Caramel Crisp
 New Moon Cafe
 Pilora's Cafe
 Planet Perk
 Starbucks</p> <p>Breakfast
 Delta Restaurant
 Mike's Place
 Perkin's Restaurant & Bakery
 Pilora's
 Two Brothers</p> <p>Soup
 Challice
 Mike's Place
 Panera Bread
 Pilora's Cafe
 The Roxy</p> <p>Chili
 Mike's Place
 Parnell's Place
 Wendy's
 West End Pizza</p> <p>Bakery
 Festival Foods
 La Sure's Bakery
 Piggly Wiggly
 Tamara's The Cake Guru
 Thunderbird Bakery</p> <p>Fine Dining
 Gardina's
 Sakura Japanese Steakhouse
 The Roxy
 TJ's Highland Steakhouse</p> <p>Steak
 Jeff's on Rugby
 Parnell's Place
 The Roxy
 TJ's Highland Steakhouse</p> <p>Vegan/Vegetarian
 Carrot & Kale
 Gardina's
 Manila Resto
 Pilora's Cafe</p> <p>Juice/Smoothie
 Big Apple Bagel
 Carrot & Kale
 Planet Perk
 Starbucks</p> | <p>Pizza
 Dr. Benzie's Pizza
 Pizza@21
 Ratch & Deb's Pizza
 West End Pizza
 Zaronis</p> <p>Pancakes
 Delta Restaurant
 IHOP
 Mike's Place
 Perkins
 Two Brothers</p> <p>Omelette
 Delta Restaurant
 Mike's Place
 Perkins
 The Roxy
 Two Brothers</p> <p>Burger
 Culver's
 Pete's Garage Bar
 Red Robin
 Ruby Owl Tap Room</p> <p>Tacos
 Cozumel
 Los Rivera's Mexican Grill
 Taco Bell
 Taco John's
 The Hangar Bar & Grill</p> <p>Barbecue
 Bar 430
 Chester V's
 Gabe's Kitchen and Tavern
 Parker John's</p> <p>Fish Fry
 Northside Pub & Grill
 Parnell's Place
 The Hangar
 The Roxy</p> <p>Noodles/Ramen
 Bangkok Thai Cuisine
 Fuki Asian Fusion & Sushi
 Mama's Noodle Bar
 Noodles & Co.
 Manila Resto</p> <p>Sushi
 Festival Foods
 Fuki Asian Fusion & Sushi
 Manila Resto
 Sakura Japanese Steakhouse</p> <p>Italian
 Benvenuto's
 Olive Garden
 Pizza@21
 The Roxy</p> <p>Mexican
 Cozumel
 Los Jaripeos
 Los Rivera's Mexican Grill
 Takiza</p> <p>Chicken
 Jeff's on Rugby
 Mike's Place
 Parnell's Place
 Pizza Ranch</p> <p>Wings
 Buffalo Wild Wings
 Greene's Pour House
 Players Pizza & Pub
 The Bar
 West End Pizza</p> <p>Ice Cream/Frozen Treats
 Culver's
 Dairy Queen
 Leon's Frozen Custard
 Rhapsodies Gourmet Frozen
 Custard</p> | <p>Desserts
 Caramel Crisp Corner
 Festival Foods
 LaSure's Bakery
 Leon's Frozen Custard
 Tamara's The Cake Guru</p> <p>Cheap Date
 Fire Escape
 Pete's Garage Bar
 The Mineshaft Restaurant
 West End Pizza</p> <p>Meat Market/Butcher Shop
 Beck's Meats
 Festival Foods
 Piggly Wiggly
 Wagner Market</p> <p>Kids Party Place
 Fire Escape
 The Mineshaft Restaurant
 West End Pizza</p> <p>Summer Camp/Youth Program
 Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh
 OYC Sail School
 YMCA</p> <p>Birthday Cakes
 Dairy Queen
 Festival Foods
 La Sure's Bakery
 Piggly Wiggly
 Tamara's The Cake Guru</p> <p>Family Restaurant
 Delta Restaurant
 Mike's Place
 The Mineshaft Restaurant
 Two Brothers
 West End Pizza</p> <p>Cocktail Bar
 Bar 430
 Mabel Murphy's
 Ruby Owl
 The Roxy</p> <p>Dive Bar
 Jerry's Bar
 Leroy's Bar
 Pete's Garage Bar
 The Fountain</p> <p>Sports Bar
 Legends Sports Bar & Grill
 The Bar
 Varsity Club
 West End Pizza</p> <p>Happy Hour
 Becket's
 Friar Tuck's
 Karmali's Bar & Grill
 Pete's Garage Bar</p> <p>Margarita
 Cozumel
 Los Jaripeos
 Los Tres Amigos
 The Roxy</p> <p>Old Fashioned
 Challice
 Karmali's
 The Roxy
 West End Pizza</p> <p>Bartender
 Brooke @ Fifth Ward Brewery
 Jill @ Mile High Pub
 Muli @ Legends
 Pete H @ Pete's Garage
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 Solutions Recovery, Inc
 The Howard
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 Evil Roy Slade's
 Nig's Chieftain
 O'Marro's Public House</p> <p>Trivia Night
 Greene's Pour House
 Ruby Owl
 The Hangar
 Twisted Roots</p> <p>LGBTQ Bar
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 Legends Sports Bar & Grill
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 Varsity Club</p> <p>Darts
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 Legends Sports Bar & Grill
 Park Ave Bar
 Screwballs Sports Pub
 Varsity Club</p> <p>Beer Bar (multi-tap)
 Fifth Ward Brewery
 Greene's Pour House
 Oblio's
 Ruby Owl</p> <p>Bloody Mary
 Bar 430
 Challice
 The Roxy
 West End Pizza</p> <p>Men's Clothing
 Duluth Trading Co
 Fleet Farm
 Moss & Grant</p> <p>Women's Clothing
 Brinkley's Boutique
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 Piercing</p> <p>Doggie Day Care
 A Touch of Class Pet Resort
 Pampurr'd Pets
 Stay and Play Pet House</p> <p>Wedding Venue
 Becket's
 La Sure's Banquet Hall
 Paine Art Center
 The Waters
 Venue 404</p> | <p>Place to Hang With Your Pet
 Fifth Ward Brewery
 Menominee Park
 Winnebago County Dog Park</p> <p>Golf Course
 Far Vu Golf Course
 Oshkosh Country Club
 Utica Golf Club
 Westhaven Golf Club</p> <p>Gym
 Marissa's Fit Boutique
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 The Grand</p> <p>Outdoor Venue
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 Menominee Park</p> <p>Home Improvement
 Kitz & Pfeil Ace Hardware
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 Bergstrom Automotive
 Dante Auto
 Felix Auto & Tire
 Gelhar & Sons Car Service
 J&R Auto Service
 West Side Tire & Auto</p> <p>Bank or Credit Union
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 West Pointe Bank</p> <p>Virtual Shopping Experience
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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 for Phase 2 will be accepted from Mar 2 - Mar 21, 2022. Ballots mailed must be at the Oshkosh Herald's office by 5pm on March 21, 2022. Nominations are limited. You can choose one nominee in each category during Phase 2 of Oshkosh Herald City Picks voting. Your name and address must appear on the ballot. 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 March 18, 2022.
 Phase 2 has the top 3 nominees per category and is 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.
 Vote on as many categories as you'd like, but your ballot must include a **minimum of 30** category nominations for your ballot to register.
 Totals registered by our analyst will be considered final. This is a paper ballot contest. No funny stuff can happen online nor will photocopied or downloaded ballots be accepted. **Please find a paper issue of the Herald with a ballot.**

Winners will be announced in the April 13, 2022 Oshkosh Herald.

Entrepreneur mixes passion with high-growth projects

Lincoln Labs brings digital tools to tech businesses

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

Lincoln Labs' chief executive is leading from his downtown Oshkosh home base to help businesses grow and stand on their own while his new enterprise settles in among his family's diverse interests in the 500 block of North Main.

