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Weather has schools in a time bind

Five shutdowns bring longer daily sessions

By Dan Roherty OSHKOSH HERALD

Schools and students make the best of a snow day or two — it comes with the winter territory here — but when it hits five the shine starts to come off the snowbanks and districts like Oshkosh are forced to choose among unpopular options to make up for the required instruction time.

The Oshkosh Area School District, like most in the region and state, has already had a school week's worth of closings with another month or two of potential cold-weather interruptions. At a special meeting Monday morning the Board of Education voted to add 13 minutes to the end of high school days starting March 1, putting the end of the day at 3:46 p.m. as the time is distributed among class periods.

Elementary and middle schools will be able to absorb the lost time from one of the snow days. Additional weather days would force canceling early release days for March 13, April 10 and May 8, which would gain 120 minutes for high school classes.



South Park Middle School students leave to catch their buses at the end of classes Friday.

Oshkosh schools have had inclement weather days Jan. 28, 30, 31, and Feb. 7 and 12. Two of the makeup days were built into the calendar, and this Monday's Presidents Day, originally set aside for staff development, was turned into a full day of classes.

Earlier plans for a makeup day June 10 — the Monday after the regular school year and a day before the start of summer school — were changed after feedback and concerns from families, staff and community members about extending the school year.

The early-release days of March 13 and April 10 have been canceled and will now be full regular school days in anticipation of the need for makeup minutes if additional weather days are experienced.

Superintendent Vickie Cartwright is looking for some help from the state to avoid any more disruptive options.

"At some point in time we're going to hit point zero," said Cartwright, who wants some leeway to make up for the time shortfall that the school board would have the option to approve.

"We have had an opportunity to speak to a few legislators here recently," she said, "and just threw out the idea of (giving) districts eight hours back, at least, of instructional time." She said Rep. Gordon Hintz was one legislator that was at least receptive to the idea without committing to a formal proposal.

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City hall, parks site overhauls discussed

Government buildings' update needs outlined

By Tom Ekvall HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Plans for a new Parks Facility building and major renovations to the existing City Hall were discussed in Common Council workshop sessions last Wednesday as respective consultants presented findings from a cost-benefit analysis for each of the buildings.

The Boldt Co. has proposed that the existing Parks and Forestry Building be demolished with a new structure erected at a present-day cost of \$6,413,151. Renovation of the existing building to meet future Park Department needs could be done for \$1 million less but would not offer all the requirements needed. The option to build at another site was not included based on

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Rotarian finds joy in Peruvian mission

Thimke's passion for helping poor makes difference in Lima

By Michael J. Cooney HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

A reluctant traveler to Peru, Oshkosh jeweler and Rotarian Bill Thimke found his calling while sitting on a bare concrete floor surrounded by orphans at Sacred Family Orphanage deep in the sprawling slums of Lima.

Thimke describes the moment: "When I sat down with a bunch of kids on the floor and was surrounded by them and showed them their pictures on my digital camera — the sheer joy that I experienced over actually providing them with nothing but an image of themselves — I realized that they had never seen an image of themselves and that moment changed my life."

Touched by the conditions at the or-



Photo by Michael Cooney

Bill Thimke is greeted by families at the Ate Soy Cow facility in metropolitan Peru.

phanage, Thimke and his fellow Rotarians combined the resources of two Oshkosh Rotary clubs and, working with the La Molina Peru Rotary Club, began assisting the orphanage with basic needs, housing

and transportation. The needs of the orphanage were considerable and beyond the resources of the combined clubs.

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Goal of membership program to become newspaper of record

Thank you. The Oshkosh Herald rolled out its subscriber membership program just over a month ago and achieved its first quarterly goal.

We have learned two things: Our subscribing members are popcorn lovers based on the redemption of the OshPop offer, and many readers are more interested in our goals and initiatives than the incentives they receive – though the incentives are nice.

As I shared last month, the membership program will help continue delivering local news and information as well as incorporating new features that readers have suggested, but we have our sights on making a bigger impact by earning the right to become the official newspaper of record for Oshkosh.

Becoming the newspaper of record is an aggressive goal. It allows legal and public notices to be published and is legislated by Wisconsin Act 282.

To certify that a publication qualifies to be a newspaper of record it must be published regularly and continuously in its city, village or town for a minimum of two years and have a bona fide paid circulation of 50 percent.



Karen Schneider Oshkosh Herald publisher

And this, my friends, is where it becomes a numbers game. We direct mail to nearly 29,000 homes and businesses in Oshkosh. At the end of this year it will be higher.

Our goal is to connect with at least half of the people receiving the Herald – or 14,500 – to become subscribing members in order to qualify to compete to be your newspaper of record.

It's a big number and with your support we can make it happen. And here's why: According to the National Newspaper Association/Reynolds Journalism Institute's annual readership survey in 2011, 75 percent of community market adults read public notice advertising while 80 percent have never visited a local government website. Public notices raise awareness and provide information to a

community on what types of legal proceedings are taking place in government.

Local newspapers remain the most trusted source of public notice information as well as serving as a permanent record that cannot be altered or deleted, and the printed version provides an archive and third-party verification of authenticity.

According to a July 2018 CVC readership audit conducted just six months after the inception of the Herald, 75 percent of those receiving it said they read it on a weekly basis. We deliver and reach a larger audience than any other print newspaper in the market. The printing of public notices coincides with our mission of creating a more informed community. It just makes sense that the Oshkosh Herald work toward being this local information source for the community.

Thank you for supporting local journalism, local news and the Oshkosh Herald. We hope you'll become a subscribing member and share your support with friends and family to help us reach the

We look forward to delivering local news home for years to come.

Community news briefs

City services challenged by winter weather

Between the bitter cold and heavy snowfall in recent weeks, some public services were either suspended or challenged before getting back to normal winter operations. Schools have had five snow days and mail carriers also put operations on hold during the subzero conditions.

The city declared a general snow emergency Feb. 12 for all streets for 48 hours, which involved vehicles parking in front of even-numbered addresses on the first day and odd-numbered addresses the next. Oshkosh police can authorize the removal, including towing, of vehicles parked in violation of the emergency rules.

The Public Works Department subsequently requested that vehicles find off-

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street parking in general to assist with snow removal.

The Oshkosh Fire Department also had snow obstacles to deal with and illustrated that with a video on their Facebook page showing the need for residents to help clear snow from fire hydrants that add extra minutes to firefighters' efforts to use them.

Mail service was suspended Feb. 6 and 7 due to the below-zero conditions followed by heavy snow that forced carriers to avoid delivering in areas where access was difficult.

Program seeks input of Winnebago lakes users

The Winnebago Waterways Program is developing a lake management plan for the lakes system that will be used as a regional framework for cooperation to restore and

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protect the health of those waters.

The plan's development involves working with Winnebago, Fond du Lac, Calumet and Waushara counties, the state Department of Natural Resources and a survey for the public at large that was originally put out in October. The organization is seeking additional input by Feb. 28.

Winnebago system boaters and paddlers are asked to complete the estimated 10-minute questionnaire about how they think the system could be improved for recreational use. Because the plan is considered a lake system stakeholder-developed plan, the program heavily relies on public input. Details can be found at www. winnebagowaterways.org.

Upriver spearing ends after 10-day stretch

After the second weekend of the 2019 sturgeon spearing season, the upriver lakes fishery closed Monday afternoon when six adult females were registered Sunday, hitting the 90 percent harvest trigger.

This year's season on the upriver lakes lasted 10 days, which is tied for the second longest since the lottery fishery was implemented in 2007.

There were 63 sturgeon registered on the system Sunday with 43 of those fish harvested from Lake Winnebago and 20 from the upriver lakes. On Lake Winnebago, the station at Waverly Beach led the way Sunday with 14 fish registered.



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Return to Vietnam will be mission of comrades

By Dan Roherty OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh residents are among the 53 Vietnam War veterans returning to the Southeast Asian nation nearly 50 years later starting next week through the Old Glory Honor Flight program's Northeast Wisconsin hub.

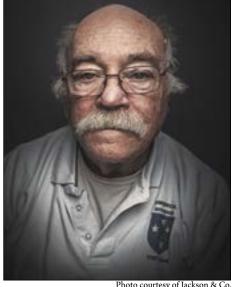
Ronald Griffin, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh who returned as a resident in 1995, is taking the two-week trip organized and funded by the Honor Flight group, which has been taking veterans to Washington, D.C., to visit military memorials and other sites in the nation's capital for nearly a decade.

