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PHOTO FROM GRETCHEN HERRMANN

Gretchen and Mark Herrmann are shown in July 2017, just days before he was diagnosed with brain cancer.

TEDx talk takes on mortality

Family's fateful journey
with illness recounted

By Samantha Strong
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Death is an inevitable part of life. It can be hard to understand, difficult to explain and overwhelming to cope with.

Gretchen Herrmann experienced this last fall with the death of her husband Mark; however, the couple took a much different route than most when coming to terms with the cancer diagnosis he received earlier in the year. They made a conscious decision to place their focus on the celebration of life rather than the

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Hearing set on \$75M city budget

State shared revenue cut and vehicle fee in details

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Common Council will hold a public hearing on its 2019 municipal budget and a proposal by the Long Range Finance Committee for a vehicle registration fee at 5 p.m. Wednesday at City Hall.

City Manager Mark Rohloff is propos-

ing a budget of \$75,238,600, of which \$39,337,100 is a tax levy supported under the original proposal.

After the hearing, the council will meet with the Long Range Finance Committee to review the committee's proposal to authorize a "wheel tax" fee of \$30 that would be used to reduce special assessment costs for residential property owners for street reconstruction improvements.

The public hearing on the budget follows two days of budget deliberations, where department heads and staff pre-

sented their requests to council members for review and discussion.

Rohloff noted during the sessions that since original publication of the budget, the city has been notified by the state that it plans to reduce shared revenue allocations by \$78,200 for payments in lieu of property taxes not charged to the state.

He said the reduction will mean the costs will have to be paid through the tax

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Snapshots of service

WWII-era photos recount southside tavern neighbors

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

Lemberger's Tavern served its Bohemian-American neighborhood at 6th and Ohio starting in the mid-1930s as a post-Prohibition public house where friends and families shared experiences and drinks.

As the second version of an extended-family business that began in the early 1900s at Knapp and 9th, Lemberger's spanned the World War II era when enlisted men and women from the neighborhood had their pictures posted in a display marking their time home before most were deployed around the world to bring home victory.

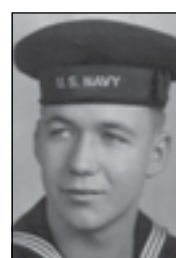
Those snapshots of uniformed recruits, some just starting their service, landed in a keepsake box after the tavern closed in 1964 upon owner John Lemberger's death and eventually handed down to grandson John, the fourth generation of his namesake.

The former University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh education professor knew he had his first challenging retirement project on his hands with about 55 black-and-white snapshots and a limited amount of information attached.

"When people were going into the service, my grandmother would take a picture of them or their family would take a picture, and they would put the pictures up," Lemberger said.

One of those recruits was his father, who bartended there before enlisting in the Navy on his 18th birthday a week before graduating from Oshkosh High School in 1943. John's father met future wife Theresa there after returning from his military service that included the Pacific Theater.

Their son has been putting out the word, and photos, online in recent months to



John and Peggy Lemberger stand outside their tavern at 6th and Ohio in Oshkosh in an undated photo. Dozens of enlisted men and women from the neighborhood had their photos displayed there in the early 1940s before and during their deployments.



A postcard sent to the tavern in June 1943 from someone in the military reads: "Just a card to let you know, I am on my way someplace. I wish I could have come home this last weekend yet. Excuse the writing, I am writing this on the train." The front of the card is a picture of the lounge at the Service Men's Club in Kansas City.

seek out families connected to the veterans and has made contact with more than half so far to pass on the photos to them.

"I'm just old enough to remember some of that tavern culture," Lemberger said of his grandfather's business, where his father continued bartending after the war

before pursuing his interest in aquatic plants with Wildlife Nurseries.

The images show that many families had more than one member signed up — including the Schneiders who had five brothers in the service at the same time.

There are also three service women among the photos without identification outside of their uniforms.

Lemberger's research is showing that all or most of the veterans in the photos made it home from the war, which he said suggests there were others on the wall that didn't and were taken down and possibly returned to families.

A granite monument at South Park sponsored by the Ohio Street Civic Organization was dedicated to those who died in World War II, and Lemberger found



LEMBERGER

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Revenue hit from state challenges city budget

Oshkosh Examiner

The city’s property tax base has taken a \$140 million hit because of actions and inactions by state government, City Manager Mark Rohloff said in a video produced in advance of the annual budget hearing.

After closing a special development district and putting the real estate there back

on the tax rolls, the city should have registered a gain of \$145 million in property value, Rohloff said. Instead the increase was only \$5 million.

He blamed changes at the state level, including the rollback of the personal property tax and cuts to industrial land valuations, both determined by Madison.

A major factor in the decline in tax base, he said, is the ongoing litigation over the value of large retail stores. These cases, popularly known as the “dark store” issue, have resulted in the city having to cut the assessed value of outlets operated by national chains.

“‘Dark store’ is coming to roost here in Oshkosh right now,” Rohloff said. An effort to address the issue has attracted bipartisan support in the legislature but has run into strong opposition from business lobbyists, who have so far prevented action.

The city’s tax rate is projected to dip slightly next year, to about \$10.50, but should be going down much more, he said.

Superintendent to meet public with LWV as host

The Winnebago County League of Women Voters is hosting an informal meet-and-greet with Vickie Cartwright, Oshkosh Area School District superintendent, from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Benvenuto’s restaurant in the meeting room.

Cash bar and snacks will be offered and an optional stay for dinner. An informal question-and-answer session will follow.



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Community news briefs

Kaukauna man in court for death of Oshkosh man

A 34-year-old Kaukauna man accused of beating an Oshkosh man who later died from complications with his injuries appeared in Winnebago County Circuit Court on Thursday after earlier refusing to leave his jail cell for the appearance.

According to Oshkosh police, Christopher S. Barry assaulted Steven Mallas, 47, in the early hours of Oct. 7 on a sidewalk in the 400 block of Boyd Street. Mallas died five days later in a Broad Street home of a friend from an infected broken jaw and bronchial pneumonia that affected his breathing, the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner’s Office determined.

Barry is charged with aggravated battery with the intent of causing great bodily harm. His preliminary hearing was continued and he remains in the Winnebago County Jail on a \$50,000 cash bond. Court records indicated his refusal to appear in court last Monday.

North High locked down after off-campus incident

Oshkosh North High School was briefly locked down Thursday morning after a school counselor informed police of an incident regarding a student with a firearm in the Town of Oshkosh.

The Oshkosh Police Department was told that the student had entered the high school grounds after a parent failed to notify the Winnebago County Sheriff’s Department about the off-campus incident and that a firearm may be missing from the family’s residence.

Police told school officials about the situation at about 9:20 a.m. as a precautionary measure and the school was subsequently placed in a hard lockdown.

The student was located off school grounds by sheriff’s deputies, who said there was no danger to the public. The student did not possess a firearm during this situation nor was any threat made.

The school lockdown was lifted after police said the situation had been resolved about 10:15 a.m. Police held a noon media briefing after the incident.

Counseling services will be available to North students in need of additional support after the lockdown.

School board hears details on lower district tax levy

The Board of Education was told at its Oct. 24 meeting that the Oshkosh Area School District’s tax levy is considerably less than originally forecast in the preliminary budget.

Sue Schnorr, the district’s executive director of business services, reported that a greater-than-anticipated increase in state equalization aid will make the 2018-19 tax levy \$162,000 less than in 2017-18 and \$830,000 less than 2016-17.

Additionally, she said equalized property values in the district increased 7 percent and the mill rate is 65 cents less per \$1,000 of property value — \$8.94 in 2018-19 compared with \$9.59 in 2017-18. The mill rate is determined by dividing the tax levy by the equalized valuation.

The tax levy is the amount of money the school district and taxing districts certify to be raised from property taxes.