Oshkosh entrepreneur Eric Hoopman's ongoing ventures into tech space led him to form a multifaceted online solutions company with two of his former automotive tech platform partners.

Carrying the theme of "helping the world, one idea at a time," Lincoln Labs finds digital solutions to legal issues, data, web development and content with a headquarters on North Main Street and a reach that is both nationwide and global.

Hoopman met Lincoln Labs co-founders Farrukh Umarov and Aaron Schinke during his time with DealerFire, an automotive web design and marketing service he founded in 2008 after working on other online ventures.

That business was acquired in 2015 by DealerSocket, which kept operations at the Main Street location before the pandemic pushed staff to virtual status and Hoopman's Black Teak Properties reclaimed the 28,000 square feet of space last summer.

His wife, Kristen, has since opened Rise & Grind coffee shop and gift store and A Community Space on the first floor that share the block with their also recently opened Elsewhere Collection and Gibson Social Club.

Hoopman said his small, growing Lincoln Labs crew on the spacious third floor is "little by little starting to fill the building back in

and bring it back to life."

Hoopman left the city with a communications degree from UW Oshkosh and for the next decade did some world travel that informed some of his ideas about adaptive reuse of properties, co-working spaces and entertainment venues. He came back and co-founded the revamped Peabodys/Original Main Street Sideyard and Bar 430 downtown along with establishing Black Teak Properties.

"I've been, for two decades now, trying to do my little part of bringing cool opportunities to the city," he said.

Five specific labs comprise the Lincoln Labs aggregation: Civile (legal, digital marketing and analytics), Awesome API (automotive, data transfer), Accomplice (web development, software engineering), Phantomcopy (online content writing) and most recently Truss (recruiting and staffing services).

Awesome API, for example, rolls up all of the people who move data around in the automotive space and allows them to have one point of connection that handles the distribution of that data, taking that added task away from the core engineering group.

Umarov leads engineering for Lincoln Labs and all related working labs and splits his time between Wisconsin and Texas. He and Hoopman built a DealerFire team that included about a dozen high-level Uzbek engineers who brought their families here. Their connections in eastern Europe and Russia led to opening a St. Petersburg office that matched U.S.-based clients with Russian engineers to offer Lincoln Labs' early product offerings.

Hoopman issued a statement Sunday related to Russia's invasion of Ukraine and its impact on his team.



Photos from Lincoln Labs

Lincoln Labs at 531 N. Main St. is in the former DealerSocket space and neighboring with other businesses that Eric and Kristen Hoopman share in that block.



Lincoln Labs staff members do some team building during their recent holiday party in St. Petersburg, Russia, where the Oshkosh-based company has some of its team.

"Our global team is shocked and saddened by the attacks on the innocent people of Ukraine," he said. "We hope for peace and safety for everyone in the region."

Hoopman described the company's business mission as "a testing ground, it's a tech collective, a collection of startup companies that are leveraging platform components, the core components you need to build a good software service business, whether it's authentication or payments or analytics or data display."

"There are foundational things in every

software company that they need to be successful or that they commonly use," he added, "so Lincoln Labs builds the platform (and) our incubative labs use the platform components to accelerate the growth of their business."

An operational playbook instructs businesses on how and where to spend money on digital marketing, how to follow up on sales channels, where to get insurance, how to run payroll, and provide benefits. Hoopman said it lets companies focus on their products.

"We help them with the operational things that bog startups down - the hundreds of different decisions you need to make during the first couple of years of business just to get things going," he said.

Dealerfire was Hoopman's first foray into higher-volume tech jobs based in Oshkosh. He said seeing many former colleagues and staff take on bigger roles at other companies has been a fulfilling experience.

"We're building a feeder system for startups and tools to help them grow faster and be more successful, that I think will benefit the city for decades to come - that's the plan."

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Spearers enjoy successful 2022 season

Oshkosh Herald

The 2022 sturgeon spearing season ran its full course without any of the harvest caps being met on Lake Winnebago.

A total of 1,518 fish were taken this season, including 1,169 on Lake Winnebago, marking the second-highest harvest since 2015. The harvest fell short of last year's total of 1,832.

According to the Wisconsin DNR website, the breakdown of sturgeon speared this season on Lake Winnebago was 158 juvenile females, 539 adult females and 472 males. Only the adult females got more than halfway to the cap, which was 787. Both juvenile females reached 49 percent of their cap.

One of the factors that lowered the harvest was the water clarity on Lake Winnebago.

The DNR listed the average water clarity at 10.7 feet, which is below what is considered the ideal mark of 12 feet. But even though the clarity wasn't ideal, it still ranked higher than many of the past seasons as the DNR reported the season

average water clarity ranged from 6 to 9 feet from 2015-2021.

Although the Lake Winnebago season lasted the full 16 days, the Upriver Lakes harvest lasted only four. The adult female cap was triggered on the third day of the season resulting in the shortest Upriver Lakes season since 2018.

Despite the short season, the Upriver Lakes saw the second most harvested fish (349) since 2007 when the current lottery system was implemented.

A total of 88 sturgeon topped the 100-pound mark upon registration. That total marked the second-highest percentage of fish over 100 pounds (5.7 percent) since 2018.

Adam Derksen of Rosendale registered the heaviest fish of the season with a 160.1-pounder harvested Feb. 13. Thomas Luedtke of New London (153.3) and Richard Ahrens of Shiocton (150.0) also had fish weighing at least 150 pounds.

During the season, the DNR announced Margaret Stadig and Angelo Cozzola as the new Lake Winnebago Sys-

tem fisheries biologists. Both Stadig and Cozzola started their new roles Feb. 14.

"These are two very important positions that are critical to fish management for the entire Winnebago System, especially our walleye, panfish, and sturgeon species," said Justine Hasz, DNR Fisheries Management Bureau director. "I'm so excited to have them both on board and can't wait to see the great things they'll bring to the program and the fishery."

Stadig will focus primarily on managing the iconic Winnebago System lake sturgeon population. A native of Michigan, Stadig has extensive experience working with large, primitive fish species.

Cozzola will focus primarily on managing the highly sought-after walleye, as well as northern pike, muskellunge and other popular game fish on the Winnebago system. Before this Cozzola was a DNR fisheries technician in Oshkosh.

He completed graduate school at the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he investigated the effects of herbicides on native Wisconsin fish species.

Oshkosh Corp. cited by Fortune

Oshkosh Corp. was recently named one of the 2022 World's Most Admired Companies by Fortune.

Ranked by industry peers, Oshkosh Corp. is one of 640 companies to earn this designation and is ranked top three in its category.

It is the fourth time that the company has received the award.

"We're able to deliver innovative solutions for our customers because we live our core values and People First culture every day," said John Pfeifer, president and chief executive officer of Oshkosh Corp. "Being included on this global list is a testament to that commitment."

Fortune ranks global companies in 52 industries and asks executives, directors and analysts from these enterprises to provide rankings in their own industry on nine criteria, from investment value and quality of management and products to social responsibility and ability to attract talent.



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UWO complex renovation, Algoma rebuild to begin soon

By Laurie Schlosser
UW OSHKOSH TODAY

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh campus will be buzzing with activity this spring as a \$27 million project to update the Nursing/Education complex and a separate \$8.3 million project to reconstruct Algoma Boulevard get underway.