"This to me has always been on my bucket list of things I wanted to do and just go back and see what it looks like now," Griffin said, including some of the places where he was stationed from 1970 to '71 that the tour is scheduled to visit.

Griffin said he expects to get to a site near the demilitarized zone where the only casualty from his Army artillery unit was hit by shrapnel and mortally wounded during Operation Lam Son 719 near southeastern Laos. His unit provided military support to South Vietnamese forces trying to disrupt future offensives by North Vietnam using the Ho Chi Minh Trail.

Griffin, who lost his wife of 47 years in October, wants to get as close to the location as possible to place a military challenge coin bearing his unit's insignia in fallen soldier Carroll Mills' honor.

The Honor Flight organization set a goal last spring of raising \$150,000 to fund the mission for anyone who served in Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos or Thailand between Feb. 28, 1961, and May 7, 1975.



Ronald Griffin of Oshkosh was one of the many Vietnam War veterans from Northeast Wisconsin who were interviewed and photographed for a book and documentary ahead of their return to that country next week for a two-week tour.

Griffin knows a couple who recently toured Vietnam that was impressed with the country's current tourism offerings, but he expects this focused trip with veterans will be on the more intense level that will force a wide range of emotions.

"All of us who went over there suffer through some degree of PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder) and I'm no different than just about everybody who was in combat over there," said Griffin, who has worked with the Military Veterans Museum. "So we all have our different ways of dealing with things, and mine has always been to put it out there and face up to it."

The travel team has had orientation meetings and Griffin said he will be paired



A photograph from Ronald Griffin's collection shared from his time serving in Vietnam shows an artillery unit.

up with a Navy veteran from Chilton as a roommate. Originally from Waukegan, Ill., and in the occupation safety health field after graduation, Griffin said all of the veterans will be bringing different experiences and perspectives to the tour.

Griffin said he's not looking forward to the 15-hour flight with his sore back but his history interest has him excited to visit areas where he was stationed, along with locations like the Mekong Delta and tunnels of Cu Chi in Ho Chi Minh City.

"It's a little bit of closure and a little bit of military history," he said.

He said videos of Saigon today show a city nothing like what he remembers from nearly a half century ago in a war zone.

"It looked more like Daytona Beach or something during spring break than the Saigon that was around when I was there," he said.

Chris Berkers, on the Honor Flight's board of directors, said the group will be departing early Sunday from Menasha High School en route to Chicago's O'Hare Airport and returning to the school for a welcome-home celebration at 5 p.m. March 9. A journalist from WBAY Channel 2 is also on board to file daily reports.

A "Return to Nam" documentary and illustrated book capturing the veterans' stories and the trip will be premiered June 1 at the Experimental Aircraft Association. Jenny Vanden Heuvel, a creative professional and longtime Honor Flight volunteer, leads the volunteer-driven project that has included Jackson & Co., BConnected, DaveRazor Design, the History Museum at the Castle, Independent Printing and Neenah Paper among others.

The group has Flight Mission 50 to the nation's capital scheduled for May 29 out of Appleton International Airport.





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Sierra Peabody

Eden Protheroe

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La Kendra Scott

Oshkosh North High School

Honor rolls for the first semester at Oshkosh North were submitted by the school district. Highest honors were given for a grade point average of 3.75 to 4.0; high honors went to 3.50 and 3.749; honors went to 3.00 to 3.499.

Benjamin Black Charles Bock Alexander Bork Rachel Butkiewicz Katrina Chang Leisha Chopra Honors

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Kassidy Beseler

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Lourdes Academy

Lourdes Academy has released its second-term high school honor roll. Highest honors are for a GPA of 3.75 to 4; high honors are 3.5 to 3.74; honors are 3.25 to 3.49.

Juniors

Highest honors

Claire Chier Patrick Derleth May Dunn Maria Foss Joely Hurkman Regan Kraus Keely Mains Addison Masini Gavin Meyers Ellen Moore Nataly Neitzel

Sophia Nielsen

Noah Ralofsky Raechel Russo Annalise Schraa Claire Vandenhouten Lucas Zellmer

High honors Nathan Barfknecht Tate Fabisch Erin Ganther Rebecca Geffers Parker Hurkman Sophie Jensen Sydney Kelly Rosa Natalia Melendez-Giron Adam Michalec Keagan Stelzer Casaul Zhai

Honors

Sunny Yang Sophomores

Highest honors Jillian Baumar Hope Burns Peter Chartier Chiara Chier William Frank Gavin Gresser

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Lucia Reliic

Torin Sievers

Jonah Sippl

Matthew Schallhorn

Samuel Schamens

Jacob Spanbauer

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High honors Camille Clark

Justice Xiong Tommy Yang

Xavier Force Clare Foss Alexa Luquin Aidan Pettibone Ioshua Pritzl Jack Seibold

Honors Dominic Kane Nathan Laib Malith Liabwill Bennett Rahmlow

Seniors

Joseph Park Magdalena Payson

Charleigh Reinardy

Marley Wesenberg

Alexis Rolph

Morgan Thiel

Oliva Sorenson

High honors Shayla Abel

Xinpeng (Dale) Deng Zoe Garnett Aiden Gehrke Diego Griese Nehemias Gutierrez Kuhaupt Rachel Hubbard Rebekah Knitt Ryan Nackers Elizabeth Peterson Kayla Van Maanen

Honors David Curtis

Marcus Graf Alex Schmidt Holly Simpson Enlai Wu

Juniors

High honors Alivia Harvey Amelia Lehman

Joel Rolston

Valley Christian School

Valley Christian School released its first-semester honor roll. Highest honors are for a GPA of 3.67 to 4.0 or higher; honors went to students with a GPA of 3.0 to 3.66.

Honors

Madyson Dunn Brooke Geffers

Yianni Giannopoulos Joshua Lehner Isaiah Wade

Sophomores High honors Hope Canlas

Micah Graf Dalton Griese Isaias Gutierrez Kuhaupt Abigail Kienast

Huiying (Jerri) Liao Emma Nackers Elijah Wade Xinyu (Rainey) Wen

Honors Shane Fleener Elena Knitt Ioshua Lehman Abrielle Schein

Freshmen **High honors** Hannah Fink

William McFarlane Sydney Millar Honors Rvan Arndt Kaelyn Clark

Caleb Freund

Isaiah Humiston

William Kehoe

Ioshua Geffers Cielo Gutierrez Kuhaupt Camryn Hass Chaelim (Sarah) Kim Aurora McDuffie Lauren Whitton

Seniors

Highest honors Nithya Ambati Madelyn Andersen Addison Barber

Payton Bartow Jerald Beck Kyle Beregszazi Megan Best Brecca Bettcher Jack Brown Ashlyn Casey Evan Draxler Jeremy Fleck Blake Framke Aidan Godfrey Lindsay Goeden Meg Grahl Alexander Grey Takumi Hara Brennan Hoem Zachary Janotha Ariana Jiricka Alyssa Jungwirth Isabelle Labus Nguyen Le Katherine Matzke Maximos Messina Keegan Miller Natalie Miller Mackenzie Navis Evan Pennau Ana Pollack Jacob Rentmeeste Zoie Rollin Riley Saginak Colton Sandstrom Natalie Schatz Michael Schmidt Lauren Singstock Morgan Staerkel Andrew Stender Claire Sugrue

High honors Natalie Anderson Julliana Banayag Tyler Buser Victoria Chanez Emily Daly Sierra Dodge Simran Gandhi Kara Gossai Samantha Hall Maxwell Hermans Jaclyn Kasuboski Isaac Kohl Anna Kohl Samantha Lasee Dylan Lippold Emily Luebke Carter McLimans Emily Miller Jenna Nelson Reid Oleson Madelynn Otto Brandon Phillips Marisa Randall Joseph Rebholz Emily Roland Jacob Rowan Delaney Schloesser Nathan Siehr Celia Skroski

Aaron Thao

Nicholas Treder

Evan VanAacken Yer Vang Jennifer Volkmann Evan Wendland Reed Weston Megan White Faith Zehner Acelyn Zierke Adam Zylka

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Warren Lor Seesoua Lor Chali Lor Grace Luebke Grace Maki Alyssa McCov Allison McLeod Peyton Nigl Chevenne Oakes Neva Oates Lauren Olejnik Alyssa Pankau Adam Panske Austin Patchak Jena Paulson Catti-brie Pepper Derek Pope Megan Rabe Trent Rabe Katelyn Rand Michael Reves Amiliana Roa Mason Robertson Jeremiah Robertson Daniel Rucinski Evan Ruddy Micavla Sawicki Autumn Schoenberger Sheldon Schroeder Anna Sharpe Eric Shew Noah Shimabukuro Isaiah Skaug Alexander Slusarski Justen Sorenson Montana Steier Sean Terzynski Daria Thielen Logan Uecker Charlotte Ulman Price Green Unglaub

Ouvn Vakirtzis-Konz

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Oshkosh West High School

Honor rolls for the first semester at Oshkosh West were submitted by the school district. Highest honors were given for a grade point average of 3.75 to 4.0; high honors went to 3.50 and 3.749; honors went to 3.00 to 3.499.