Schnorr also reported that the tax levy for the private school voucher program is \$1.6 million, which is \$752,692 higher than the previous school year.

Oshkosh family joins ‘Feud’ in TV appearance

An Oshkosh family can be seen on the long-running game show “Family Feud” Nov. 13 after they were selected through an audition process.

Team Anderson was made up of Dan Anderson, his daughter and son-in-law Stephanie and Peter Hernet, and daughter and son-in-law Kristin and Tony Bird.

The show will air at 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Tuesday on ABC affiliate WBAY-TV.

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Grant, Gokey Christmas tour launches

Award-winning music artists Natalie Grant and Danny Gokey bring their annual Christmas concert tour to the Menominee Nation Arena at 7 p.m. Dec. 1.

The Celebrate Christmas Tour is presented by Compassion International, a Christian child development organization working against global poverty.

Both Grammy-nominated and Dove Award-winning artists, Grant and Gokey will be under the musical direction of Grammy-winning songwriter/producer Bernie Herms in a collaborative setting as they perform Christmas classics along with selections from Grant's Christmas project "Believe" and Gokey's album "Christmas Is Here."

Grant has remained one of the top-selling Christian and gospel artists since her 2005 breakout RIAA Gold certified album "Awaken." She now has nearly 4 million in career sales. The Gospel Music Association named her Female Vocalist of



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Danny Gokey (center) and Natalie Grant perform during one of their Celebrate Christmas concerts that they will be bringing to the Menominee Nation Arena.

the Year five times and she has had multiple No. 1's on the Billboard chart.

She has been an outspoken advocate for victims of human trafficking and co-founder of Hope for Justice International, which identifies and rescues victims of trafficking and then provides them with restorative care.

Gokey was a finalist on season 8 of "American Idol." Gokey released his debut album "My Best Days," which debuted

at No. 4 on the Billboard Top 200 album chart. Since then Gokey has celebrated a series of No. 1 hits including his follow-up album release "Hope in Front of Me" and his latest release "Rise."

The Milwaukee native is founder of the newly formed organization Better Than I Found It, which partners with organizations making a difference in communities.

Compassion International partners with more than 6,700 churches in 25 countries.

Chamber of Commerce presents honors at annual meeting

The Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce recognized businesses and individuals at its 111th annual meeting and recognition program Monday at the Convention Center.

For their contributions to the community, the following were honored:

Alberta S. Kimball Community Service Award: University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Student Association

Ambassador of the Year: Marcus Butts

Volunteer of the Year Award: Joe LeRoy

Enterprise of the Year: Castle Pierce

Horizon Award: Jenna Golem and Carey Sharpe, The Howard

Lynne Webster Leadership Award: Jim Macy

Propel Young Professional Award: Katie Talken

Distinguished Service Award: Dr. John Anderson

Stephen Mosling Commitment to Education Award: Aurora Health Care

Small Business of the Year: Steinert Printing

Milestone anniversaries recognized:

25 years: Fox Valley Plastic Surgery, Servpro of Appleton and Winnebago County

125 years: Lakeside Elementary School

150 years: Oshkosh Northwestern and Roe Nurseries

Female comics to take Grand stage Nov. 16

The Ladies of Laughter Funny & Fabulous Tour is returning to The Grand on Nov. 16 featuring comedians Kelly MacFarland, Regina DeCicco and Erin Jackson.

Since 2012, the tour has visited theaters with talent from national competition. While the performance falls on "deer widow's weekend," it isn't strictly for women.

MacFarland, the 2016 competition winner, returns to Oshkosh after her appearance in last year's tour. She has appeared on Comedy Central's "Premium Blend" and the TV Guide Channel's "Stand Up in Stilettos," and is also a humor-wellness speaker for the American Heart Association GO Red for Women campaign for the last 10 years.

DeCicco, a 2012 Ladies of Laughter winner, spent many years in television behind the scenes at "Saturday Night Live" and "Whoopi" before going into stand-up comedy. She also performs, writes and films sketches with her all female group Candy Slice.

Jackson, the most recent Ladies of Laughter winner is "the tell-it-to-you-straight girlfriend every woman should have in her crew," according to The Washington Post.

Jackson performs in New York City's top comedy clubs and recently made her late-night television debut on "Conan." She also performed her stand-up on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" and was a semifinalist on NBC's "Last Comic Standing."

The show begins at 7:30 p.m. and tickets start at \$25.

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Chamber opportunity offered many positive connections

It has been a pleasure writing these columns for the Herald. As my year of being the chairman of the board for the Oshkosh Chamber ends, so does my column.

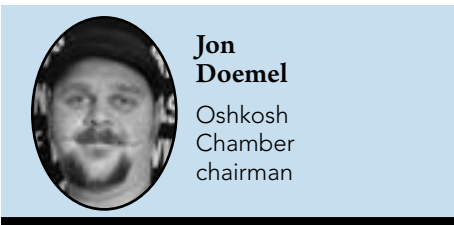
Thank you for reading my op-eds, even if you disagreed with my take on any particular issue. I appreciated the dialogue and always looked forward to the conversations that would take place after my opinions printed.

Debate is a good thing. Conversations are a crucial element of healing as a divided culture. Never take a story at its face value and do your own homework to draw your own conclusions. Respect those willing to put their opinions out there and sign their name to their own ideas. It takes courage to do that these days. It takes even more courage to admit when you are wrong.

I am thankful for the opportunity that I had as chairman of the Chamber board. I will always treasure the relationships it offered. Everyone should give their time to an organization they believe in. Serving on the board has been very rewarding, even though the pay sucks. Give back to your community whenever you can.

I hope my time has opened your impression of the Chamber of Commerce. We are initiating a tiered dues structure to make it even easier for small business to join at an affordable rate. My hope is for more small businesses and nonprofit organizations to join. It is amazing what the Chamber can do for you if you give it a try.

My year being the overcommitted pizza guy has opened my eyes to a lot of great things in Oshkosh, and some not so great things. My independent spirit has allowed



Jon Doemel
Oshkosh Chamber chairman

me to build a few bridges that were torn apart by years of bad history. When you make decisions based on issues of the past you miss opportunities that could benefit both parties.

It has been exciting watching the growth in this city over the last few years. Some hard decisions had to be made to keep us moving in the right direction. We have some crucial crossroads ahead to keep this ball rolling and hope we can accomplish solid and informed directions when the time comes.

Make sure to reach out to your elected officials and let your opinions be known especially if they were not the one you voted for. Register to vote and participate in the off-cycle elections. Local elections are the most important and have the largest impact on your daily lives. Please, do your best to be civil, fair and open when discussing any issue.

Thank you again for being welcoming to my voice. I hope you are as welcoming to new Chairman Dennis Lewandowski. Dennis is a former Illinois brother. He is from Chicago and will be a great resource as an outsider's opinion on our community. I have full confidence in his abilities... even if he is a Bears fan.

It has been a pleasure serving you. Stay positive Oshkosh — you deserve it.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL COONEY

Vigil for Pittsburgh

A vigil to honor the victims of a Pittsburgh synagogue shooting Oct. 27 was held Thursday on the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh campus. Jennifer Considine, associate professor of communications at UW-Oshkosh, was the opening speaker and led the gathering. “In the days and weeks and months to come, we will continue to mourn and we will struggle to have hope. But we must struggle together,” Considine said in her remarks. The B’Nai Israel congregation, Common Grounds, the Campus Center for Equity and Diversity and IDEA were among the sponsors of the vigil. Eleven of the mostly elderly congregants were killed and six people, including four police officers, were wounded before the suspect was shot by police and surrendered.

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Invasive water hyacinth found again near lake park

A team of people from the Fox Wolf Watershed Alliance, UW-Stevens Point, UW-Oshkosh, Department of Natural Resources and volunteers found a population of the invasive water hyacinth near Lake Winneconne Park on Oct. 12, the fourth consecutive year it has been detected there.