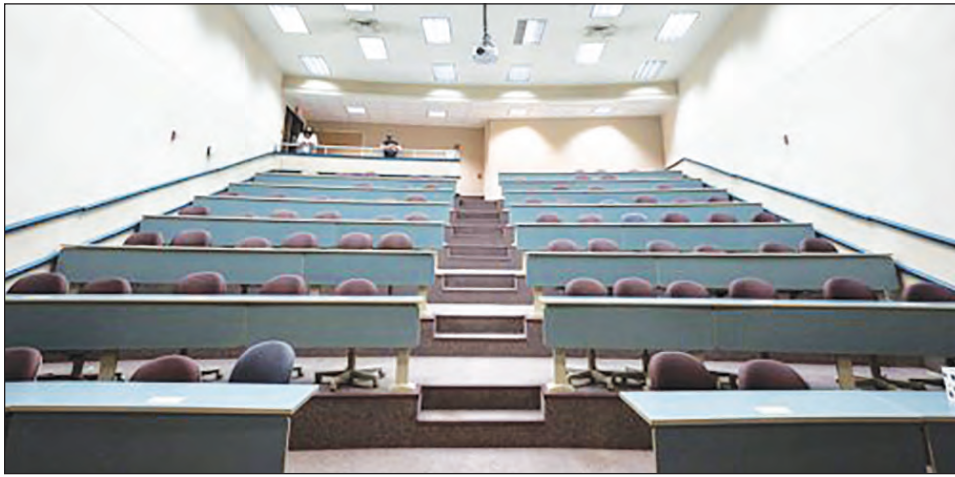
Construction is anticipated to begin in April while moving crews have been vacating classrooms and labs as well as faculty and staff offices that will be temporarily relocated.

In the meantime, the city of Oshkosh is preparing for the reconstruction of Algoma Boulevard – a project that is expected to take place from March to November and encompass a main route running through campus and adjacent to the front of the Clow building.

The highly anticipated Clow project will provide mechanical upgrades to the building and complete its transformation into a modern center for teacher education and UW Oshkosh course delivery. Construction will take place over 16 months.

“The remodeled building will provide the necessary space and facilities to educate and develop the 21st century teacher,” said John Koker, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. “Clow I’ (the first phase of Clow renovation) transformed the way we educated nurses, and this project will do much the same for teachers. The College of Education and Human Services (COEHS) faculty, staff and students need and deserve a state-of-the-art home to work, learn and grow.”

Construction on the academic build-



UW Oshkosh photo

The Nursing/Education complex at UW Oshkosh’s Clow Hall will get an extensive renovation starting this spring.

ing will involve fully modernizing the classroom and lab space throughout the facility. It will impact areas from the basement to the sixth floor, including the faculty offices on floors three to six.

The updates are a long time coming. The Clow project was included in a 2011 budget request that called for renovations to both the College of Nursing and the COEHS. The nursing project was completed in 2016, but the second half of the project was delayed at the state level.

COEHS Dean Linda Haling said a renovated building will help attract prospective students by demonstrating the importance UWO places on teacher preparation.

“Faculty and staff are looking forward to a state-of-the-art facility to prepare educators, school leaders, professional counselors and human services leaders,” Haling said. “Education students will get the benefit of learning in classrooms spe-

cifically designed to emulate classrooms in which they will teach, such as an assistive technology lab, a literacy classroom, and an elementary education lab.”

Kevin Shumann, UWO senior facilities architect, said the first noticeable stage of the Clow project will take place when the general contractor fences off a portion of the parking lot behind the building. The north half of Lot 25, from the northeast loading dock to an area just short of Woodland Avenue, will be needed for equipment and material prep space.

Faculty and staff may need to park in various other lots – Shumann estimated around a third of the lot would be taken by the contractor.

“Most of the work will be inside the building,” Shumann said, “but we are replacing all the windows and all the roofing. The brick walls will remain. During the exterior work, contractors will be climbing about the outside of the building.”

Shumann, who led construction of the first phase of the Clow renovation, called it a “relief” to finally get the second phase of the project going.

Architectural firm Kahler Slater of Milwaukee handled design. Phase II design was completed at the time Phase I

occurred, receiving just a few updates based on current educational needs, Shumann said.

The College of Letters and Science (COLS) administrative offices are being moved to temporary office space on the third and fourth floors of Sage Hall. In August, when remodeling work is complete in Swart Hall, the COLS administrative offices will be moved to their permanent office space in the former daycare space within Swart’s first floor.

The COEHS administrative offices are moving to temporary offices in spaces across campus: Blackhawk (the former Parking Services offices), Halsey, Dempsey, Clow, Polk Library and Swart. The offices will be located permanently in the renovated nursing/education site upon its completion in August 2023.

Coakley Brothers, a commercial moving firm from Milwaukee, was on campus assisting with the massive move-out.

Besides using a portion of Lot 25, construction crews will occasionally need parts of student Lot 27 near Clow and Lot 4 near Swart Hall for material and equipment deliveries.

Motorists will want to find an alternate route during the Algoma Street reconstruction, which will run from Wisconsin Avenue to Congress Street, by Luxemburg contractor Dorner Inc.

Algoma Street asphalt will be removed as crews work on replacing old underground utilities. The project will include new pavement, sidewalks and lighting.

City engineer Justin Gierach said the project schedule has not been finalized with the contractor. He noted some work also will impact High Avenue before the Algoma Boulevard project begins in earnest.

To assist with traffic flow during the Algoma project, the contractor intends to create temporary two-way traffic on High Avenue between Osceola Street and New York Avenue.

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UWO facilities

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their facilities and we are literally tenants. That's how we were treated."

Although soccer will no longer be played at UWO facilities, other sports will continue to be held at the venues.

Most notably, both the public schools and Lourdes Academy will continue to fill Titan Stadium on Fridays in the fall for football.

Lieder said the new athletic complex will be able to host non-varsity levels of football, however, wouldn't provide enough seating for varsity games.

Lourdes will also continue to use Titan Stadium for varsity football, although the Knights did use the St. Mary Catholic facility for its 2020 home season. In that case, no games were being played at Titan Stadium because of the COVID-19 pandemic but Wopat doesn't see using the facility at the Neenah school on a regular basis.

"When you consider the cost of having to bus to St. Mary Catholic and still be the host school and some of the costs that are associated with that, the Titan Stadium fee doesn't seem as bad," Wopat said. "With removing soccer, the overall fee has become a much more manageable and tenable situation for us. From a long-term financial benefit, it is the right move for us."

Lourdes Academy also uses the Titan softball and baseball fields for contests once the college season is over and rents the Kolf Sports Center for the annual On The Water wrestling tournament.

Wopat said the school looked into holding the 2021 tournament at the Oshkosh Arena but remained set on keeping it at Kolf.

"The only reason we looked at the arena was we didn't know if the university would be allowed to host it because of COVID protocols, which would have been out of their

control," Wopat said. "Coach (Efrain) Ayala and the UWO wrestling program do such a tremendous job helping us with the event and everybody knows the event runs at Kolf and you appreciate the tradition of that."

One sport at the high school level that was once regularly hosted at Titan Stadium and could return is track and field. Those meets, including WIAA postseason events, could return once a renovation at the track is completed.

Oshkosh North also used to hold indoor track and field meets at Kolf Sports Center but hasn't recently, mostly due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Lieder wasn't sure if those meets would return moving forward.

One event that was held at Kolf was the annual North-West boys and girls basketball doubleheader.

"We knew we would be getting a huge crowd and you hated turning people away because the gyms at North and West couldn't accommodate the size of the crowds of those games. That first led us to going there," Lieder said. "But it's so difficult to host an event at a non-school facility."

With Oshkosh North upgrading their athletic facilities to be used next fall, Wopat said that Lourdes Academy could potentially be following suit.

Currently, Lourdes is undergoing an expansion at the school to consolidate all levels of students.

"A second phase which has been talked about but I wouldn't say anywhere in the near term and a second phase would be about doing a turf field," Wopat said. "It would allow a nice place for physical education classes and be a place where our band could do more outdoor activities because we don't have a lot of green space. Then we could play soccer games, football games, outdoor practice for baseball and softball. That is definitely an idea, but I don't know when something like that would be put into action. But down the road, that is something we'd like to do."

School staffing

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superintendents can bring a fresh set of eyes to a situation, there are also concerns for students and teachers below them.

"As stressful as (the pandemic) was, and problematic from a teaching and learning standpoint, the safety and security of our staff and students was paramount," Davis said. "It's been a traumatic time and really difficult not only in schools, but when you compound that with personal trauma people have with being in isolation, that has a compounding effect personally and professionally."