Alexandra Voulgaris Arianna Waller Katrina Westphal Michael Williams Elizabeth Wruck

Juniors

Highest honors Kylie Alger Faysal Amin Havley Balzar Peter Berry Hannah Birschbach Tyler Downs Jack Elliott Spencer Ellison Shannon Erdman Olivia Everett Michael Foley Kailey Freund Max Funnell Samuel Geffers Logan Grota Jack Hable Devin Hable Sophie Hagey Grace Halstead Kylie Helm Daylight Her Annika Johnson Alexander Jones Collin Iones Grace Kadonsky Margaret Konig Trent Krause Kaytlin Kuettner Danielle Laibly James Last Kalia Lor Trisha Newell Josie Oaks Mary Oman

Emma Panske

Ashley Philipp

Stephanie Pitz

Maxwell Reed

Braeden Remy

Brendan Rohloff

Emmi Schumacher

Sophie Steinmetz

Aidan Salzer

Jacob Shefchik

Emelia Smith

Ella Tigert Olivia Torres

Samuel Troudt

Havlee Walters

Jack Zangl

Bennett Whiteley

Callista Rochon-Baker

Destiny Portman

High honors Duaa Ahmad

Olukunle Akinleye Madeline Anderson Nicholas Augustine Hannah Behling Jacob Collins Benjamin Collins Jack Cutter Maura Diedrich Leah Engstrom Hannah Fields Morgan Gehri Elizabeth Gill Allison Grill Jorian Hall Julia Halstead Alex Held Olivia Hemmila **Jackson Holliday** Bryanna Hopkins Lisa Johnson Kyle Iones Isabelle Kaiser

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Joseph Kimball Kensa Koeppen Jared Langlitz Rachel Lee Haley Maki Thomas Munson Iensen Muza Aspen Oblewski Joshua Olson . Madison Permann Holden Robertson Averi Roloff Christian Schiek Noah Schmude Bryce Schneider Riley Shew Kyra Shipman Callie Sokolowski

Matthew Sonnenberg

Christopher Stack

Andrew Vollrath

Anna Wagner

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Michael Lor

Ivy Neas

Chad McWilliams

Katelyn Miller

Jessa Nemeth

. Dillon Nikolas

Taegan Ninneman

Aaron O'Halloran

Victoria O'Laire

Jack Phillips

Joseph Potratz

Benjamin Rogers

Audra Ross Katherine Rost Isaac Rygh Hailey Schmitz Jordyn Schneider Gabrielle Skoglind Erin Slusarski Lydia Smith Brodie Spader Sierra Stadtmueller Carly Steinert Nathaniel Tang Karter Thomas Yemeng Thor Haley Tovar Rommel Weigand Sommer Wenhardt Amanda West Ellery Wolf-Dahl Abigail Wuest Benjamin Xiong

Hengjia Zhang Anna Zimmerman **Sophomores Highest honors** Zade Alzoubi Keerthana Ambati Morgan Antti Asithma Artigala Ava Artus Henry Artus Eric Bal Eva Beeth Kennedy Benesh Brinley Bettcher Adina Beyer Emma Bogenhagen Martin Bond Madison Bowen Breelvn Bruss Isabelle Cartwright Abby Cheesebro Thomas Coons Baylee Cottrell Brianna Davis Aaron Draxler Dai Duong Abigail Eaton Ryan Elliott Taylor Emery Andrew Engedal William Engedal Emma Everett Jenna Fleck Sydney Frevert Caitlynn Gehl Sydney Goeden Bryna Goeking Carly Groskreutz Kathryn Hermans Seth Hickman Emmanuella Iwuji Abigail Jameson Maria Jerabek Natalie Johanknecht Ashlvn Iones Akashraj Karthikeyan Lindsey Keller Jenna Kent Hailey Kons Benjamin Kopper John Koth Blake Langlitz Charles Lenz Ksena Lomena Megan Loper Joseph Mayo Reese Meszaros Ainsley Moore

Sara Morehouse

Emma Olson

Hannah Olson

Katherine Osborne

Brayden Pluchinsky

Zachary Rebholz

Avery Saginak Savanna Sandstrom Mia Schlotthauer Madelyn Schwartz Paige Severo Lauren Spiller Olivia Stellpflug Anna Tooke Carter Tuttle Aubrie VanDeHey Jaxson Villeneuve Emma Wagner Conrad Wald Grace Weber Hailey Weickert Sage Wesenberg Abe Weston Morgan Yenter Stephanie Zellner

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Kendyl Witczak

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Kathryn Smith

Alainee Smith

Michael Stack

Ella Steffen

Will Stevens

Paris Stevens

Celia Thurn

Hanna Tran

Lauren Troudt

Irelyn Ulrich

Robert Valero

William Vu

Hunter Willis

Bailey Wright

Bethany Yang

Haley Young

Colin Zeimet

Melana Zeinert

Kendall Ziglinski

High honors

Megan Augustine

Olufunsho Akinleye

John VandenHeuvel

Cameron Wermes

Meredith Weston

Bailey Staerkel

Sierra Soukhaphaly

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UWO Foundation bankruptcy costs detailed

Organization set to regroup after \$500,000 to settle case

By Miles Maguire
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The UW-Oshkosh Foundation expects the costs of its bankruptcy case to total about \$500,000 and will emerge from the process with about \$22 million in its financial accounts, according to legal documents filed this month.

Another \$2 million in outstanding pledges is also expected to come through the door once the case concludes, documents show.

The foundation hit a slight snag at a Feb. 5 hearing when Chief Bankruptcy Judge G. Michael Halfenger asked for some minor amendments to a plan of reorganization. These changes, which would recognize two additional creditors who are owed less than \$10,000 in total and would allow the organization to fast-track the approval process for its settlement plan. The matter is still expected to be wrapped up early this year, and the reorganization plan could be approved as early as March 25.

The newly filed reorganization plan contains few surprises as the terms of the settlement between the foundation and the UW System Board of Regents have been previously reported. But the court filings fill in some of the blanks of how the bankruptcy occurred and provide a few noteworthy details.

For example, the foundation:

• Expects to pay the Oshkosh law firm of Steinhilber Swanson \$300,000 in fees for handling the case, with another \$97,000 going to the accounting firm of CliftonLarsonAllen and \$85,000 going to

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Martin Cowie, who was hired as chief financial officer.

• Expects to make a slight profit, \$200,000, from the sale of a biodigester it financed in Rosendale, which was the largest and arguably the riskiest of the real estate debts it had on its books when it filed for court protection from creditors in August 2017.

In the new court filings, the foundation provides its side of the story of how it ended up in its financial predicament. A key factor, the foundation says, was the reduction in state support for the UW System over the last decade.

"System universities were encouraged to be more entrepreneurial or seek alternate funding sources for programs and development of facilities needed to fill the gap left by the diminished state funding," the foundation says in a document called a "disclosure statement."

At the time of the decline in state support, UW-Oshkosh was headed by Richard Wells. Wells subsequently has faced civil and criminal lawsuits for his role in the foundation's financial dealings.

But the foundation offers a more positive opinion, saying it had "an excellent working relationship during his tenure" as chancellor. "Wells was a prodigious fundraiser and had a vision for the university which ... he championed and promoted."

Wells enlisted the foundation in a variety of projects: "upgrading the sports facility, raising funds for the first major academic hall to be constructed on campus in decades and furthering the 'green initiative' that the university had embarked on to make the school more environmentally friendly" by financing a pair of biodigesters.

Wells also persuaded the foundation to purchase his house, which was a historic residence that would be used by him and by future chancellors. Another project that he involved the foundation in was buying and renovating a downtown hotel.



These investments marked a change in strategy for the foundation, and the board was uneasy about how they might turn out. Board members, worried that the foundation's holdings would be jeopardized if some of the projects faltered, asked for written guarantees that the university would backstop any financial problems.