The species was a popular ornamental plant in water gardens and ponds before

being listed as a prohibited species under Wisconsin Code NR40. The DNR coordinated efforts in 2015 to remove all water hyacinth plants found. As a subtropical plant native to South America, there was hope the cold winter would eliminate any plants that were missed by removal efforts.

While current scientific information suggests it is unlikely that water hyacinth can survive winter in Wisconsin, there is still a potential risk of fragments and/or seeds surviving and germinating the next year. If the plant is not coming back on its own, it is believed to be repetitively released into the lake near the end of the growing season, which is a violation of state law.

Even within a single growing season, water hyacinth reproduces quickly and forms large, dense mats that can interfere with boating, swimming and other waterway uses. These mats can reduce the dissolved oxygen in the water, which affects underwater animals such as fish.

In addition to Lake Winneconne, water hyacinth has previously been found in eight other Wisconsin counties, including several pools of the Mississippi River.

Winter Market goes to arena

The Oshkosh Farmers Market-Winter has a new location at the Menominee Nation Arena with opening day set from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday along with 14 other markets there through April.

The winter market has more than 30 vendors featuring locally grown fresh and organic produce along with local artisans and crafters. Live entertainment is also scheduled and the arena's Maple Pub will be open for food and beverages.

A special Farmers Market will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 17 at the Outlet Shoppes at Oshkosh.

Details are at www.osfmi.com or the Oshkosh Farmers Market on Facebook.



Submitted Photo
The Oshkosh Farmers Market-Winter edition has a new home at the Menominee Nation Arena.

Parks Department open house slated

The public is invited to the Oshkosh Parks Department's open house and meet-and-greet from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at its 805 Witzel Ave. offices. Visitors will have the opportunity to meet Parks Department staff and learn more about city parks and resources.

Besides parks and facilities, the Parks Department oversees urban forestry programs, Riverside Cemetery, Menominee

Park Zoo, Pollock Community Waterpark, Leach Amphitheater, Children's Amusement Center and Oshkosh Seniors Center. The department has 14 rentable shelters and six boat launch areas within city limits, and the park system consists of 415 acres of space.

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The events will help business and organizational leaders to learn how an effective fraud prevention program can be an investment that reduces those risks. Verity Financial Fraud Examiners and other organizations have partnered with the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, the world's largest anti-fraud organization and premier provider of anti-fraud training

and education, for the yearly campaign.

An Oshkosh seminar will be held at 7:30 a.m. Nov. 16 at Rise & Grind, with a continental breakfast provided. Contact Jessica Meidl at jessica@blackteak.com for details.

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Nov 10	Opening Day - Sly Joe Menominee Nation Arena	Feb 23	No Market
Nov 17	Oshkosh Farmers Market - Winter at The Outlet Shoppes at Oshkosh	Mar 1	No Market
Nov 24	No Market	Mar 9	Accoustikats Menominee Nation Arena
Dec 1	Larry Mueller & Z Collins Menominee Nation Arena	Mar 16	Dornan Menominee Nation Arena
Dec 8	No Market	Mar 23	No Market
Dec 15	Good 'Ol Tyme Music Menominee Nation Arena	Mar 30	Patti Friday Menominee Nation Arena
Dec 22	Copper Box - Duo Menominee Nation Arena	Apr 6	No Market
Dec 29	No Market	Apr 13	Noah John & Ringing Iron Menominee Nation Arena
Jan 5	50% Folk - Menominee Nation Arena	Apr 20	No Market
Jan 12	TBA - Menominee Nation Arena	Apr 27	No Market
Jan 19	Jim 'n' Nancy Menominee Nation Arena	May	No Market
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Festival of Gratitude returns to Grand

The ninth annual Festival of Gratitude, offering a variety of ethnic and religious groups an opportunity to sing, dance and share, is being held at 7 p.m. Nov. 19 at The Grand Oshkosh.

The festival is considered the largest of its kind in Wisconsin with as many as a dozen faith communities taking the stage.



The all-ages choir from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints sang at last year's festival.

This year's festival is linked to Unity in Community, an event held May 5 that was a joyous celebration of national and cultural groups who call Oshkosh home.

The free festival is open to the public and a free-will offering will be received to support next year's Unity in Community set for April 13 at the Oshkosh Convention Center. This year at The Grand the festival will be signed in American Sign Language and programs will be available in Braille.

Returning from previous festivals are the Rev. Taiso from Zen River Sangha, the all-ages choir from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Dilip Tannan from India and the Oshkosh North Youth for Asian American Culture Dance Group.

Some new faces include Oshkosh-based singer-songwriter Na Kita Butler and the Oshkosh Rhythm Institute, who will share their passion for therapeutic music-making.



PHOTOS FROM TOM WILLADSEN

The Oshkosh North Youth for Asian American Culture Dance Group perform last year at The Grand.

Donations can be sent to the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, 230 Ohio St., Suite 100, Oshkosh, WI 54902 with "Festival of Gratitude" on the memo line. Faith communities that would like to participate or have questions can contact Tom Willadsen at 920-237-9840 or thom-aswilladsen2@gmail.com.

EAA Museum schedule

EAA Aviation Museum events for November and December:

Nov. 8, 6 p.m.: EAA Halls of Fame induction dinner

Those who contributed greatly to sport aviation are honored during this annual banquet in the museum's Founders' Wing. More information and tickets at EAA.org/museum.

Nov. 11, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.: Veterans Day

All veterans and current military personnel are admitted free to the museum on this day. To commemorate the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day, which ended World War I, WWI re-enactor Roger Kumferman will be at the museum Nov. 10-11.

Nov. 15, 7 p.m.: Museum speaker: Patty Wagstaff

As one of the world's top air show performers, Wagstaff's life story has taken her to aerobatic championships and air shows around the world as well as flying aerial fire-bombers and training anti-poaching aircraft operators in Africa. \$5 for nonmembers.

Dec. 1, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.: Christmas in the Air open house

For more than 30 years, Christmas in the Air has brought the holiday spirit to the EAA museum. Beginning in early November, tickets can be purchased for the "Breakfast with Santa" at 8:30 a.m. before the open house.

Dec. 6, 6:30 p.m.: Movie: "Mission Control: The Unsung Heroes of Apollo"

This 2017 documentary highlights the personnel of NASA's Mission Control, who during the Apollo program planned, tracked and remedied the countless details needed for the U.S. space program to successfully send humans to the moon and return them safely. \$5 for nonmembers.

Dec. 7, 6 p.m.: Wright Brothers Memorial Banquet

This event commemorates the 115th anniversary of the Wright brothers' first successful powered flight. Featured speakers are Apollo 8 astronauts Frank Borman and Jim Lovell on the 50th anniversary of their historic mission. Limited tickets remain at EAA.org/Wright-Brothers.

Early tickets for AirVenture now available

Advance-purchase admission tickets and camping credentials are now available for the 67th annual EAA AirVenture Oshkosh fly-in July 22-28 at Wittman Regional Airport.

EAA members and the general public can use a secure website as daily and weekly admissions are available, including

the ability to join EAA and receive the best possible prices. Prices for student admission (ages 6-18) have been lowered to allow more young people and families to enjoy the event. Discounts of \$2 on daily adult admissions and \$5 on weekly adult admissions are available by purchasing before June 15.

There are also special discounts for veterans and current U.S. military members, along with advance purchases of B-17, Ford Tri-Motor and helicopter flights, Aviator's Club admission, AirVenture souvenir programs and auto parking.