"As much as you can say you leave your personal concerns at home, the reality is we all bring ourselves forward as we're working."

Through the changes in leadership among some OASD schools, Davis said a strong foundation within administration and in each building helps cover a larger transition.

"It's helped provide continuity to culture and performance. At a district level, school boards and executive teams have good, solid protocols, procedures and culture to follow," he said.

Board of Education vice president Barbara Herzog said with the new arrival of superintendents and principals to a community comes a period of adjusting to the unknown.

"This requires time to build relationships, explore new priorities and goals, and review or establish new routines. Sometimes, new staff with their priorities can be met with resistance, making the adjustment period more challenging for everyone," she said. "Developing relationships and seeking common ground through collaboration can be helpful during a time of turnover of school and district leadership."

But to hopefully attract and retain those leaders who are a right fit for OASD schools,

Davis said one of the simplest things he's noticed is making sure students, teachers and everyone in-between feels heard despite there being some distance between administration and teaching staff.

"For me, it's about making sure I have scheduled time in buildings to talk to principals, touch base with teachers or professional development (staff) to get examples of that and making sure that they have the resources that they need to be able to move forward," Davis said. "I think that's really important; it's usually just about quality of life and your work environment."

Herzog also noted a partnership with CESA 6 to administer engagement surveys throughout the district, which provides information to identify where working conditions, relationships, engagement and connections can be improved to make schools and departments more welcoming and engaging for new and veteran staff.

"Working conditions, positive relationships with students, families and co-workers, and feeling valued are important to all staff," Herzog said. "The last two years under the pandemic have been very challenging for everyone, and as a district we need to continue to recognize and thank our dedicated staff for their continuing efforts to promote positive student learning outcomes."

Moving forward, Davis said he's optimistic with the direction the district is going. He said with a strong communication tactic and competitive wages, the district will remain desirable.

"More than anything, I'm continuing to be refreshed with the high-quality personnel we have here whether it's teaching staff, support staff or our executive team, and that's one of the things I knew from being a teacher in the district prior to coming back - that we had high-quality people," he said.



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Calendar of events

Ongoing

“Ubuhele Women: Beadwork and the Art of Independence” runs through May 22, Paine Art Center

Rooms of Blooms exhibit, through Sunday and March 10-13, Paine Art Center

Thursday, March 3

“Silent Sky,” 7:30 p.m., UW Oshkosh Theatre, 1020 Algoma Blvd.

Oshkosh Restaurant Week opens, through March 13

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

Open Art Night, 3 p.m., Jambalaya Arts, 413 N. Main St.

Friday, March 4

Shana Morrison and Jen Chapin, 8 p.m., The Grand

ACW Wisconsin Professional Wrestling, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Masonic Center

First Friday: Shamrock and Roll, 5 p.m., 100-700 blocks of North Main Street

“Silent Sky,” 7:30 p.m., UW Oshkosh Theatre, 1020 Algoma Blvd.

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

Rev. Raven and Westside Andy with the Chain Smoking Altar Boys, 7:30 p.m., O’Marro’s Public House, 2211 Oregon St.

Vintage Shop Hop self-guided Midwest shops tour, including Fabulous Finds, 811 Oregon St.

Wisconsin Herd vs. Capital City Go-Go, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Father Carr’s Place 2B drive-thru food pantry, 10 a.m., 1062 N. Koeller St.

Saturday, March 5

Vintage Shop Hop self-guided Midwest shops tour, including Fabulous Finds, 811 Oregon St.

Wisconsin Herd vs. Capital City Go-

Go, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Miss Oshkosh and Miss Oshkosh Outstanding Teen Scholarship Competition, 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium, 375 N. Eagle St.

“Silent Sky,” 7:30 p.m., UW Oshkosh Theatre, 1020 Algoma Blvd.

The 308’s, 8 p.m., Revs Bowl Bar & Grill, 275 N. Washburn St.

Vice Versa, 9 p.m., Fletch’s Local Tap House, 566 N. Main St.

Sunday, March 6

St. David’s Day Gymanfa Ganu (Welsh hymn sing), 2:30 p.m., Plymouth Congregational Church, 1325 Georgia St.

Tuesday, March 8

Winter Warm-up community meal, 11:30 a.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 370 Bowen St.

Thursday, March 10

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

Friday, March 11

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

“Silent Sky,” 7:30 p.m., UW Oshkosh Theatre, 1020 Algoma Blvd.

Wisconsin Decoy & Sporting Collectibles Show, 8:30 a.m., Hilton Garden Inn, 1355 W. 20th Ave.

Father Carr’s Place 2B drive-thru food pantry, 10 a.m., 1062 N. Koeller St.

Saturday, March 12

Winter Beerfest, noon, Bare Bones Brewery, 4362 County S

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Sunday, March 13

“Silent Sky,” 2 p.m., UW Oshkosh Theatre, 1020 Algoma Blvd.

Spring Craft Show, 10 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

Craftastic Creations Opening Celebration, 4 p.m., Copper Hall, 203 Otter Ave.

Wisconsin Herd vs. Maine Celtics, 2:30 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Miss Oshkosh Scholarship Competition set

The Miss Oshkosh and Miss Oshkosh’s Outstanding Teen Scholarship competition returns at 7 p.m. Saturday to West High School’s Alberta Kimball Auditorium with the theme “A Night to Celebrate.”

Seven area women are competing for the title of Miss Oshkosh 2022, and four young ladies are vying for Miss Oshkosh’s Outstanding Teen.

Sponsored by the Oshkosh Area Women’s Association for more than 50 years, Miss Oshkosh is an official preliminary to Miss Wisconsin and Miss America competition. At the 2020 Miss Oshkosh Scholarship Competition more than \$12,000 in scholarships were awarded.

The Outstanding Teen program, an official preliminary for Wisconsin and Miss America’s Outstanding Teen organizations, promotes scholastic achievement,

creative accomplishment, healthy living and community involvement for girls between ages 13 and 17.

Advance tickets are \$15 and available at West Pointe Bank in Oshkosh. Tickets are also available for \$20 at the door.

Breah Ostertag, Miss Oshkosh 2020 and 2021, received a \$3,500 scholarship to attend UW Oshkosh, where she is a pre-social work student. She won top 11 honors at the 2021 Miss Wisconsin Competition last June.

Miss Oshkosh’s Outstanding Teen 2020 and 2021 Paige Nikodem is a freshman and featured twirler at the University of Minnesota. Paige won first runner-up and the overall talent award for baton twirling at the 2021 Miss Wisconsin’s Outstanding Teen competition. She earned a total of \$800 in scholarships.

Community Band concert presents ‘Eve of Spring’

The Oshkosh Area Community Band will present an “Eve of Spring Concert” at 7 p.m. March 19 at West High School’s Alberta Kimball Auditorium, featuring a salute to director emeritus Terry Hathaway as well as some symphonic excerpts.

The salute will be a world premiere of “Above and Beyond” by Robert Buckley, commissioned by the band and dedicated to Hathaway. The premiere was initially scheduled for 2020 but canceled because of the pandemic. All in attendance will serenade Hathaway with one of his favorite marches, “On, Wisconsin.”

“March to the Scaffold,” the fourth movement of “Symphonie Fantastique”

by Hector Berlioz, will be performed in a transcription by Eric W. G. Leidzen.

The jazz ensemble under the direction of Jon Basten will make its first appearance since the pandemic began, performing a Count Basie band arrangement by Billy Byers of Henry Mancini’s “Moon River” and a medley from “The Blues Brothers” movie.

The overture to the Broadway play “The Addams Family Musical,” with music and lyrics by Andrew Lippa and arranged by Ted Ricketts, will feature songs from the musical.

Other songs and marches will round out the concert, which will last about one hour with no intermission. Director is R. David Berndt.

Patrons are asked to wear masks and maintain physical distancing as per the current theater policy. Admission is free and donations will be accepted at the door.