They received these guarantees and felt comfortable that the situation was under control because the vice president of finance for the UW System sat in on meetings where the deals were discussed. She was an ex officio member of the foundation's board and did not express any concerns about the university's promises to lend financial support, court filings say.

According to the disclosure statement, she was asked about the "appropriateness of the (guarantees) and whether they were valid and binding on the university." She may not have said "yes" but she apparently did not say "no." According to the court documents, "her acquiescence misled the board in its conclusion that" Wells had clear authority to pledge the university's financial backing.

The real estate deals started in 2012, and some of the projects, such as the hotel and the Oshkosh Sports Complex, have been successful. But by the summer of 2016, two of the investments were in trouble.

The Rosendale biodigester "was experiencing shortfalls in its revenues, and it was clear that it could not continue to make payments on the obligations due for operations and the underlying secured indebtedness associated with it," according to court papers. As a result the foundation found itself "in default under the bond issued, now held by First Business Bank of Madison."

The Alumni Welcome and Conference Center also ran into problems because its "fundraising campaign had come up short," which led to a loan default. By then a new chancellor, Andrew Leavitt, had taken over, and he was concerned that guarantees to the foundation were not apropriate.

"The university not only refused to honor the obligations it had made, it curtailed its support of the foundation," according to the disclosure statement. The head of the foundation was fired, leaving only some support staff. "The foundation acted solely through its board, as volunteers," according to the disclosure statement. "It was left to sort out its problems on its own."

By spring of the following year, it appeared that a settlement was close to being achieved. The terms called for the university to acquire the alumni center and for the foundation to sell off some assets. The bank that had lent money for the Rosendale biodigester had also agreed to a settlement, according to court documents.

At this point, politics took over, the foundation says.

"On May 19, 2017, Sen. (Steven) Nass, R-Whitewater, a critic of the Board of Regents, issued a press release excoriating the Board of Regents for attempting to engage in a 'bailout' of the foundation," the disclosure statement says. "The next day, the tentative settlement was repudiated."

That repudiation ultimately led to eight different legal actions, one of which resulted in a \$15 million judgment against the UW System. But "after the elections" of last fall, the UW System asked for mediation to settle the case, the disclosure statement says.

The mediation took just one day, and then "the parties put on the record a comprehensive settlement as to the claims between the foundation, Bank First National, First Business Bank, Wells Fargo Bank and the Board of Regents," the disclosure statement says.

Using funds left over from federal grants, the UW System said it would pay \$6.3 million to settle the case. UW-Oshkosh is expected to pay at least some of this money back over time to the university system.

Miles Maguire is editor of the Oshkosh Examiner news blog.

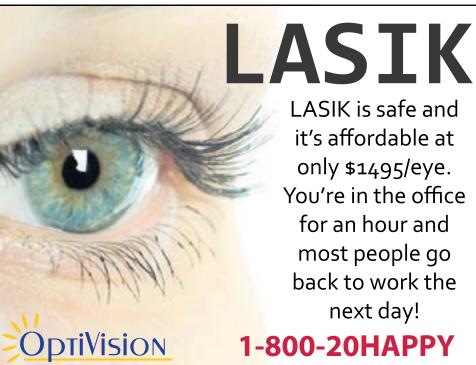
Child protection training offered

Winnebago County UW-Extension, in partnership with the Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Board and National Alliance of Children's Trust Prevention Funds, is offering free training for professionals with an introduction session beginning today.

Strengthening Families: Five Protective Factors is a research-based framework to guide services and support for families.

Content includes examples of everyday actions that research has shown to be effective in strengthening families, especially those who have experienced toxic stress and challenging life situations.

Sessions will be held from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Feb. 20, March 6 and 27, April 10, and May 1 and 8 at United Way Fox Cities in Menasha. To register or for more information, call 232-1973.





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Restaurant facility at focal point of overhaul

Plans for a restaurant and accompanying entertainment center as part of the Aviation Plaza redevelopment at South Koeller Street and 20th Avenue were presented to the Common Council at its Feb.

The Aviation Plaza redevelopment area includes the vacant Walmart space on land owned by Tom Masters, owner of the Mineshaft Restaurant in Hartford. The area also includes Rogan's Shoes and the vacant J.C. Penny and Miles Kimball properties, now being proposed for a new Extreme Customs automotive customization space.

The Common Council granted approval Tuesday of a separate general development plan and specific implementation plan for the auto sales and service facility at 2175-2185 S. Koeller that will enable Tyler Reilly, owner of the store, to move from its present site at 3420 Jackson St. Extreme Customs specializes in aftermarket tires and wheels, and plans to sell used vehicles and offer space for events such as car shows.

Timothy Hess, a consultant with Invista Analytics, presented the proposed plan for the plaza redevelopment, urging the city to create a tax increment financing (TIF) district for the site.

Owners of the restaurant have previously expressed interest in opening a large restaurant and entertainment center in the city, including building the restaurant in the 100 Block building on Main Street.

Hess said there has been limited discussion of the TIF proposal with the owners of Rogan's, with city officials noting that Rogan's could be left out of the agreement if the city decided to go ahead with the TIF proposal. No indication was made whether the city would approve a TIF district for the property.

Hess said the Mineshaft Restaurant would occupy 35,626 square feet, of which 14,990 would be used for a large gaming room, bringing in family entertainment. He said the building in Hartford can seat 500 guests and has 8,000 to 10,000 patrons a week.

He said the redevelopment would remove blight in the area, provide a family-focused entertainment facility, deal with site-specific issues and add an estimated \$13.25 million to the tax rolls. The area has issues with stormwater management, water/sewer laterals and soil condition that need to be dealt with.

Hess said the next steps would be conducting a market study for the restaurant, undertaking an engineering study for stormwater management and performing

a TIF analysis.

The land had been used for a drive-in movie theater before being redeveloped for Walmart and other buildings. Rogan's is the only current tenant.

Masters said he plans to offer competitive, well-paying jobs at the restaurant.

In other action, Community Development Director Allen Davis said his department will begin implementation of the new rental housing inspections program in March, whereby tenants will receive letters requesting an inspection of their properties. Davis said no decisions have been made on where the program will start but said the city will inspect one-fifth of rentals in defined Neighborhood Enhancement and Stabilization Districts each year.

The council approved establishment of the districts at the meeting along with establishing fees for properties in compliance with recent state legislation. The approved update to the Rental Housing Inspection Program also includes complaint-based inspections whether part of a district or not, and if not corrected within 30 days would be reinspected each year for two subsequent years. Complaint-driven inspections had been handled outside the rental housing inspection program.

Tenants must request the inspection and provide permission by having an adult person present at the time. Any code violations will need to be corrected by the owner. There will be no exterior-only inspections and would rely on tenant approval or complaints to initiate exterior inspections.

Davis said in his report that early results will be available by fall to better gauge the budget needs for 2020 and beyond. The city allocated \$25,000 in the 2019 budget out of general purpose revenues.

The council also approved without discussion an ordinance updating the city's room tax ordinances to be in compliance with recent state legislation and to clarify existing provisions. The proposed revision establishes the room tax, sets forth permit requirements, establishes reporting requirements and authorizes remedies for noncompliance.

The topic has been under discussion for those renting out rooms for major events, such as the EAA, where owners would need to get a room tax permit and collect a 10 percent fee reimbursed to the city as well as the state sales tax. The city has always required the fee in the past but now clarifies responsibilities through the updated ordinance. No changes are proposed to the room tax amount or distribution of the room tax.

Language was also added to provide for payment of amounts due through a lodging marketplace if one is used, such as Airbnb, by the permit holder.

The council also approved a zoning change and implementation plan that will allow Associated Bank to construct a new branch bank at 2020 S. Koeller, previously occupied by a Mobil gas station.



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West Side project updates

The West Side Association was host to a developers panel last Tuesday at La Sure's Banquet Hall to talk about business activities either underway or in the works. Oshkosh Herald Publisher Karen Schneider (right) helped facilitate the discussion that included (from left) Jason Havlik from Oshkosh Corp., Steve Hoopman of Lakeshore Plaza Development, Bruce Karnitz of Titan Commercial Construction, Jeff Potts representing The Howard and Susan van Houwelingen from the Oshkosh Housing Authority and Winnebago County Housing Authority. Discussions included updates on the Oshkosh Corp. headquarters construction and growth in its Defense sector jobs, the status of business redevelopment in the Oshkosh Avenue area, a look at how the former Eagles Club has been transformed into The Howard entertainment venue, housing and business development projects in the Sawdust District and an update on the restored Waite Rug Factory building into housing for elderly and disabled.