Highlighted features for AirVenture

2019 are being finalized. They will include the latest in innovations and technology, salutes to aviation anniversaries and recognition of aviation personalities. In 2018, more than 600,000 people and 10,000 airplanes made Oshkosh home of "aviation's family reunion" that included aircraft of all ages, sizes and configurations.

There is also a special weekend camping package covering the final three days of the event and includes one EAA membership, camping credentials and four adult admission tickets at a 5 percent savings.

To access the advance ticketing area, visit EAA.org/tickets.

Garden Club scholarship lunch celebrates high school seniors

The Oshkosh Garden Club Scholarship Luncheon, an annual event since 1983 to raise scholarship money for local students, is set for Nov. 17 at the Oshkosh Convention Center.

High school seniors pursuing a career in horticulture, forestry, water management, agriculture or other fields related to the preservation, beautification or sustenance of the land are eligible. Scholarships are renewable for three additional years.

Grace Hageman and Aristidis Giannopoulos are \$1,000 award recipients for the 2018-2019 school year. Hageman is a 2017 graduate of North High School and a student at Cornell University pursuing a degree in plant biology with a

minor in entomology. Giannopoulos is a 2018 graduate of Valley Christian School pursuing a degree in biochemistry at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

The luncheon offers an opportunity to win prizes, such as a sterling silver pendant with silver chain, that will be auctioned and raffled. The event also features Music in the Garden with entertainment by Joe Scheibinger and Janice Marie.

Cocktails will be available at 11:30 a.m. and lunch is served at noon. Tickets are \$25 and seating is limited. For tickets or more information, contact Mary Ellen Sedlachek at 920-426-1084 or redspark@milwpc.com.

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Perz leads UPS team in giving campaign

Oshkosh Area United Way

Joe Perz has been an avid United Way supporter for 20 years and counting. He doesn't see his giving as special; he views it as the right thing to do in helping his fellow neighbors and community.

He sees the connections and difference United Way makes in Oshkosh through the programs and agencies funded by the Oshkosh Area United Way. He isn't surprised when he learns that one in three people in the area benefit either directly or indirectly from a United Way-funded program or agency.

He is a believer in self-sufficiency and enthusiastic about the programs that encourage this. He states, "It's not just a handout, it's training people to fish and teaching people how to be self-sufficient. Once they achieve that, I hope they believe, as I do, in giving back and being a productive part of the community."

Joe has always donated to the United Way campaign through his employer

United Parcel Service (UPS). He opted for the payroll deduction as the easiest way to give, and leads a team of 300 employees in their company's United Way campaign.

This isn't an easy task as anyone who knows anything about UPS knows. Their teams hustle and route drivers are out the door with their deliveries in the early morning hours. Joe has a strategy for that.

During the campaign, he likes to have United Way staff or representatives of funded agencies in to speak to the employees in small group settings as opposed to contests or incentives within the company. He holds a number of these meetings to meet the demands of needing to be flexible and make sure all the employees have an opportunity to participate.

His belief is the stories and examples they present about how donations are used make a compelling case for supporting the annual campaign. Because the groups are small, they often feel more like a focus group, where employees can have a dialogue with whomever is speaking, asking questions or comments. His

philosophy is that strong connections are made when a program is presented and employees can hear firsthand about the impact of the dollars being donated.

But there are also some fun opportunities to support the United Way. Joe is at the forefront of events hosted by UPS to support the campaign. Annually, UPS hosts a golf outing, an ice fishing tournament and a sporting clay trap shoot.

The success of the United Way campaign rests squarely on Joe Perz's shoulders. As a community and company leader in Oshkosh, he is completely comfortable with that. He is honored to hold that responsibility for UPS and the betterment of the Oshkosh community. Joe chooses to live United and it is why he gives.

Visit OshkoshUnitedWay.org if you're interested in giving back.

Millers Bay architecture topic

The Millers Bay Neighborhood Association is hosting a public presentation about its midcentury architecture at 9 a.m. Saturday at Emmeline Cook Elementary School.

Millers Bay is one of many Oshkosh neighborhoods exhibiting historic architecture. Neighbors Charles Williams and Wendy Thompson will offer a brief history of the neighborhood and architect James Shields will follow with his presentation.

Shields, is design principal at HGA Architects and associate professor of architecture at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Email info@millersbayneighborhood.org for more information.





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Herrmanns

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heartache of loss.

“He was not afraid to die even though he didn’t want to die,” Gretchen Herrmann of Oshkosh said. “He chose to look at the blessings in each day instead of what he was facing. He disregarded the difficulties and focused on the good. He made the most of every moment, every beautiful thing he saw, every bite of food he took.”

Herrmann, a graphic designer and business owner, will be telling their story Saturday at The Grand Oshkosh as a part of the TEDx Oshkosh event planned and put on by local volunteers. Her talk, titled “Make it a Beautiful Day: A reflection on living and dying,” will walk through her and Mark’s journey from his cancer diagnosis to his death, and will also challenge attendees to take a different view of the topic of death.

Gretchen and Mark first learned of his cancer in July 2017 after Mark started noticing he had less control over his movements – he began dropping things involuntarily such as a water bottle and keys – and had a tingling in his left hand that shot to his upper lip, then left eyelid. On July 17, 2017, Mark had an MRI and later learned he had a serious type of brain cancer called glioblastoma multiforme (GBM).

“I will never forget as the doctors counted off the tumors – ‘one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine’ – his pen tapping on the screen showing the scan of his brain,” Herrmann said. “Our world was turned upside down in that moment.”

After surgery the next week, doctors told Mark and Gretchen that, with treatment, the average life expectancy of someone with GBM is 12 to 14 months. Without treatment — just two to three. GBM is already an aggressive, fast-growing type of cancer and that, combined with the num-



PHOTO FROM GRETCHEN HERRMANN

The Herrmann family, including sons Mitchell (left) and Izaak, gather around Mark during his time dealing with a terminal illness.

ber of tumors, made him decide to forego chemotherapy and radiation. Herrmann said Mark didn’t want to enter a fight he knew he could never win, so he chose a different path.

“Instead of spending the rest of his life in a battle, he chose to spend the rest of it making precious memories and, as he put it, ‘loving and being loved,’” Herrmann said. “He was at peace on his path even though it meant a very brief time to live.”

After choosing to forgo treatment, Mark’s focus in life shifted, Herrmann said, from what he was missing to what he had – a happy family, a strong faith, a great life, a successful career. Not once did Mark say, “Why me?” He didn’t become depressed or angry; he accepted death as a part of life. He continued to venture out of the home even after in-home hospice was set up. He went on day trips with his family to a Badgers game and to nearby Terrell’s Island, and even after he could no

longer walk, Mark eagerly figured out how to use a wheelchair.

Herrmann said the community rallied behind her and Mark after news of his prognosis spread, and their friend Amy Albright arranged a weekend at her in-law’s cabin. Albright reached out to Herrmann’s friends and family, and everyone chipped in to make meals, desserts and snacks so the couple could truly just enjoy the weekend and each other’s company. Albright also organized and collected cards and gifts for Mark and Gretchen, and had them all waiting at the cabin when they arrived.

“People were happy to do anything to help – but, more importantly, they wanted to connect with Mark,” Albright said.

Mark passed away Nov. 20, 2017, the Monday before Thanksgiving. Herrmann said it seems like the most appropriate time because he lived with such gratitude.

“(Mark) did everything he did with all

his heart, always, and that included dying,” Herrmann said. “When he realized he was dying, he was at complete peace. He didn’t want to die, but he was not afraid.”

TEDx Oshkosh, in its third year, is an all-day conference-like event open to the public put on completely by volunteers that features community members who present short, concise talks under 18 minutes on any topic under the sun.

One of TEDx Oshkosh’s organizers, Craig Burnett, said as soon as he and the other organizers heard Herrmann’s story during open auditions for speakers last winter, they knew she would be a great addition.