Berndt

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

March 2, 1952

Dunphy Boat Corp. Sold to Chicago Firm: The Dunphy Boat Corp. of Oshkosh has been sold to James Smith and Associates of Chicago it was announced today by Carlton H. Foster, President of Dunphy. Foster will be retained by the new company as an advisor. Dunphy manufactures a line of pleasure boats consisting of sailboats, outboards, and stern drives. James Smith and Associates hold the license to manufacture a patented high-performance inboard ski boat and it is contemplated that this and

other items may be added to the Dunphy line to expand operations. The Dunphy Boat Corp.’s history dates back to 1854 when John Dunphy settled in Eau Claire and built scows and barges. Eventually, Dunphy’s heirs left the firm and James Larsen, a native of Denmark, became its new owner. The company was reorganized as the Dunphy Boat Co. in 1935 when Larsen and Foster joined forces, moving the company to Oshkosh. During World War II, Dunphy built over \$5 million worth of boats for the armed forces and gained experience in plasticizing and bonding veneers into compound curves under heat and pressure. It later developed into the molded plywood hulls which today are Dunphy’s specialty.

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, March 2, 1952

Rooms of Blooms coming back to Paine

Rooms of Blooms returns to the Paine Art Center and Gardens on March 3-6 and March 10-13, encompassing the historic estate with fresh aromas and kaleidoscopic colors of expertly designed floral arrangements, along with a horticultural display in the conservatory.

Featuring the Paine’s upcoming exhibition, Ubuhele Women: Beadwork and the Art of Independence, as an inspirational backdrop to the show, floral designers originating from all over the region are

dreaming up marvelous arrangements to complement each vibrant, beaded artwork on view in the Main Gallery.

The Paine’s Curator of Horticulture will present Articulture, an original floral experience transforming the conservatory, where visitors may also enjoy tea or wine at various times.

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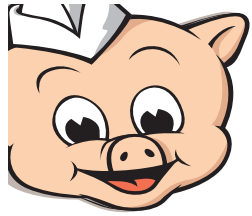
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Living history

Last weekend's Echoes of the Past Historical Trade Fair at Sunnyview Expo Center was the 39th edition of the event featuring supplies for re-enactors, muzzle-loading enthusiasts and the general public. Between 55 and 60 vendors from as far as Kentucky and Missouri stocked clothing, books, patterns, tinware, pewter, beads, leather, fur forged iron, pottery, firearms, knives among other items. Deborah Olson, known as Milliner Extraordinary, of Holmen is shown seated with her husband, as a woman wears one of her hats.

Women's Association offers scholarship

The Oshkosh Area Women's Association is offering a one-year \$1,500 scholarship open to all Oshkosh high school seniors who will be continuing their education toward a one- or two-year associate degree or four-year accredited program.

Applications are available from Oshkosh Area School District high school

counselors or online at oshkoshwomen.com with a deadline of March 28.

The association's Graduate Scholarship Committee will be looking for students with a minimum grade point average of 2.5 and in financial need. The scholarship will assist a student with the cost of tuition, fees and books.

EAA part of lead-free aviation fuel initiative

Leaders of aviation and petroleum groups, including the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), have committed to an initiative that would transition piston-engine aircraft to lead-free aviation fuels by the end of 2030.

Announced last week at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., the Eliminate Aviation Gasoline Lead Emissions (EAGLE) initiative calls for an industry and government partnership to expand and accelerate the actions and policies necessary for a viable high-octane unleaded replacement for the current 100 octane low-lead aviation gasoline (100LL), without compromising the existing U.S. transportation infrastructure system, aviation safety, and the economic and broader

public benefits of general aviation.

The FAA hosted an industry roundtable meeting in November to discuss a strategic plan toward an unleaded aviation fuel future, culminating in the establishment of the EAGLE initiative that will include a partnership symposium this month to define a work plan. FAA Administrator Steve Dickson pledged the FAA's support of the collaborative partnership.

"This is a safe and practical path to a lead-free aviation system," Dickson said.

EAA chief executive Jack Pelton said about the initiative, "Securing a lead-free future for aviation fuel is a formidable challenge, but the aviation community has faced and met previous challenges with ingenuity and imagination."

UWO Foundation reviews impact report

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Foundation recently released its 2020-21 Impact Report with updates on its financial assets, scholarship highlights and insight into the organization's focus.

The UWO Foundation's net assets in 2020-21 were \$37.3 million and total endowments were \$30.6 million. The Foundation also raised \$1.6 million for UW Oshkosh in the last fiscal year.

There were 658 students receiving financial support and 11 new scholarships awarded. Total scholarship support was \$897,125.

Executive director Greg Giles said the foundation has taken on an extensive planning effort, including identifying key areas that would benefit from additional support. Those include enhancing student success,

expanding community engagement and economic development, and building an inclusive and supportive environment.



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Ice conditions report

By Jim Nobbe

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As of Monday, we were seeing a minimum of 18 inches of ice on the lake, most areas have 20 to 24 inches. The cracks are working daily now with the sun getting higher in the sky and the lack of snow. There are no new major working cracks that I am aware of.



The club now has one truck bridge and one ATV bridge on the main north-south crack at 1.4 miles out from our landing. We now only have one truck bridge on the east-west crack by Blackbird Island area. We removed the ATV bridge because of

how big the crack is and lack of use.

Otter Street Fishing Club has bridges out on the main crack also along with a truck bridge out from Driftwood Lane east of Asylum Bay. We are plowing when the winds are calm enough to allow us to. We still have a plowed road from our 3-mile marker that cuts south-east to Brickyard Fishing Club's 2-mile marker. The overall condition of the lake ice is very good considering the lack of snow and the temperature swings.

Remember all permanent ice shacks need to be removed from the lakes by Sunday. The club will keep our bridges out until then for sure, and after that up until conditions deteriorate and our landing is no longer safe to use. Remember the ice is never 100% safe.

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Tiwan Kendley (21) for the Herd shares the glass with Motor City's Trayvon Palmer in last week's game at the Oshkosh Arena.

Herd drop three straight at home vs. Cruise, Knicks

Oshkosh Herald

The Wisconsin Herd lost to the Westchester Knicks 105-100 at home Saturday night after holding a 25-point lead in the third quarter. The Knicks outscored the Herd 37-14 in the fourth quarter to come back for the win.

Tiwan Kendley led the Herd with 30 points while Wenyen Gabriel added a double-double with 20 points and 12 rebounds. Marcus Graves posted 15 points in his Herd debut.

Tyler Hall led the Westchester Knicks with 31 points followed by Dewan Hernandez with 25 points.

The loss was the second straight against Westchester, who stopped the Herd 125-86 on Thursday night, and third in a row after losing to the Motor City Cruise, 110-107, on Wednesday at the Oshkosh Arena.

The Knicks took an early lead by 20 points Thursday in the first quarter. The Herd outscored the Knicks 20-16 in the second but was unable to regain the lead in the loss.

Terry Larrier led the Herd with 18 points and 5 rebounds.

Mason back with Herd: The Wisconsin Herd has acquired Frank Mason III and a first-round pick in the 2022 NBA G League Draft from the South Bay Lakers in exchange for Tremont Waters and a second-round pick (via Agua Caliente).

Mason played under a two-way contract with the Herd and Milwaukee Bucks during the 2019-20 season and was the G

League's Most Valuable Player for 2019-20. The 5-11 guard averaged a league-high 26.4 points in 23 games and led the Herd to a league's best record of 33-10.

This season Mason has appeared in seven games for the South Bay Lakers and also spent time with the NBA's Bucks, Sacramento Kings, and Orlando Magic.

The Herd also acquired Jordan Sibert from the College Park Skyhawks in exchange for a third-round pick in the 2022 draft, along with Marcus Graves from the Stockton Kings in exchange for a second-round pick (via Capital City) in 2022.

Sibert appeared in nine regular-season games for the Skyhawks averaging 6.7 points, 1.8 rebounds and 1.1 assists in 15.7 minutes per game.