Leadership Oshkosh information session set

The Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Oshkosh Information Session is set for 4 p.m. March 12 at the chamber offices at 120 Jackson St.

Community leaders and past and present participants will talk about what Leadership Oshkosh means to the community and how alumni have used their training.

Reservations are required for the free session by contacting Joan Hildebrand at 920-303-2266 or joan@oshkoshchamber.



Feb. 1, 1919

Oshkosh man loses match in Florida golf finals: The finals of the fourth Florida golf championship were played in Palm Beach on Friday in a driving rain. The finalists were M.A. Carroll, Oshkosh, Wis., and

William Morrell, Hackensack, N.J. Morrell won on the second extra hole. Carroll, three strokes down with four holes to play, evened the score on the 18th hole. Both players tied with "4's" on the 19th hole but the Jersey man bested the Oshkosh golfer 4-3 on the next hole. Water stood on all the sand greens, making putting difficult. W.E. Pollock and Elbert Leach of Oshkosh were among the large gallery following the match.

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, Feb. 1, 1919



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Chamber survey shows overall optimism

Local companies are bullish on the economy for 2019, the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce's annual Business Outlook Survey has found.

Of the chief executives and owners who participated in the survey used to gauge the degree of business confidence, 64 percent reported sales increased in 2018 over the previous year, 65 percent indicated profits were up, and 72 percent saw increased wages, according to the report

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh re-

cently recognized new board members

and Great Futures Celebration award

celed due to the weather, recognize those

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from John Casper, chamber president and chief executive.

The state Department of Workforce Development recently reported the city's December unemployment rate was well below the national rate of 3.7 percent at 2.3. While the rate is at an all-time low, there were 311 fewer Oshkosh residents employed than last year at this time.

This past year, 58 percent of companies answering the survey added staff to their

payrolls. In 2018, 66 percent of the respondents indicated their companies met or exceeded profitability expectations. Those companies missing the mark on those expectations cited higher operating costs, a drop in sales and increased competition as the lead factors.

When asked to forecast sales for this year, 85 percent believe they will outperform the previous year's level and 71 percent expect to add employees. Sales for participating firms are expected to rise, according to 75 percent of the reporting companies in the first quarter of 2019 compared with the previous quarter. Seventy percent of these companies expect sales increases in the first quarter compared with the same period in 2018.

Business leaders report that finding qualified workers remains a challenge,

with 47 percent indicating they have unfilled openings.

Manufacturers plan to increase their raw material inventories in the first quarter compared with the same quarter a year ago, according to 70 percent of Oshkosh-based manufacturers. In the first quarter of 2019, 76 percent of retailers, wholesalers and manufacturers anticipate higher volume of finished goods inventory over last quarter's levels. The report said these are indications of a sales volume increase in the months to come.

Local CEOs indicated that legislative measures should be taken to improve their business and the state's business climate. They identified the top three public policy issues facing Wisconsin as increasing health care costs, the qualified labor shortage and the overall tax climate.



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Franki Moscato led her "Be Kind" music video filmed in downtown Oshkosh this summer and premiering Feb. 28 at the arena.

Moscato music video to premiere

The premiere of "Be Kind," a music video featuring singer-songwriter Franki Moscato that was filmed by Steven Heil last year in downtown Oshkosh, will be shown at 6 p.m. Feb. 28 at the Menominee Nation Arena.

Moscato will be joined by Community For Hope to raise money to help fund the hiring of a suicide prevention coordinator to improve the reach and effectiveness of education in the community.

The singer is also featured in an Instagram campaign called the Be Kind Challenge to help Community For Hope raise money and awareness ahead of the event. Participants need to download the free StylUs Kind app and create a short video with their selfies using "Tightrope" as the

Business notes

Two long-term members of Corrim

Co.'s executive team have acquired the

company. New owners Mark Miller and

soundtrack, then post it on their Instagram account with the hashtag: #StylUs-BeKindChallenge.

The person with the most popular "Be Kind" video on Instagram will win a special gift from the Green Bay Packers or dinner for four at Becket's Restaurant.

The storyline of the video for Moscato's original song "I Will Rise" is about a young girl who tries to improve the culture of her community by giving away T-shirts that read "Be Kind."

Moscato will be performing at the event with other area professionals and will also be launching her latest single, "Tightrope," which will be available from cloud-based music services.

winners. to achieve being second runner's up. The awards, which were to be given at the annual meeting Feb. 7 that was cantion, friends of the club since 1993, was

Boys & Girls Club awards presented

the Boys & Girls Club's mission.

New members on the board of directors include Wisconsin Herd president Steve Brandes, Oshkosh Corp. chief executive Wilson Jones and Grant Schwab of Mor-

Katie Talken, development and grant director at the club, was presented with the Professional Service Award for her devoted service. She joined the staff in 2015 as the grants and outcomes measurement coordinator. She was promoted to development and grant director in 2018.

gan Partners.

Brenda Haines was presented with the Award of Merit, given to a volunteer who has made an extraordinary contribution of time and resources. She began volunteering her time as the club's Youth of the Year speech coach 13 years ago in 2005.

Since that time, she has coached two Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh Youths of the Year to win state titles and three of them to achieve being second runner's up.

U.S. Venture/Schmidt Family Foundation, friends of the club since 1993, was presented with the Kids & Community Award, given to an area business or organization that has demonstrated community leadership in supporting its mission since 1993. The foundation has been a dedicated supporter of the club's golf outing, Basic Needs program and Great Futures Start Here mentoring program.

Lorie Bunke was presented with the J.R. Vette Friend of Youth Award, given to a board member for efforts to further the mission of the club and named in memory of former lifetime board member J.R. Vette. Bunke joined the board of directors in 1982 and has been a part of the Club's capital projects, including raising funds for and building the Radford Center, Head Start and Teen Center buildings. She served as board treasurer and went on to become the club's very first female board president.

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purchased by Robert Gluth in 1995. With Corrim for 22 years, Miller started as the engineering manager and was promoted to general manager in 2018. Morelli joined six years ago as the national sales manager. They acquired the company from Gluth as he prepared for retirement. The company is located at 1870 Stillman Drive.

New North Inc. has released a digital version of its year-end review of economic-development activity and collaborative programs at www.thenewnorth. com/news. The 2018 Annual Report to the Community, first distributed at the New North Summit late last year, details two initiatives: the Business Intelligence Committee, which supports other work programs of the organization; and the Small Business and Entrepreneurial Committee's work on the entrepreneurial ecosystem in the region.





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New United Way home

The Oshkosh Area United Way celebrated its new residence at 21 W. New York Ave. with an open house Feb. 11 to show the organization's new office space. The building was former Firehouse 8 serving the city for 84 years before being remodeled and occupied by Blue Door Consulting for 10 years. Shown outside the new offices are (from left) Anne Hauch, financial associate; Tina Barzano, administrative associate; Mary Ann Dilling, president and chief executive; Melanie Robinson, resource development director; and Nicole Rayos, marketing and community impact director.

Clean-energy documentary to be shown

The Oshkosh chapter of the Citizens' Climate Lobby is hosting a free showing of the HBO documentary "Happening: A Clean Energy Revolution," which looks at renewable energy in the United States,

at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 27 at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh's Reeve Union Room

For more information on the film go to HappeningTheMovie.com.

City hall

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past council actions.

Meanwhile, FGM Architects conducted a study of City Hall and stated that a major renovation of the facility at a present-day cost of \$10-\$13 million would be the most appropriate action for the building, which was once a high school facility.

City government moved into the building in 1962 and it is not in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and lacks a sprinkler system, both allowed under a grandfather clause. Most restrooms also do not meet present-day requirements and stairwells are considered inappropriate.

Representatives from FGM Architects' consulting firm said the present structure is negatively affecting City Hall operations and that renovations and adjustments could be made to the floor plan for better space use and efficiency, such as meeting with residents in a more user-friendly manner. There are also security issues that were noted with the building.

City Manager Mark Rohloff said there are no plans in the five-year capital improvements program for either of the two buildings and that the council will soon have to determine how to best accommodate improvements regarding each facility among other municipal building needs, such as the museum.

Council member Steve Herman said he agreed the council will have to do a prioritization of building improvements along with a financial review. He said any actions should plan for 30 years out.

The consultants recommend the building should be reused rather than building a new space. According to a study they did in 2018, the facility needs another 1,160 square feet of usable space, with a defi-



Boldt Co. consultants have recommended replacing the Park and Forestry Building on Witzel Avenue with a new facility for the Parks Department.

ciency projected by 2048 of an additional 3,000 square feet. City Hall at present contains 42,040 square feet.