“TED and TEDx events are about presenting ideas that people haven’t considered – a new idea, a lost idea or just one that’s never seen the light of day,” Burnett said. “Gretchen’s talk is about a lost idea. We’ve lost our connection to the end of life and we’ve lost the opportunity to see the good in the end of life.”

Burnett said after Herrmann’s audition, the panel agreed immediately that hers was a story and idea that needs to be spread.

“She’s giving forward, and instead of focusing on her own grief, she’s sharing with people what she learned in the process,” Burnett said. “She approaches it in a way that shows death as a normal part of life and something we shouldn’t hide from.”

While tickets to attend this year’s TEDx Oshkosh event are no longer available, all presentations from the 14 speakers will be available online after the event at www.tedxoshkosh.com.

Back in the Day



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Nov. 1, 1957

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Source: Oshkosh Daily Northwestern, Nov. 1, 1957

City budget

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levy or special revenue funds.

Rohloff said the city can increase its budget by almost \$400,000 and still remain within limits set by the state Expenditure Restraint Program, which calculates how much of a tax levy increase can be charged based on a formula that includes the net value of new construction during 2017. The percentage increase is set at 3.2 percent.

Rohloff asked council members to submit by Nov. 2 to city staff as to what expenditures could be added to the base

budget to stay within the \$400,000 limit. An alternative is to place the \$400,000 into its contingency fund.

If fully funded with the additional \$400,000, the mill rate for 2019 would be \$10.558 as compared with \$10.61 for the present fiscal year.

The final budget will be adopted by the council at its Nov. 14 meeting.

Rohloff said the proposed budget does not include any additions for the rental housing inspection program, which could be included from the \$400,000 fund.


The vehicle registration fee is under consideration as street paving costs are anticipated to go up by more than \$1 million.

‘Annie Jr.’ presented by JuBriCoSa group

The 2018 JuBriCoSa Fall Arts Academy in Oshkosh will present the musical “Annie Jr.” at 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Saturday at St. John’s Lutheran Church.

Based on the popular comic strip and adapted from the Tony Award-winning best musical, “Annie Jr.” features everyone’s favorite little redhead in her first adventure.

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Halloween tour

Riverside Cemetery sexton Donna Brotske, with the help of an unidentified ghost, gives a twilight tour of the back room of the cemetery building where caskets were stored waiting for burial. “Cemetery Confessions” on Halloween featured histories of some of Oshkosh’s prominent people laid to rest there.

Public library calendar

Nov. 7: Rent Smart Workshop, 9 to 11:30 a.m. Call 232-1973 to register. High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m. Ages 3 and under. Black Thursday Remembered: 50 Years Later, 5:30 p.m. Evening Book Club (adults), 6 p.m. Wonderlab Wednesdays: Pumpkin Activities, 6 p.m. Ages 6 to 9. Call 236-5208 to register.

Nov. 8: Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m. Afternoon Book Club (adults), 1:30 p.m. Homework Helpdesk, 5 to 7 p.m.

Nov. 9: Rent Smart Workshop, 8:30 a.m. to noon. Call 232-1973 to register. Let’s Make Big Art! Large group collage mural, (kids and families), 9:30 a.m.

Nov. 10: Holiday Wreaths and Bows (teens and adults), 1 p.m. Let’s Make Big Art! Large group collage mural (kids and families), 1 p.m.

Nov. 12: Family Storytime, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Read to a Dog, 4 p.m. Call 236-5208 to register. Maker Mondays: 3D Printer Demo, 4 to 6 p.m. Homework Helpdesk, 5 to 7 p.m. Write Now – Novel Writing, 6 p.m.

Nov. 13: High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m. Ages 3 and under. Tweens Create: Pops of Color, 4:30 p.m. Considerations: Gratitude, 6:15 p.m.

Nov. 14: High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m. Ages 3 and under. Memory Cafe, 1 p.m. What’s Cook-

ing Cookbook Club: Cupcakes, 6 p.m.

Nov. 15: Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m. Morning Book Club (adults), 10 a.m. Homework Helpdesk, 5 to 7 p.m.

Nov. 16: Teen DIY: Rice Krispies Turkey Leg, 4:30 p.m.

Nov. 17: Grinchmas Celebration, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Nov. 19: Family Storytime, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Monday Movie Matinee (adults), 12:30 p.m. Read to a Dog, 4 p.m. Call 236-5208 to register. Homework Helpdesk, 5 to 7 p.m. Write Now – Novel Writing, 6 p.m.

Nov. 20: High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m. Ages 3 and under. Legal Assistance Clinic, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Techy Tuesdays: 3D Printing, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 21: High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m. Ages 3 and under.

Nov. 22: Library closed for Thanksgiving.

Nov. 24: Brick by Brick, 1 p.m. Kids of all ages welcome.

Nov. 26: Homework Helpdesk, 5 to 7 p.m. Write Now – Novel Writing, 6 p.m.

Nov. 27: No Homework Book Club, 4:30 p.m. Adult DIY: Framed Flower Decor, 6 p.m. Call 236-5205 to register.

Nov. 29: Homework Helpdesk, 5 to 7 p.m.

Home nurse consultation service offered to seniors

As the cold weather creeps in, Valley VNA Senior Care is offering free in-home consultations with one of its nurses for seniors and their families.

A nurse will come to an individual’s home to share information about community services for seniors, complete a short safety check of the home, and propose potential solutions to concerns a person or family may have about health, safety and nutrition. The visits, called Options and Solutions, usually take about 90 minutes.

“These visits help people choose how they might want to get some help this winter, whether it’s hot meals delivered or someone to stop in for homemaking, companionship, or to take them on errands and appointments,” said Colleen Har-

ot, Valley VNA director of in-home care. “This is not a sales call, and it’s not a medical evaluation. We meet with seniors and sometimes their sons and daughters to plant a seed about what is available, whenever they are ready to get a little help.”

Some of the services discussed in the visits are Meals-on-Wheels deliveries, foot care clinics, blood pressure clinics, flu shot clinics, health talks, cleaning services and in-home respite care. For details or to schedule a visit, contact 920-727-5555 or www.valleyvna.org.

Valley VNA Senior Care is an independent nonprofit organization based in Neenah serving the Fox Valley, Oshkosh, Omro and New London with personal care, homemaking and companionship.

Danish-flavored holiday experience set at museum

The 2018 Deck the Halls holiday experience at the Oshkosh Public Museum is inspired by hygge, a Danish concept of savoring life’s simple pleasures. The annual exhibit opens Nov. 17 and will be on display through Dec. 30.

The museum will be set aglow with a nostalgic display of holiday decor and a chance to stroll through the halls to marvel at the Tiffany-designed interiors of the historic Sawyer home. Visitors can find mischievous little elves hidden throughout the museum.

The Oshkosh Public Museum Auxiliary is hosting its annual gala from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Nov. 29. Admission is \$15 to support the museum. The evening also includes a cash bar and cash-and-carry basket raffle and silent auction.

This winter the museum also will host Dressed to Play, an exhibition that illustrates summertime festivities enjoyed throughout the years while highlighting some that surprisingly have remained unchanged. Dressed to Play will be on display from Feb. 17 to May 19.



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Drug deaths show decline amid added focus

By Miles Maguire
OSHKOSH EXAMINER

The Oshkosh Police Department’s stepped-up vice and narcotics enforcement has led to a 57 percent decline in overdose deaths and the recovery of six victims of human trafficking so far this year.

Police Chief Dean M. Smith provided these and other enforcement statistics to the Common Council on Oct. 30 as it examined a proposed \$565,000 increase in the department’s operating budget.