Graves (has appeared in 17 games for the Kings this season averaging 6.6 points, 2.6 rebounds and 4.2 assists.



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Oshkosh West's Roman Martell (top) controls Stoughton's John Harman in a first-round match at the WIAA State Wrestling Tournament last Thursday. Martell would win the match by pin and go on to take fifth in the Division 1 195-pound bracket.

Carpenter, Martell earn state medals

Oshkosh Herald

Lourdes Academy sophomore Mason Carpenter capped off an outstanding season at the WIAA State Tournament with a second-place finish this past weekend, which was held at the Kohl Center at UW-Madison.

Carpenter finished his season 46-5 at 120 pounds after opening up the state championships with two wins – a 5-2 decision in the quarterfinals and then a 4-1 decision over Fennimore's Brecken Muench to advance him to the title match.

There, he was pinned in 5:55 against undefeated Dawson Johnson of Cumberland.

Roman Martell for Oshkosh West had a top five finish, finishing fifth at 195 pounds.

He won his first two matches to advance to the semifinals – pinning Stoughton's John Harman in 3:56 in the first round and then picking up a 3-1 decision over Brayden Rosenow of Menomonee Falls.



Photo by Craig Hoffman

Lourdes Academy's Mason Carpenter controls Stanley Boyd's Alexander Nitz in a quarterfinal match last Thursday at the Kohl Center.

Martell lost in the semis to Beaver Dam's Gabriel Klatt by major decision, 12-1.

In the consolation semis, he lost by sudden victory – 3-1 – to fellow Fox Valley

Association wrestler Brock Arndt of Appleton North but bounced back and won his fifth-place match with a 5-4 decision over Wausau West's Joseph Berens.

Martell finished 39-9 on the season.

Oshkosh West's Ryland Schneider (120) and Ben Buehring (220) and Oshkosh North's Copeland Barrett (285) also qualified for the state meet but each dropped both matches they wrestled at the tournament.

Navin earns chance to vault at state

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Oshkosh North/West team junior Olivia Navin will be competing at the WIAA Division 1 state gymnastics meet this weekend in Wisconsin Rapids after earning her spot at the Manitowoc Lincoln sectional Saturday.

Navin placed fourth in the vault competition and will be representing the Oshkosh co-op during the Division competition on Saturday at the Wisconsin Rapids High School fieldhouse. Navin will be one of 24 competitors vying for a state medal in the vaulting competition.

Navin posted a score of 8.60 at sectionals to earn her spot at the state meet, where the top five finishers in each event advance. She was just five-hundredths of a point out of third and only two-tenths behind sectional champion Clara Kenney of Hartford.

Navin nearly qualified in the all-around where she finished tied for sixth with Destinee Steinhafel of Wisconsin Rapids. Both gymnasts finished with a total of 33.025, which was eight-tenths of a point out of the final qualifying spot.

Navin led Oshkosh North/West on each of the four apparatus, placing 11th on the uneven bars (7.975), 15th on the balance beam (8.100) and tied for 19th in the floor exercises (8.350).

Rayleigh Okon was the only other Oshkosh North/West gymnast to place in the top 25 of an event at the sectional meet. The sophomore took 22nd on the balance beam and 25th in the floor exercises (8.100). She was also 14th in the all-around (30.700).

Sophomores Lily Van De Hey (26.750) and Ellis Coe (25.125) finished 16th and 18th, respectively, in the all-around at the meet.

Oshkosh North/West finished seventh among the eight teams competing at the meet with a team score of 119.30.

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Prep sports roundup

BOYS BASKETBALL

Spartans beat Terrors to close out FVA slate

Oshkosh North closed out the regular season last Thursday, picking up a 90-54 Fox Valley Association win over Appleton West at home.

The Spartans (17-7, 11-7) finished fourth in the FVA and earned the No. 4 seed in the WIAA Division 2 tournament. The Spartans will host No. 5 Seymour at 7 p.m. Friday.

Xzavion Mitchell led the Spartans with 28 points to lead four players in double figures.

Quintin Fisher added 12 points followed by Ari Giannopoulos and Steve Clark with 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Wildcats snap five-game skid vs. Fond du Lac

Oshkosh West put a five-game losing streak to an end Thursday, closing out the regular season with an exciting 55-54 Fox Valley Association victory over Fond du Lac.

Tristan Johanknecht led the Wildcats with 12 points while Ethan Shefchik had 11, Jyceri Birmingham and Alex Schlichtning had 10 and Dylan Taylor chipped in nine.

The Wildcats earned the No. 17 seed in the WIAA Division 1 tournament and faced No. 16 Appleton West in the regional opener Tuesday.

The winner of that game would go on to face top-ranked Neenah at 7 p.m. Friday in a regional semifinal.

Knights beat Coleman, then fall to Omro

The Lourdes boys basketball team closed out the regular season this past weekend, beating Coleman 75-67 Thursday before losing to Omro, 66-59, on Saturday.

The Knights finished the regular season with a 16-8 record and earned the No. 5 seed in the WIAA Division 5 tournament. They hosted No. 12 Stockbridge on Tuesday. The winner of the game will go on to face No. 4 Oakfield or No. 13 Hilbert Friday night.

In the win over Coleman last week, Jack Seibold led all scorers with 26 points while Dominic Kane chipped in 19.

Against Omro, Malith Liabwell finished with 19 points and eight rebounds, while J.J. McKellips added 16 points and Kane finished with 15.

The Knights led by nine points at half-time, but were outscored 41-25 in the second half.

Valley Christian drops regular-season finale

A rough first half left Valley Christian with a 26-point halftime deficit and the Warriors couldn't rally in suffering a 58-29 loss to Horicon in the regular-season finale on Thursday.

Isaiah Humiston was the leading scorer for the Warriors with seven points, while also tying for the team high with eight rebounds.

Eli Humiston added six points and Al-exandros Giannopoulos chipped in five points and also finished with eight rebounds.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

West season ends with loss to Wausau West

Twelfth-seeded Oshkosh West lost the WIAA Division 1 regional opener last weekend, falling 60-43 to No. 5 Wausau West.

The Wildcats got 15 points from Lauren Best while Paige Seckar added 13. Maddi Choiniski chipped in six points for West, which finished their season with an 11-14 record.



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Malith Liabwell of Lourdes Academy scores against Coleman in Thursday night's game at home.

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Lourdes wins regional semifinal, falls to Oakfield in final

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Coming off a 17-7 regular season and a Trailways Conference runner-up finish, the Lourdes girls came away with a 13-point win last Tuesday over Elkhart Lake to start out the regional playoffs, then were home Friday against Sevastopol with a spot in the WIAA Division 5 regional final on the line.

Sixth-seeded Sevastopol was coming off an impressive 60-18 win Tuesday and had plenty of momentum heading into this game. That was evident right from the opening tip as the Pioneers gave the Knights everything they could handle, but the Knights were able to fight back and Reese Schauske blocked a potential game-winning shot to hold on to a 40-39 win.

Sevastopol dominated the first half, jumping out to a 9-3 lead, which turned into a 16-7 lead, forcing the Knights to play catch-up basketball.

The Knights didn't grab their first lead until there were four minutes left in the game. Trailing by two points and under a minute left, Addy Hafemeister came through with a bucket on the inside and was fouled. She put the Knights up one after the free throw.

Needing a big defensive stop to seal the victory, Lourdes blocked a potential game-winning shot to avoid the upset.

"I thought we played as hard as we have all season," Lourdes coach Quinn Heintz said. "We gave every ounce of energy we had. We trailed practically the whole game, but that didn't stop us from battling. Eventually we started to settle in and make more shots while our defense came up with the plays we needed to make down the stretch."

"They didn't do anything special that we were not ready for, but instead we took ourselves out of rhythm with the mistakes we made," Heintz said. "We were not executing well at all. That got us away from our game plan and we needed to reset things if we wanted to get back on track."