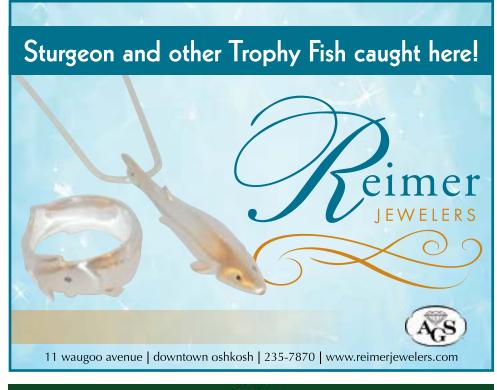
The proposed renovation would require existing City Hall staff to relocate in phases in order to renovate the building, adding more dollars to cover the relocation.

With regard to the Parks and Forestry building, Boldt consultant Taylor Tomaszewski said a new building at the existing location represents the best approach rather than modernizing.

Rohloff said the building at 805 Witzel Ave. was to be a temporary location when Parks and Forestry moved there in 1962 in what was formerly a facility for Fox Valley Technical College automotive classes.

Creating a new building will enable the department to centralize staff, enhance customer service access and accommodate future Parks Department needs. The present building is adjacent to the new Central Garage on Witzel Avenue.

In June 2017, Boldt conducted facility assessments of the parks building, Grand Opera House and City Hall, with the parks building having the lowest score at 44 percent, indicating various building systems were very inadequate, with major upgrades and/or replacement recommended. The company was then asked to do a cost-benefit analysis that was the basis for the workshop session.







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Peru mission

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"What we were able to do was to help support the orphanage in a time of great need," Thimke said. "Now the orphanage has found several major financial sponsors and has transformed into a modern facility."

In the process he fell in love with the people of Peru and began seeking other ways to assist a country that has a large displaced population reduced to poverty by the revolutionary activities of the 1990s. Reading about soy cows in the Rotarian magazine, Thimke found a way to dramatically improve their nutrition and simple enough to manage from Oshkosh.

Soy cows are machines that combine a grinder and pressure cooker to transform soybeans along with sugar and vanilla into soy milk. Starting with table size units, the project grew over the years to larger-ca-



A soy cow technician (left) discusses machine maintenance with Bill Thimke.

Soy cow project

The soy cow project is a partnership led by Southwest Oshkosh Rotary and supported by the Oshkosh Rotary Club, Fond du Lac Morning Rotary and the La Molina Vieja Rotary Club in Lima, which works in cooperation with the municipalities of La Molina and Ate in the Lima metro area.

pacity machines.

Key to the project's success has been establishing a partnership with the local municipality and the Peruvian Rotarians, and has grown to include four Rotary clubs and three municipalities in the Lima area. This joint project has become one of the few soy cow projects worldwide that have persisted beyond its initial phase.

The two Oshkosh clubs provide funding for the mechanical cow as well as the soybeans, sugar and vanilla required for production. The municipality provides the production location, staff and delivery vehicle. Soybeans are grown in Peru and purchased by the production staff.

The operation also produces a byproduct of hull fiber called okara, which is utilized as an ingredient in the bread produced by a government-supported bakery. The protein-rich bread is distributed to the needy along with the soy milk. As a result there is no waste product and the full nutritional value of the soybeans reaches those in need.

A continuing challenge has been the maintenance and repair of the machines that by their nature wear out seals, screens and need frequent cleaning. Early in the project, Thimke was trained by the Canadian manufacturer on soy cow maintenance and repair, which he has imparted to the Peruvian operators.



hotos by Michael Cooney

The program's soy milk provides a major source of protein for Peru's impoverished elderly and children.

Thimke explained that in Peru when things are broken they tend to stay broken for a variety of reasons.

"Like many developing countries there is little understanding when it comes to the need to stop and do the required maintenance," he said. "Plus, Peru has a very rigid and somewhat invisible class system that can get in the way of simple repairs."

To deal with those issues Thimke employed his Peruvian translator Bertha Ruiz Pachecoto to visit the soy cow sites and report back on issues. When master soy cow operator Claudio Sanchez was unable to get the purchase of a simple \$10 screen at the Lima Ace hardware store approved by the municipal office and was told, "It is not your place, you ask for too many things," Thimke called the mayor direct from Oshkosh. Sanchez got his screen and soy milk operations resumed.

The projects continuing success is a testament to Thimke's determination and hands-on involvement, traveling to Peru three to four times a year along with fellow Oshkosh Rotarians to attend to not only

the machines but the ever-changing politics of the municipalities and the country. Now well established as one of the most effective nutritional outreach programs in the country, Thimke said no mayoral candidates can be elected without pledging to continue and expand the program.

Seven production machines provide more than 2,500 liters of soy milk a day — about 8,450 servings — and along with distribution of bakery products via 52 partner organizations have become the primary source of protein for the municipalities' impoverished. The program also provides employment for 12 production employees.

In November, after 18 years of involvement and logging more than 45 trips to Peru, Thimke made what may be his last trip there. Now retired, he is training a new team of Oshkosh Rotarians to take over.

Thimke summed up his motivation: "The glow on a child's face when you hand them a simple glass of milk — You can't get that satisfaction from anywhere else; it's incredible."

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Snow days

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their own individual strategies to adjust to weather days. The nearby Neenah Joint School District has been developing a process over the last several years to create "digital learning days" that went into full effect this year to allow students to continue class instruction at home that meets some of the time requirements.

Neenah Superintendent Mary Pfeiffer said online learning during weather days and in general is likely to gain more traction as schools work it into the overall curriculum under Department of Public Instruction (DPI) guidance.

"As long as the learning is what we call seamless, and they're not just being given homework," she said. "We want it to be extended learning and similar to what they would have learned on that day off.

"I'm not saying we've nailed this yet because we need to learn more from our staff on what's working well and what would they change."

Valley Christian School also had to call five snow days with only three built into the schedule. Communications coordinator Debbie Wallace said the school was able to make up for one of those last Friday, which had been scheduled as a day off, and said the other will likely be made up by losing a holiday scheduled for April 22, the Monday after Easter.

"We're already doing things different than what we would normally be doing," Cartwright said. "We consumed a holiday, we're adding on additional minutes at this point in time, we may be consuming the remainder of our professional development (short) days.

"I don't think spring break is really a good viable option because there are a lot of families that have made plans, and a Wednesday holiday versus a week holiday is drastically different."

The DPI sets instructional time requirements by the minute —1,137 hours for grades 7 through 12 and 1,050 for K-6 classes — and would have to approve any time reductions by request. It's something they haven't done to this point.

In response to inquiries from school districts, the DPI issued a statement that it doesn't expect to grant any waivers of instructional hours and minutes related to the weather at this point, saying districts have flexibility to determine how to meet the standards.

"Historically, the department has not waived the hours and minutes requirement through this process. We have in the past waived the 180-day requirement (no longer a requirement), but never the associated hours and minutes," the department posted on its government website. "DPI does not anticipate approving waivers for hours and minutes due to this week's weather."

Cartwright said other states take unusual weather shutdowns into consideration when allowing exemptions. Her own recent experience working as an Orlando district administrator saw the state of Florida forgiving two days of instruction on the heels of hurricanes Irma and Maria, though she said the governor's declaration overruled any local district options.

"I'm trying to do what's right for our children and my staff here as well," she said.

Lourdes wraps up another Trailways title

Knights' win over Hustisford secures top seed in playoffs

By Brad Hartmann HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Hayden Jones' one-handed dunk sent a wave of chills and a blaze of cheer throughout the Castle as Lourdes Academy, the second-ranked team in Division 4, conquered its mission of winning the Trailways-East conference crown for the third consecutive year in a 79-66 victory over Hustisford on Friday night.

"The conference championship means a lot to us. Last year we took it for granted," Knights Henry Noone said. "We are happy to have it, but at the same time we are more focused on the playoffs to get that gold ball because every game is a battle."

Leading 43-32, the Knights (20-1, 14-0) would go on a 14-3 run that would feature Jones's dunk off a ball screen on the wing. Jack McKellips later connected with Preston Ruedinger for a layup to put the game at 57-38 with 12:18 remaining.

"I got the ball in the corner and Noone swung it to me. He set up a good screen and I rolled over it and got a wide-open lane and no one jumped so I dunked it," Jones said.