The department’s Vice and Narcotics Unit has been “hugely successful in combating narcotics trafficking as well as human trafficking here in Oshkosh,” Smith said. He cited these year-to-date statistics about the work of the unit:

- 104 drug investigations.
- 122 arrests from those investigations.
- 4,574 grams of marijuana seized.
- 338 grams of crack cocaine seized.
- 81 grams of heroin seized.
- 439 grams of methamphetamine seized.
- 5.8 grams of fentanyl seized.

- 52 prostitution investigations.
- Six victims of human trafficking recovered.

The unit, which consists of three officers and a sergeant, was started in early 2017. Smith credited their efforts with a steep decline in overdose deaths.

“From September 2017 compared to September 2018 our overdose deaths are down 57 percent,” Smith said. “That’s an incredible number.” He said overdoses overall are down almost 29 percent.

“Where other communities are seeing a rise in deaths, we’ve seen a dramatic decline,” he said. Overdose deaths fell to three from seven in 2017. Overdoses dropped to 14, from 18.

“It’s terrible we have to talk about it but it is a reality. I do want to say that our Vice and Narcotics Unit — and our officers — are doing an exceptional job in combating those tragedies.”

As a result, he said, the word on the street is that Oshkosh is not a good place to deal drugs.

“We’re hearing from folks through the unit that drug dealers don’t want to come to Oshkosh because we have all this work

that we’re doing, and it’s refreshing to hear that,” Smith said.

He also noted the department’s success in cracking down on prostitution and related cases of human trafficking in which people are forced to provide sexual services against their will.

“To find those persons who have been victimized over and over again,” he said, is “why we do what we do.”

While most of his presentation was based on positive trends, Smith also noted some challenges. These include the increasing frequency of infusing highly toxic fentanyl into other drugs as a way of boosting their potency. This poses a danger to police who may come in contact with the

substance as they collect evidence.

Another trend is the return of methamphetamine.

“Across the state and the Midwest (meth) is really the rising trend as it relates to narcotics,” Smith said.

Turnover in the police department is also a concern as it emphasizes a “team policing philosophy,” Smith said. Six or seven officers will be eligible for retirement in 2019 and about 20 percent of patrol officers were hired in the last three years.

Although the department is looking for a sizable boost in its \$13 million budget, the increase is mostly related to personnel and contractual requirements, said City Manager Mark Rohloff.

Aububon Society program features backyard birdscaping

The Winnebago Audubon Society and Wild Ones Fox Valley Area Chapter are co-sponsoring “Birdscaping Your Backyard” with author Mariette Nowak on Nov. 15 at Evergreen Retirement Community.

A social reception begins at 6:30 p.m. before the free public presentation at 7 p.m.

Participants will learn how to increase the variety of birds by growing native plants that offer a natural habitat with berries, nuts, seeds and insects. Gardeners and native plant enthusiasts play a vital role in restoring and preserving native communities that support birds and other

wildlife such as butterflies, bees and bats.

Oshkosh is a designated Bird City Wisconsin community. Visit www.birdcity-wisconsin.org to learn more about the program. Oshkosh Bird Fest will be held May 4 (www.oshkoshbirdfest.com).

Nowak is the author of “Birdscaping in the Midwest.” She is past director of the Wehr Nature Center in Milwaukee County, a board member and newsletter editor for the Lakeland Audubon Society and past board member of the Wisconsin Society of Ornithology. She also is founder and president of the Kettle Moraine Chapter of the Wild Ones: Native Plants, Natural Landscapes.

Retired educators meeting at Elks

Winnebago County Retired Educators invite retired school employees who live or worked in the county to its Nov. 15 meeting at the Elks Club with registration beginning at 11 a.m. followed by lunch.

The Teacher’s Profile, experiences submitted by teachers of the past and other historical paraphernalia will be presented.

Another feature will be a silent auction with crafts, baked goods and produce. Money raised will go toward scholarships for high school seniors.

Those interested are asked to call 920-233-5892 by Thursday. Members are reminded to bring Christmas gifts for Parkview residents.



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A photo of two female sailors was among those collected from Lemberger's Tavern and they have yet to be identified.

Lemberger's

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that no names on that marker matched those in the box of photos.

“One of the things I’m interested in is how many of these guys made it back,” Lemberger said before confirming many of the identities.

One of the men who didn’t was Robert H. Stadler, who was on the USS Indianapolis when it was sunk July 30, 1945, by a Japanese sub and he was among the 880 lost in the worst naval disaster in U.S. history near the end of the war. Lemberger found his photo in a separate box along with a newspaper clipping announcing his memorial service.

Lemberger said Stadler’s mother, Emma, was a Lemberger and that his father was close to Robert and said “his loss affected him deeply.” Stadler had served aboard a cruiser in the Pacific and had participated in raids on Tokyo, Iwo Jima and Okinawa, where the ship survived a torpedo attack and was able to return to the United States under its own power.

With the ranks of World War II veterans shrinking and only four of the photo subjects known to be still with us and in their 90s, first-hand recollections of the neighborhood pub are fleeting.

Robert Lichtfuss, a Navy fighter pilot in both World War II and Korea and known as “Blondie” during that time, recalled Lemberger’s and the surrounding neighborhood before entering the service.

Lichtfuss, who lives at the Appleton Retirement Community and dealing with dementia, was able to recall a barbershop, grocery store and butcher shop in the 6th and Ohio area and recognized photos of fellow veterans. They included Ralph Kellerman and brothers Johnny and Edward Miller, who Lichtfuss said were neighbors to his family, which included his brother and fellow veteran Kenneth, all living near Ohio Street and Florida Avenue.

Oshkosh historian and author Dan Radig, who has been helping Lemberger locate families through archives and service records, said Nigl’s Chieftin Tavern run by brothers Francis “Punky” Nigl and Alfred “Porky” Nigl was another establishment that posted pictures of World War II veterans at the time.

Beverly Schneider, whose late husband Don was a cousin to the Nigls, confirmed that earlier version of social media there and at other gathering places in the neighborhood, where she still lives.



Robert Stadler (left) and John Lemberger were cousins who both served during World War II.



Brothers Kenneth and Robert Lichtfuss grew up on South Ohio Street before enlisting in the military during the World War II era.

“(The war) was hard on the families. I remember they would get together and talk about if they heard from their sons,” said Schneider, whose husband had two older brothers who fought overseas and had their photos on the Chieftin’s wall.

“We were all close. Anything that happened to one family it happened to all families. Everybody was right there to

Battle-tested World War II veterans

The photos posted at Lemberger’s Tavern in the 1940s captured a group of Oshkosh veterans serving in the European and Pacific theaters of World War II in many capacities that would earn them honors and medals for their sacrifices. Here is just a sampling of service records research by Dan Radig and John Lemberger:

Kenneth R. Dickie served in the Army’s 168th Infantry and fought in the battles of the Northern Apennines, Po Valley, Algeria, French Morocco, Tunis, Naples-Foggia and Rome-Arno. Among his awards were the European-African Defense Medal with a Silver and a Bronze Star, the American Defense Medal, the Purple Heart and five Overseas Bars.

Walter “Mike” H. Jeschke served in the Army’s 127th Infantry and 32nd Red Arrow Division in the Pacific Theater and earned medals for his Pacific and European service along the way during his 20 years in the military before retiring as a master sergeant.

Adolph Kotschi served in the Army’s 34th Armored Division under Gen. George S. Patton in France and Germany, including the Battle of the Bulge, and attained the rank of master sergeant.

George Lemberger, from the family that owned the bar, was a tail gunner who flew and survived 65 bomber missions based in England, earning an Air Medal, silver and bronze oak leaf clusters, a Distinguished Flying Cross and four Bronze Stars.

Harold Metko served in the North African invasion by piloting a landing boat into a heavily armed shoreline near Casablanca. He made two

round-trip crossings of the Atlantic in the USS Thurston and was awarded a National Defense ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign ribbon with two battle stars, an American Theater ribbon, two battle stars and an ETO ribbon with five stars.