Sevastopol ended the first half on a 7-2 run and took a 26-19 lead into the half.

Defense has been the key for the Knights all season and that was once again the key in the second half.

"We followed our game plan very well, especially against the ball screen," Heintz said. "We did a lot more switching in the second half which forced them to go into more of a stall mode. That seemed to take their offense out of the rhythm they had and we were able to make the big stops when it mattered. We have done that all season and it shows in games like this."

Knights can't solve Oaks

Things didn't get any easier for Lourdes on Saturday as they traveled to Oakfield for the Regional Final.

This was a matchup against Trailways rival who knocked off the Knights in two tightly contested games during the regular season and made it a third as they ended Lourdes' season with a 50-45 win.

The Knights held a 33-28 lead with just over 11 minutes to go.

But as the second half rolled along, match-up problems became an issue as the Oaks began to crash the boards leading to several second-chance opportunities. The Oaks regained the lead, 36-35, with under six minutes to go.

A late game full-court press forced the Knights to rush things with some turnovers as their upset bid came up short.



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Lourdes Academy's Addy Hafemeister puts up a shot during Friday's win over Sevastopol in a WIAA Division 5 regional semifinal at The Castle.

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Titans punch ticket to NCAA tourney with WIAC title

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

It is no secret the two best teams in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference for the better part of the last five years have been the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and UW-Platteville.

The Titans won the national title in 2019 after taking home a runner-up finish in 2018, while Platteville claimed the last two league titles – and both teams met in the championship on Saturday after the teams finished 1-2 in the standings this season.

The two programs went at it Saturday for the WIAC crown and an automatic berth in the NCAA tournament, with the Titans picking up a tight 75-73 win.

“It was a great college basketball game,” UWO head coach Matt Lewis said. “Both schools were very well represented in Kolf and it made for a great atmosphere. I am proud of how our guys found a way to win a challenging game.”

The 64-team NCAA Division III Tournament begins Friday with the Titans slated to host Blackburn College at the Kolf Sports Center at 7:15 p.m.

The third-ranked Titans held a double-digit lead in the second half and Platteville started to trim that to get within 74-73 thanks to Quentin Shields, who single-handedly brought them back in the game with a pair of free throws and a 3-pointer.



The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh men's basketball team celebrated its WIAC tournament title after beating UW-Platteville at the Kolf Sports Center on Saturday.

UW Oshkosh photo

“Platteville is a very good team and are well coached. We knew they weren't going to go away,” Lewis said. “I really like how our guys responded and believed in themselves down the stretch.”

Titans' Eddie Muench then made one of two free throws to make it 75-73 and UW-Platteville had a chance to tie or win. Shields got the ball and shook off his defender to clear some space but saw his mid-

range jumper clank off the back of the iron as the Titans held on to secure the win.

It was back-and-forth to start the game but then Muench started to get hot, hitting his third triple of the first half to put the Titans up 25-17. He finished with 16 points. As a team, UWO only made 5-of-18 3-point shots.

“We started getting some stops defensively which led to better opportunities offensively,” Lewis said. “Our guys know how important defending at a championship level is. They took a breath, got some stops, and trusted one another offensively.”

The lead increased to double digits late in the first half and UWO led 39-29 at the break. Levi Borchert added 18 points and

12 rebounds in the win while Eric Peterson had 15 points. Hunter Plamann added nine points, five rebounds and four assists.

Kyle Tuma had a big night for the Pioneers, scoring a game-high 23 points while grabbing 15 boards. Shields added 21 points.

“Winning both the regular season and conference tournament in the WIAC is a tough thing to do. I am so excited for our guys that they got to experience both of those championships,” Lewis said. “We must learn from Saturday's game and improve as we head into our game on Friday night in the national tournament.”

Titans softball team set to begin next chapter

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

After the 2020 NCAA spring season was canceled due to COVID, it left a sour taste and unfinished business in a lot of these team's mouths. What those programs chose to do with that was another question as the 2021 spring season was also looking in doubt. Once it was revealed there would be a season, although modified, the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh softball team looked to turn that unfinished business into motivation.

The Titans compiled a 29-13 record in 2021 to earn a share of the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference regular season championship. They went on to win the conference championship to earn a berth in the NCAA tournament, where they advanced to the College World Series.

Their season came to an end there, but that doesn't take away from this team making their first World Series appearance since 1988.

“Last season was very gratifying,” head coach Scott Beyer said. “We had five seniors in 2020 that didn't get to play out their senior year that came back last year, so with that, and with everything going on in the COVID world, it was a grind, but in the end, it was worth all the challenges we endured on and off the field.”

Beyer enters his ninth season at the helm of the Titans and things will look much different this season. Despite returning 10 letter winners, the Titans also lost nine, including five that were ‘super’ seniors.

“One big thing that we are talking about is that we are a completely different team than last year, so our expectations are not necessarily to repeat the success that we did

last year, but to create our own, new identity this season with this team and see where that takes us,” he said. “Our goals of winning the WIAC have not changed, but that isn't something we are talking about. It's more about taking on the challenge of each day and learning to focus on the process of getting better.”

Of the returning players on this year's roster, look for Hannah Ritter to play a big role. She is coming off an All-American honor and will be pivotal to her team's success. Joining her is 2021 pitcher of the year Maddie Fink. She was the ace of the staff a season ago and will be looking to take her game to the next level. Joining them are Gabby Buikema, Emily Cliver and Ana Iliopoulos.

It takes more than just four players to earn a top 15 ranking as the Titans enter the season ranked No. 12 in the country. A big reason for that falls on some talented freshmen who have all seen or played in the WIAA state championships. Abby Garceau (Mishicot), Sophie Wery (Seymour) and Sydney Nemetz (Marinette) are some of the new faces that will help this team continue to compete in a difficult league.

“I think our league is as good as it's been in my nine years coaching here,” Beyer said. “Every team is respected, but I think that Stevens Point is a team to look out for. They had a really nice year last year and have a lot of momentum going into this season.”

While they may not talk about the same goals of the past, they will not shy away from the challenge this league brings. If this team can stay healthy, Beyer feels it can do great things in 2022.

“We need to stay healthy first and foremost. Our pitching and defense will again be a strength of ours, but if we are going to contend for championships, we will need to hit. Our offense will be a big factor in our success this season.”



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West, North bowling teams qualify for state tourney

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh West and North will be well represented in the Wisconsin High School Bowling Club State Tournament this weekend as two teams, along with four individuals have qualified for state.

The WIHS State Tournament will be held Friday through Sunday and the boys will compete at Sabre Lanes in Menasha while the girls, boys and girls semifinals and finals, along with the Storm Doubles, will be held at Super Bowl in Appleton.

Qualifying for state as a team were the West boys – one of five teams and three from Division 1 – and the Oshkosh North/West girls, who were one of three teams and two from Division 1.

Qualifying as individuals included West's Xavier Gauthier, Riley Egnoski and Jacob Cornell. Gauthier is first in state qualifiers in strikes percentage (65.476) while being second in fill percentage (92.064).

Qualifying individually on the girls' side was Samantha Brown, who is fourth among qualifiers with a 37.903 strike percentage.

The West boys are led by Matt Mead and the North/West girls team is led by Christine LeMay. The Wildcats consist of Gauthier, Egnoski, Luke Schaefer, Donalds Milis and Zacharey Cornell while the girls team is made up of Brown, Cheyenne Daugherty, Ashley Kozel, Grace Mills, Laila Wesson and Morgan Nuetzel.

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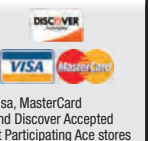
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North's Juedes fill key role for Spartans basketball

By Tim Froberg
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Successful basketball teams need more than just scorers and defenders. They need facilitators, players who push the ball where it needs to be.

Cooper Juedes fills this vital role for the Oshkosh North boys' basketball team, putting flow and rhythm into the Spartans' offensive sets.