The Knights largest lead was 77-57 with 2:58 remaining when the Falcons (18-2) (10-2 conference) would put together a 9-2 run with five of those points coming from Dylan Schmitt.

"A little more intensity — we knew we had to pick it up," Schmitt said. "They are a great team and very frustrating playing against them. We wanted to play loose and have as much fun as we could. It's almost impossible to stop their offense. You have to be on high alert at all times."

Earlier in the day Noone received a disappointing text from the Falcons' leading scorer Justin Kuehl saying he wouldn't be able to compete due to the flu.

Stepping up in his place was Zachary Kehl, who with Schmitt scored 22 points each and Kuehl's brother Dylan adding

The Falcons matched up well against the Knights for the first 10 minutes but Lourdes took control with an 11-4 run courtesy of an assist from Josh Bauer to Noone draining his third three-pointer of the evening that spun in and out of the hoop but eventually fell in to give them a 22-15 advantage.

"I thought it was a little left and missed it. I thought Bauer made a good play with the extra pass and got the friendly roll. I



Josh Bauer of Lourdes finishes on a fast break as a packed Castle crowd watched the Knights clinch the Trailways-East Conference title.



Preston Ruedinger attacks the rim against Hustisford.

was praying it would go in," said Noone.

The Falcons would cut the Knights lead to four at 34-30 with five consecutive points by Kehl.

"When Kehl hit that three with a 1:30 left to cut it to four and we got a stop we rushed a shot," Falcons coach Jake Falken-

thal said. "I wanted us to take the last shot. I was trying to get my guys to be patient because even if we didn't score we would be down by four at the half and that would have been a huge momentum builder."

Since joining the Trailways East conference last year the Knights are 5-0 against the Falcons. Ruedinger lead the way with 25 points, five assists and two rebounds. Noone chipped in with 23 points, four assists and three rebounds. Jones added 19 points, four rebounds, two blocks, two steals and two assists.

The Knights now have won 15 straight games after suffering their only loss 66-61 on Dec 13 at Dominican (13-7) a team that features 6 foot 7 Alex Antetokounmpo, younger brother of Milwaukee Bucks star Giannis Antetokounmpo.

"I am a true believer in putting our guys in playoff atmosphere positions," Knights coach Brad Clark said. "Our nonconference schedule is not cake and I don't want it to be. I tell these guys every environment that we are in, we are used to this so don't back-pedal. I try to make these guys feel uncomfortable as much as they probably don't want to be."

The Knights wrap up the regular season Thursday with a nonconference road game against Saint Mary Catholic (9-11) of the Big East conference. Earlier Sunday afternoon the Knights learned they earned the top seed and with that comes a firstround bye in the D4 sectional on their road to the Kohl Center. Clark calls it "go time" as the Knights will either host No. 8 Menominee Indian or No. 9 Saint Mary Catholic on March 1.

"That game against Dominican was a lot of fun. It gave us a taste of what the playoffs are about," said Noone. "I really think after that game was our biggest turning point this year. We learned about game-ending pressure. We had to figure things out on the spot."



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Thomas helps end West drought against North

By Charleigh Reinardy HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Oshkosh West boys basketball team ended an eight-year losing streak Friday night, getting a win over Oshkosh North, 52-51, in a Fox Valley Association crosscity rivalry game played at West.

"This win has sparked some life back into West basketball," junior Wildcat Caleb Fuller said. "Nothing stopped us, we took our time, and played our brand of basketball and trusted each other."

In a packed gym, both the Spartans (11-9, 8-8 FVA) and the Wildcats (8-12, 6-10 FVA) struggled to get things going early on because of strong defense. Junior Karter Thomas, who was the hero for the Wildcats, was the first to sink a three pointer to get the team on the board.

Thomas made the go-ahead 3-pointer to give the Wildcats a 52-51 lead with 17 seconds left while the defense held on to give them the win.

"I have been on varsity since my freshman year, and this win means a lot to the team knowing that we have ended the streak for eight years of our cross-town rivalry beating us," Thomas said. "For me it means a lot knowing that I will be part of a team that beat North."

Down 9-4 seven minutes into the game, senior Spartan Abe Schiek pulled up to make two three-pointers back to back to help the Spartans gain points on the Wildcats. To answer, Thomas scores six more points with two more long three-point shots, helping the Wildcats lead 17-9 with 11:20 left in the first half.

Despite the loss, Schiek said it was still a fun, energized game to play in.

"The fun thing about playing your crosstown rival is the atmosphere," Schiek said. "Every time we play each other the crowds are always going to be more involved than other games. Playing against guys you know always makes the game more fun."

The Wildcats struggled throughout the first half and trailed the Spartans 37-26. In the second half they found their fight.

"The way everyone kept fighting and didn't give up really impressed me," senior Wildcat Luke Haasl said. "We came back from being down 10 at halftime, really speaks to the resilience of our team."



North and West high schools took their basketball rivalry down to the wire Friday night on the Wildcats' home court. North's Josh Dilling takes an open shot (above) and is shown guarding West forward Luke Haasl (below).

West started to make a run late in the second half, getting baskets from Haasl, Thomas and Fuller to pull within five points with just over seven minutes left - because good defense turned into good offense.

"We didn't execute in the second half on offense but also on the defensive side," junior Spartan Josh Dilling said. "We gave up a couple of offensive rebounds and also turned the ball over when it was coming down to the end of the game."

Thomas then drilled his big 3-pointer and the Wildcats held on to win as a game-winning shot missed for North.

The WIAA Division 1 postseason brackets were released over the weekend and North earned the seven seed while West got the 11 seed. North, the defending state champions, will host No. 10 Eau Claire Memorial while West will travel to face sixth-seeded Marshfield. Those games will be held at 7 p.m. March 1.



Five Wildcat wrestlers, North's Schmitz head to state

By Alex Wolf HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Oshkosh West wrestling team will be sending five wrestlers to the WIAA State Tournament this weekend after an impressive showing in the WIAA Division 1 Sectional last week at Hartford.

Advancing to state, which is held at the Kohl Center on the UW-Madison campus starting Thursday and running until

Saturday, are 106-pounder Alec Hunter, 132-pound Logan Grota, 152-pound Connor Collins, 170-pound Edgar Heredia, and 285-pound Avery Martell.

Also making it for Oshkosh North was 126-pound Cade Schmitz. The top two finishers in each weight class advanced.

Winning titles were Hunter and Collins after picking up 8-0 and 9-0 decisions. Heredia also won a title, earning a forfeit win in the championship match.

Grota and Martell earned wins in their second-place wrestlebacks to round up the state qualifiers for the Wildcats. Blake Framke came close at 182 pounds, losing his wrestleback, finishing third.

Schmitz also won his second place wrestleback, 13-3, to advance to state.

Opening-round matchups at state Thursday, all starting at 3 p.m., include: Hunter (38-1) will face De Pere's Shane Corrigan at 3 p.m., Schmitz (36-10) will

face Kenosha's Collin Widma, Grota (32-11) will face Baraboo's Brandon Jesse, Collins (32-9) will face Green Bay Prebble's Kade Cummings, Heredia (34-4) will face Mukwonago's Aaron Schmitz, and Martell (33-9) will face Milwaukee Lutheran's Timi Ladeine.

All winners will wrestle again Thursday evening while losers will wrestle Friday

YMCA holds camps for baseball, softball

The YMCA is holding spring training camps for potential youth baseball and softball players at the Oshkosh West gym starting Sunday.

The majority of the time will be drills designed to get as many repetitions as possible on basic skills. Stations will be led by West baseball and softball players.

Camps will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday for ages 9 and 10, and from 2 to 4 p.m. for ages 11 and 12.

March 10 camps are from noon to 2 p.m. for ages 5 and 6, and from 2 to 4 p.m. for ages 7 and 8. March 17 is set for a pitching and catching camp from noon to $2:30\ p.m.$ for ages 9 to 12.

A camp for ages 4 and 5 will be held from noon to 2 p.m. March 24.

Players should bring dry gym shoes and a glove, and bats and helmets if they have them. Baseballs and softballs will be pro-

The \$15 fee is due at camp. Contact the YMCA or email coach Tim Kohl at timothykohl12@gmail.com.

Career in Sports event set at arena

The Menominee Nation Arena is playing host to the annual Career in Sports event from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. March 2.

There will be a panel of sports industry professionals that will include representives from the Milwaukee Bucks and the Herd, the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, ESPN, the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers, Global Partnerships and Good Karma Brands that begins at 3:30 p.m.