Frank Miller served with the 48th Armored Infantry in the battles of northern France, Ardennes, the Rhineland and central Europe. His decorations included the American defense ribbon, European-African Theater ribbon with four Bronze Stars and three overseas bars.

Arthur L. Neubauer was an ordnance crew chief with Ken’s Men, a heavy bomb unit of the 5th Air Force. He later served in the same capacity on a B-24 called Chief Oshkosh with the 43rd Bomb Group “H” and the 64th Squadron in the South Pacific. He was awarded the Presidential Citation with two oak leaf clusters, the Distinguished Unit Citation, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with four Bronze Stars, the American Defense Medal, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon and six Overseas Service Bars.

Robert Stadler served aboard a cruiser in the Pacific and had participated in raids on Tokyo, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. He was among the 880 lost on the USS Indianapolis when it was hit July 30, 1945, by a Japanese submarine.

Arthur Steinhilber served with the military police of the 95th Infantry Division attached to the 20th Corps commanded by Gen. Patton. His decorations included the Bronze Star, European-African Theater medal and the Meritorious Unit Award.

grieve or to rejoice or whatever.”

The letters and postcards that arrived from overseas were often short on details because of military restrictions on locations and plans, Schneider recalled, while gaps had to be filled in with the help of a tight neighborhood network.

Oshkosh southsiders were loosely divided between the predominately Bavarian neighborhood from Oregon Street east to the lake and the German-speaking Bohemian immigrants that dominated west of Oregon. Both groups came to Oshkosh largely during the second half of the 1800s to work in the region’s lumber industry similar to that of their forested European homeland.

The groups’ Old World origins were comparable but the dialects and cultures were separate as the European immigrants stayed tight to their tribes well into the 1940s before the world started to get smaller with global conflicts and American assimilation.

Lemberger has been using service records he and Radig have found to add information that is helping identify as many photo subjects as possible. Many of the pictures had names and other details hand-written or stamped on snapshot borders and backs, while some left few clues save for the uniform insignias.

“Most of them didn’t talk a lot” about their war experiences that often had horrible memories attached, Lemberger said of his father’s military generation. Those that Lemberger knew as a youngster in the bar otherwise generated plenty of conversation among the regulars.

“That was the neighborhood gathering place, and people brought their families down, and kids played and people sat around the bar and tables, drank and talked and played cards and told stories,” he said. “It was a real community meeting place.”

The building dates to about 1876 when John Lueck ran it as a grocery store and saloon, according to Oshkosh Beer blog writer Lee Reiherzer, who said it was a common arrangement in Oshkosh at the time. Various owners followed, one of which likely ran it as a speakeasy during Prohibition before Lemberger opened his tavern there around 1933.

Austrian immigrants brought their beer and tavern tradition with them to Oshkosh and the south-side neighborhood such as Adolph Baier’s tavern a block away at Ohio and 7th starting in the 1880s.

Lemberger said he recently visited the Czech Republic’s western region where his family and many in the neighborhood originated when it was part of Austria during a time when “chain migration” was common among ethnic groups coming to America.

“The area they came from was maybe a little circle —25 miles across at the most — and all of these families came because they were recruited by the lumber companies,” he said. “What they were doing over there was cutting down trees and milling lumber to build Vienna, and they brought them over here to do the same thing in building Chicago.”

Lemberger can be reached on his Facebook page regarding the photos by those who may be able to fill in some of the gaps while his research continues.

“I feel like theses guys are my buddies,” he said. “I’ve looked at their faces so much that if you held up a face I could tell you who it is.”

The photos are offering families another glimpse at loved ones and also captured a time when tight-knit neighborhoods here and nationwide provided a surge of military might that will be honored this Sunday and on future Veterans Days long after that generation’s time has passed.

Herd splits its home stand to kick off season

Wisconsin loses season opener to Swarm, then tops Canton

By Ti Windisch
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Wisconsin Herd is 1-1 through its first two games, which came in the form of a back-to-back for the Herd on Friday and Saturday. Wisconsin lost its home opener to the Greensboro Swarm on Friday then bounced back to win against the Canton Charge the next night.

Travis Trice and Ike Nwamu led Wisconsin in scoring with 17 points apiece in Friday's 114-98 loss. Herd head coach Jordan Brady said while the goal was obviously to win, he did see some positives in his team's first game.

“It’s all stuff that I feel we can watch film and start to clean up,” Brady said. “If there’s any silver lining from tonight’s game, it’s that I don’t feel like we played great on either side of the ball. If we played great basketball and still had the outcome we did, then there would be a reason to be concerned. I’m encouraged, I think that we have some things we can clean up and there’s definitely improvement to be made.”

Brady's words proved prophetic the next day, as Wisconsin overcame a few runs by the Charge to beat Canton 101-89. The Herd got some help from the Milwaukee Bucks with the parent club assigning Ster-



BRADY



PHOTO BY TI WINDISCH

Sterling Brown takes a jumper for the Herd against the Canton Charge on Saturday night at the Menominee Nation Arena, where Wisconsin earned its first victory of the season.

ling Brown to Wisconsin earlier that day.

Brown showed his NBA-level talent by posting 22 points, five rebounds and four assists to lead all Herd scorers in the win. Brady said Brown's talent is an obvious help, and that his mentality also does a lot for the team.

“Having him out there, that toughness and that energy helped lift our group a lot on the defensive end of the floor,” Brady said. “And he’s a versatile playmaker offensively, so I was really happy with his play.”

Bucks two-way player Trevon Duval

was effective in both games, although more so in the win on Saturday. Duval said after that game his excitement to be playing again might have led to some mistakes in the opener.

“(I was) just really taking what the de-

fense gives me," Duval said of his success on Saturday. "Yesterday was my first game in a while, I was out with an eye injury, so I was really excited. Today I kind of calmed down and took what the defense gave me."

The difference was clear to Herd fans. Duval had a very solid 14 points, six assists, one rebound, and one steal on an efficient 6-for-11 from the field and turned the ball over just twice Saturday. He managed 13 points on 5-for-10 shooting on Friday, and had two assists to five turnovers, although he did record three steals in that game.

Brady said he was pleased with his point guard's outing against Canton, and that he had a few notes for him before the game on how he could improve for game 2.

"I was very happy with Trey's effort to-night," Brady said on Saturday. "I spoke with him, I pulled him aside for a little while before the team got here, actually, and talked to him just a little bit about some tendencies that I saw on film, and I thought that he did such a good job of being disciplined defensively, and then also offensively he was a little bit safer while still being able to be a playmaker."

After sticking with centers Brandon McCoy or Cinmeon Bowers for 42 of the 48 minutes of game time on Friday, Brady went smaller far more often on Saturday,

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with Jordan Barnett playing the five in what the coach calls a five-guard lineup. McCoy and Bowers combined for just 33 minutes on Saturday, meaning a small lineup played cumulatively for more than a fourth of the game. Those groups were effective on both ends, as evidenced by various Barnett-at-center lineups turning a four-point deficient into a 12-point victory in the last nine minutes and 52 seconds of game time against Canton. Brady said seeing Barnett hang with center Chinanu Onuaku on Friday gave him the confidence to roll those lineups out against Canton, given that they could be effective on the glass. “The big challenge that we have with that small lineup is rebounding the ball, and I thought that’s where James Young was just absolutely huge tonight,” Brady

said. “I put a challenge on him to rebound the basketball, and (he got) 14, that’s a big number for a guard.” One player who wasn’t able to make an impact this weekend was Jarvis Summers, who ended up being one of the last cuts the team made before finalizing its opening day roster. Brady said releasing Summers was the toughest thing he’s had to do in his time as a coach and lauded the point guard’s impact both on and off the floor for all of last season in Oshkosh. “Everybody knows that Jarvis Summers is good enough to be here, he helped us a lot last year,” Brady said. “He’s a tremendous guy ... The decision to release him was very difficult, but part of what the Bucks do with the G League team is they get the opportunity to look at different guys. We have a couple guys at Jarvis’ position who are young guys that the Bucks want to see, and that’s really the reason that Jarvis wasn’t able to stick with us this year.”