The 6-foot-2 senior guard also gives the Spartans a reliable scoring option and a skilled defender. Juedes' ability to do all three makes him a glue player for a strong North squad that has emerged as the best basketball team in the Oshkosh area.

"I feel like I'm a good facilitator for this team," Juedes said. "That's something this team needs. Plus, I can provide some scoring and one of the biggest roles I fill is playing defense."

Juedes, a second-year starter and third-year varsity player, is the Spartans' third-leading scorer with an 8.7 points-per-game average. He's also averaging 2.5 rebounds, 2.1 assists and 1.7 steals – second-best on the team.

Juedes usually draws the tough assignment of defending the opponent's top-scoring guard. It's a role he revels in.

"If I can hold that player down, that's a win for both myself and the team," Juedes said. "I feel like I've always been a decent defensive player, but I've really kind of taken to that role the last few years."

Juedes considers Kimberly's dynamic Jackson Paveletzke to be the best player he's



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Cooper Juedes has played a key role in the success of the Oshkosh North basketball team this season.

defended.

"Paveletzke just has that ability to change speeds and he has great ball fakes," Juedes said. "It's fun when you're able to lock down a player like that, but when he gets flowing, well, it's not so fun."

North coach Brad Weber appreciates the all-around game that Juedes provides.

"Cooper is an explosive, aggressive player," Weber said. "He's most effective when he's around the rim, finishing and rebounding."

Juedes averaged 7.9 points, 4.0 rebounds and 1.6 assists as a junior starter. He played in 19 varsity games as a sophomore, averaging 2.6 points and 1.6 rebounds.

"What I appreciate the most about Cooper is his growth," said Weber. "He's improved significantly over the past year. That's

due to his openness to coaching and ability to communicate what he's seeing. That allows us to have conversations."

The Spartans went a combined 23-29 in Juedes' first two years with the team, but have turned things around this season and resumed the program's winning ways. North takes a 17-7 overall record into tournament play. The Spartans finished fourth in the rugged Fox Valley Association at 11-7.

"We just have a lot more experience this year," Juedes said. "We have seniors who know their roles and play very well together. It's been a lot of fun. It's a lot more fun when you win."

Juedes enjoys playing for Weber, a highly respected coach who guided the Spartans to the school's first state championship in

Senior Spotlight

2017-18.

"What makes him stand out from other coaches is your ability to talk to him," Juedes said. "If you see something in the game, you can always talk to him about it. Sometimes, he'll be like, 'Oh yeah, that's my fault.' He's really good about things like that."

Juedes was a freshman when Weber's formidable North squad, powered by current Indiana Pacers guard Tyrese Haliburton, won the school's first boys' basketball state title. Haliburton still drops by North's open gyms during the NBA's off-season to work out with current players like Juedes.

"He's a nice guy," Juedes said. "He talks and jokes around with us. He plays at a level we all want to be at and he'll talk about what you need to do to improve and be a successful player."

Juedes plans to attend college next year and is open to continue his basketball career. Until then, he's focused on helping North put together a deep tournament run – like in 2017-18.

North, a No. 4 seed in Division 2, opens tournament play Friday at home with a regional semifinal against fifth-seeded Seymour.

"We need to win our regional again first," Juedes said. "That's our first goal. We need to get past that and then make a run at state. To get there we probably need to hustle a little more on defense and make sure the ball doesn't stick. The ball will always find who is open."

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Mask rules eased in city locations, Grand theater

Given the trend of falling rates of COVID infection in recent weeks and continued rise in vaccinations, the city is no longer requiring employees and visitors inside city-operated buildings to wear face coverings starting this week.

Employees and visitors will be encouraged to wear face coverings if they choose to but it will not be a requirement. Face coverings will continue to be required in GO Transit buses and facilities by federal order.

Oshkosh boards and commissions have been transitioning back to in-person meetings and Common Council meetings will continue to be held in person, but without

the option for general public remote participation.

The public library and The Grand Oshkosh also announced that those not experiencing symptoms of illness are no longer required to wear masks when inside.

“By attending events with a large gathering of people, patrons accept the associated risk,” The Grand said in a statement. “We appreciate the cooperation and good judgment of our patrons.”

Theater staff and volunteers will continue to wear face masks at all events and the theater will continue to monitor COVID-19 data and adjust its policy should anything change.

Flooding awareness gets extra focus this week

Flooding from melting snow or heavy rain is one of the most common and most costly natural hazards in Wisconsin. Flood Safety Awareness Week is underway with ReadyWisconsin and the Department of Health Services asking everyone to take this week to assess their flood risk and learn how to protect themselves before, during and after a flood.

“Floodwaters can rise in a matter of seconds, creating a potentially life-threatening situation,” said Greg Engle, acting Wisconsin Emergency Management administrator. “People often underestimate the force and power of water. Since 2010, more than a dozen people in the state lost their lives during flooding. The more people heed warnings and avoid flooded areas, the more lives we can save.”

Much of Wisconsin is experiencing

drought conditions, but heavy rainfalls can still produce flooding quickly. While you can’t always stop the waters from rising, the following tips can help improve safety before a flood:

- Know your flood risk. Assess the potential for flooding on your property if you live in a flood plain or near a body of water, or have a basement.
- Build a “Go Kit.” Include items such as food, water, cash, medications and copies of important documents.
- Keep water out of your house. Clean gutters regularly, direct downspouts away from your foundation, repair cracks in your foundation, improve grading so water flows away from your house, and cover window wells.

For more information and for safety information throughout the year, go to readywisconsin.wi.gov.

Writing workshops offered at library

Those with a passion for writing and the desire to cultivate their craft can attend the Write Now! series of free workshops being offered at the Oshkosh Public Library starting March 14.

Published authors will offer tips to overcome writer’s block, a method to plan out a novel, and the benefits of integrating poetry into one’s life.

Scheduled programs:

Conquer Writer’s Block; 6 p.m. March 14: Fiction author Bailey Hanson leads a session on some core issues –

character, plot, life issues – that can cause writing blockages; empowers writers to embrace a messy first draft; and includes practical writing exercises to get creative juices flowing.

Novel Planning: The Snowflake Method; 6 p.m. March 22: Wisconsin author David Michael Williams. You’ve got a great idea for a novel. Now what? Learn how to use this technique to plan your novel.

For more information contact 920-236-5203 or percey@oshkoshpubliclibrary.org.

Obituaries

Kathleen M. Mieritz

Kathleen “Kathie” M. Mieritz, age 77 of Oshkosh, passed away at her home with



her husband and children at her side on Sunday, February 20, 2022. She was born in Illinois on October 19, 1944 to the late Mearl and Esther (Kuch) Broockmann. She was blessed with

four children, Faith, Heidi, Sarah and Tom.

Kathie influenced many young lives throughout her life. She taught countless first and second graders throughout Milwaukee and the Fox Valley, including Fox Valley Christian Academy and Trinity Lutheran School.

Kathie was devoted to mission work. She was assigned to work in Siberia, Papua New Guinea, Thailand, Canada, and St. Thomas, as well as various states throughout the US. It was at a mission orientation in St. Louis that she met Michael “Mike”

Mieritz, with whom she would later marry, and spend the rest of her life.

Kathie is lovingly survived by Mike, her husband of 26 years; her children: Faith (Bill) Soderbeck, Heidi (Hank) Reimer, Sarah (Tom) Norris, Thomas (Jodi) Burger, 13 grandchildren: Sydney, Jesse, Lyndsey, Jayme, Henry (Andria), Grace, Noah, Addie, Sophia, Adeline, Avery, Luke, Hadley; and her siblings: Richard (Bobbi) Broockmann, and Candice Broockmann King.

Kathie was preceded in death by her parents.

Per Kathie’s wishes, a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Kathie’s family would like to extend their deep appreciation to Jenny and Kim from Moments Hospice. Your kindness and compassion towards Kathie and her family have been a great comfort at such a difficult time.

In lieu of flowers please send any gifts to Lutheran High School Association or to Valley Christian.

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