Titans’ Boots gets preseason honors

University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh senior guard Ben Boots has been named a 2018-19 NCAA Division III preseason All-America men’s basketball selection by D3hoops.com. Boots, a 2018 D3hoops.com All-Central Region second team selection a year ago, is the first Titan to receive preseason All-America accolades from D3hoops.com, which started its preseason recognition program with the 2011-12 season. Boots, who was chosen to the honorable mention team, is one of two WIAC players on this year’s D3hoops.com Preseason All-America Team. UW-Platteville senior guard Robert Duax, the league’s reigning Player of the Year, who was named to the second team. The D3hoops.com Preseason All-America teams are comprised of five five-member squads. Boots and Duax are among 16 guards named to the five All-America teams.

Last season Boots helped UW-Oshkosh to a 25-8 record and the program’s first trip to the NCAA Division III Championship title game, where the Titans lost by a 78-72 score to Nebraska Wesleyan University. Nebraska Wesleyan University will open its title defense with a nation-leading three players on the D3hoops.com Preseason All-America Team. Boots started all 33 games last year, averaging a team-high 16 points, 4.4 assists and 1.4 steals per contest. He paced the WIAC with 529 points, 145 assists and a 2.20 assist-to-turnover ratio. Boots also ranked second in the league in free throw percentage (.856) and third in both scoring and 3-pointers made (76). Boots had 29 double-digit scoring efforts last season, including a career-high 36 points with six assists during the Titans’ 95-88 overtime win over Augustana College (Ill.) in the national tournament quarterfinals.

Titans hang tight against Badgers in loss at Madison

By Alex Wolf
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The top-ranked UW-Oshkosh men’s basketball team got a big day from Adam Fravert as the Titans fell 82-70 in front of 17,000 fans in an exhibition game against Wisconsin on Friday. The Titans, who were the Division III runner-ups a season ago, trailed by almost 20 points at the half but never folded, outscoring the Badgers by seven points in the second half. Fravert had a nice game for the Titans, scoring a game-high 20 points on 7-of-14 shooting while grabbing six boards and had three blocks. David Vlotho added 17 points for the

Titans while Brett Wittchow added 12. Ben Boots chipped in 10 points. For the Badgers, Brad Davison led the way with 16 points while Ethan Happ and Khalil Iverson added 13 a piece. After being tied at 14 to start the game, Happ scored six straight points to take a 20-14 lead and wouldn’t lose that lead again. The Badgers had their largest lead of 27 points when Happ layed in a basket to make it 57-30 before UW-O went on a 20-8 run to close the gap. This is the second time the Titans played Wisconsin in the last six years, the first since 2012. The Titans begin the regular season Nov. 16 against Piedmont College.

Cold shooting hurts UWO women in loss to Badgers

The UW-Oshkosh women’s basketball team had the pleasure of facing Wisconsin on Sunday in an exhibition game, but shot 29 percent as they suffered a 79-51 loss in a game played at the Kohl Center in Madison. The Titans only made 18 of their 62 shots as the Badgers nearly shot 50 percent in the game. UW-Oshkosh was 4-for-24 from behind the arc while the Badgers were 7-of-15. The Titans trailed 18-9 after the first quarter and the Badgers increased that lead to 44-22 at the half. It was a more

competitive second half for the Titans as they were only outscored 37-29. The Titans used a balanced effort offensively, as Erin Vande Zande led the way with 8 points, while Leah Porath, Isabella Samuels and Brooklyn Bull each added seven points. Porath led the team with nine rebounds and two assists and added two steals. Marsha Howard led the Badgers with 16 points. The Titans will open up the regular season Friday at home against Loras College at 7 p.m.

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North's Pecore qualifies for state meet with win

By Alex Wolf
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Oshkosh North sophomore Ali Pecore won an individual event in Saturday's WIAA Division 1 sectional meet at Neenah – automatically qualifying for the state finals.

GIRLS SWIMMING Pecore captured the 500 free, edging Fond du Lac's Grace Sphatt with a time of 5 minutes, 12.62. Pecore was trailing in the race before passing Sphatt in the final 100.

Pecore was the lone automatic qualifier for the Oshkosh area as the winner of each

event qualifies and an additional 18 qualifiers in each event will be selected from among the best times and scores from each sectional.

The WIAA Division 1 State Meet will be held this Friday and Saturday at the UW Natatorium in Madison. The Division 1 meet is held Saturday and the swimming timed finals begin at 3 p.m.

Pecore also added a third-place finish in the 200 free, finishing that race in 1:57. North/Lourdes had two relay teams there, both finishing 10th.

Oshkosh West had a handful of participants in Saturday's sectional and achieved quite a few top 10 finishes.

The 200 relay was sixth (Melana Zeinert, Claire Salzer, Danielle Laibly, Annemarie

Herrick) after finishing in 1:56.05 while the 400 yard free relay was ninth (Laibly, Molli Peterson, Herrick, Zeinert).

Zeinert added a sixth place individually in the 100 yard back with a time of 1:01.27 while Salzer was seventh in the 100-yard

breast with a time of 1:12.20 and Peterson was 10th in the 100-yard back with a time of 1:03.58.

Oshkosh North/Lourdes finished 11th overall with 106 points while Oshkosh West was ninth with 114 points.


Mat Rats seeking wrestling signups

The Oshkosh Youth Wrestling Club Mat Rats will hold an informational meeting on registering for instruction at 6 p.m. Nov. 15 at Lourdes Academy. A separate meeting for parents of new participants will be held at 7 p.m.

Scott Shaffer, in his 28th year coaching the Oshkosh Youth Wrestling Club, will teach wrestling fundamentals to children

from kindergarten through eighth grade.

The \$40 fee covers practices Tuesdays and Thursdays starting Dec. 4 and entry into the Feb. 3 Oshkosh tournament. More details are at www.oshkoshyouthwrestling.org or the group's Facebook page. Those unable to attend can email oshkoshmatrats@gmail.com or call Andy Lloyd, club president, at 920-379-5116.



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Bryan Brandt, senior vice president and chief marketing officer for Oshkosh Corp.,

will join the discussion titled “Bringing IT Together: Culture, Workplace & Technology” to talk about the company’s culture journey and continued focus on people.

Leaders at all levels in business, education, economic development, talent development and technology are welcome to attend. Online registration is available at amplifyoshkosh.com.

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Saturday, Nov. 10
TEDx Oshkosh, 8 a.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.
Holiday Wonders Shopping Expo and Craft Fair, 10 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center
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Sunday, Nov. 11
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Thursday, Nov. 15
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Friday, Nov. 16
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Breakfast with the Grinch, 8:30 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center
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Grinch Day, 11 a.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.
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Heels on Wheels Bus Tour, 7 p.m., TJ's Harbor Restaurant, 7098 U.S. 45
Wisconsin Herd vs. Windy City Bulls, 7 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena
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Harvest Moon crafts fair set by Altrusa

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There will also be a bake sale and commemorative Oshkosh afghans for sale.

A scholastic book fair is also being held with one local school earning additional Scholastic Book money to purchase items.

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"Greater Oshkosh EDC has been spending time with employers brainstorming alternative solutions for finding and retaining workers," said Jason White, president and CEO of GO-EDC. "As recruiting becomes more challenging, improving reliability in attendance becomes even more important. This grant will assist in ensuring that anyone who needs to get to work will have an affordable option to do so."

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