The \$30 event fee includes a ticket to that evening's Wisconsin Herd game

against the Westchester Knicks. Tickets are available through the Groupmatics ticketing platform.

Students and young professionals who are looking to work in the sports and entertainment industries will have the opportunity to meet with 20 different state organizations, including the Oshkosh Herald, about career, job and internship information and opportunities that are available, and what organizations might be a good fit.

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Prep sports roundup

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Knights' shooting goes cold in second half

The Lourdes basketball team was in the driver's seat early on, taking a 44-28 half-time lead, but scored only 18 points in the second half in a 77-62 nonconference loss against Milwaukee Academy of Science on Friday night.

Milwaukee outscored Lourdes 49 to 18 in the second half.

Alexis Rolph led the Knights with 27 points – drilling five 3-pointers – while Marley Wesenberg added 12. She scored all of her points on 3's as the two combined for the team's nine 3-point baskets.

North edges Appleton West in conference play

The Oshkosh North girls basketball team held on to beat Appleton West 51-46 in a Fox Valley Association contest Thursday.

Ashley Wissink led the Spartans with 21 points – making four 3-pointers – while Emma Leib added eight. Brie Gauthier chipped in seven points in the win.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Oakfield uses big second half to defeat Warriors

The Valley Christian boys basketball team trailed by just two at half, but was outscored 48 to 27 in the second as they dropped a 89-66 Trailways East Conference game played Saturday.

Yianni Giannopoulos led the way with 17 points and eight assists while Isaiah Wade had 16 points.

The Warriors got the No. 14 seed in the WIAA Division 5 Tournament and will travel to face third-seeded Hilbert next Tuesday.

GYMNASTICS

Oshkosh finishes fourth in Eastern Valley tourney

The Oshkosh gymnastics team finished



Photos by Andy Ratchman

Rachael Russo of Lourdes shoots against Milwaukee Academy of Science on Friday night in a nonconference loss.

fourth out of six teams in the Eastern Valley Conference Championships on Friday, finishing with 109.875 points.

Manitowoc Lincoln won the meet followed by Valders/Roncalli and Sheboygan. Megan Best had the lone top five finish for Oshkosh, finishing fourth in the all-around competition with a score of 31.575.

Compiled by Alex Wolf Herald contributor

Titans men end regular season 23-2 with victory

By Alex Wolf
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The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh men's basketball team closed out the regular season with a dominating 89-62 win over UW-Eau Claire on Saturday, a few days after a loss to UW-La Crosse that ended its 21-game win streak.

The Titans (23-2, 13-1 WIAC) are the outright Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference champs for the first time since the 1977-78 season and will receive the first round bye into the WIAC semifinals. The Titans will host the lowest remaining seed in the tournament at 7 p.m. Thursday. The title game will be played Saturday.

Brett Wittchow led UWO with 20 points while Jack Flynn added 17 points, six rebounds and six assists. Adam Fravert had eight points and grabbed a game-high 15 rebounds in the win and had three blocks.

Ben Boots added 15 points while David Vlotho chipped in 10.

The Titans shot 46 percent in the win and knocked down 12 3-pointers while Eau Claire was held to 42 percent shooting and 29 percent from 3-point land.

Groth, Hansen compete in state swimming meet

Oshkosh West's Andrew Groth and Oshkosh North/Lourdes' Eddie Hansen competed in the WIAA Division 1 State Swim Meet on Saturday with Groth having an 11th place finish.

Groth finished with a time of 4:50.47 in the 500-yard freestyle and was also 21st in the 200-yard freestyle after finishing in 1:47.28.

Hansen competed in the 50 freestyle and 100 breaststroke, finishing 23rd in the 50 (22.22) and 22nd in the 100 (1:02.23).

Titans women dominate Eau Claire

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The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh women's basketball team held UW-Eau Claire to just 23 points in a dominating 67-23 win to close out the regular season Saturday at home.

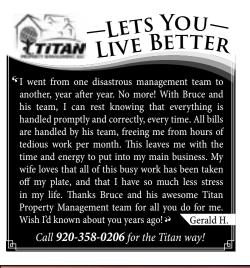
The 15th-ranked Titans (22-3, 12-2 WIAC), who are the outright WIAC champs like the men's team, will receive a bye in the opening round of the WIAC Tournament. The Titans will host a semifinal round game against the lowest re-

maining seed at 7 p.m. Friday. The title game will be played next Sunday night.

In the win Saturday, UWO led 21-5 after the first quarter and increased that lead to 38-11 at the half.

UW-Eau Claire was held to 22 percent shooting – and made one of 14 3's –while turning it over 21 times. The Titans shot 49 percent and turned it over only 10 times.

Isabella Samuels led UWO with 12 points and had five rebounds while Jessie Rabas added 11. Melanie Schneider added eight points and five rebounds.







Josh Dukelow and Karen Schneider discuss local Headlines from the



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Wednesday, Feb. 20

Feed the Need Fundraiser, 11 a.m., Johnny Rocket's, 3015 S. Washburn St.

Thursday, Feb. 21

Paint with Goats, 6 p.m., Fire Escape, 428 N. Main St.

"Moon over Buffalo," 7:30 p.m., Fredric March Theatre, UW-Oshkosh

Friday, Feb. 22

Battle on Bago, Millers Bay in Menominee Park

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

"Shrek the Musical Jr.," 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium, 375 N. Eagle St.

"Moon over Buffalo," 7:30 p.m., Fredric March Theatre, UW-Oshkosh Aviation Adventure Speaker Series,

Aviation Adventure Speaker Series, 7 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum, 3000 Poberezny Road

Wisconsin Herd vs. Agua Caliente Clippers, 7 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

Hysterical Productions presents "Hamlet," 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

Reverend Raven and the CSABs with Westside Andy, 8 p.m., O'Marro's Public House, 2211 Oregon St.

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

Saturday, Feb. 23

Battle on Bago, Millers Bay in Menominee Park

Echoes of the Past Historical Trade Fair, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center Best Picture Festival, 11 a.m., Marcus

Oshkosh Cinema, 340 S. Koeller St.

"Moon over Buffalo," 7:30 p.m., Fredric March Theatre, UW-Oshkosh Winter Beer Fest, noon, Bare Bones Brewery, 4362 County S

Cocoa Crawl, 2 p.m., downtown

"Shrek the Musical Jr.," 2 and 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium, 375 N. Eagle St.

NKB Birthday Swim and Blood Drive, 3 p.m., Oshkosh Community YMCA, 3303 W. 20th Ave.

Animals and Art, 4 p.m., Oshkosh Area Humane Society, 1925 Shelter

Court
Mascots and Movies, 5:30 p.m.,
Oshkosh Seniors Center North, 234 N.

Campbell Road Hysterical Productions presents "Hamlet," 7:30 p.m., The Grand Osh-

kosh, 100 High Ave. Comedy Improv Show, 9 p.m., Backlot Comedy House, 424 N. Main St.

Sunday, Feb. 24

Echoes of the Past Historical Trade Fair, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Hysterical Productions presents "Hamlet," 2 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

"Shrek the Musical Jr.," 2 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium, 375 N. Eagle St.

Wisconsin Herd vs. Greensboro Swarm, 2:30 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

Monday, Feb. 25

Growing Oshkosh Celebration, 5 p.m., The Waters, 1393 Washington Ave.

Wednesday, Feb. 27

Kyle Cherek Rock and Roll Dinner: The Beatles, 6 p.m., The Howard, 405 Washington Ave.

Thursday, Feb. 28

Oshkosh Placement Exchange, Gruenhagen Conference Center, 208 Osceola St.

Oshkosh Area United Way Community Celebration, 4:30 p.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

"Be Kind" Music Video Premiere and Suicide Prevention Benefit, 6 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

Hysterical Productions presents "Hamlet," 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

Friday, March 1

Oshkosh Placement Exchange, Gruenhagen Conference Center, 208 Osceola St.

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

Northeast Wisconsin Sport Fishin' Show, 3 p.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Wisconsin Herd vs. Fort Wayne Mad Ants, 7 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

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

Hysterical Productions presents "Hamlet," 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

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

Saturday, March 2

Oshkosh Placement Exchange, Gruenhagen Conference Center, 208 Osceola St.

Northeast Wisconsin Sport Fishin' Show, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

March Madness Craft and Vendor Fair, 9 a.m., Elks Lodge, 175 W. Fernau Ave.

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

Wisconsin Herd vs. Westchester Knicks, 7 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

Family Flight Fest, 10 a.m., EAA Aviation Museum, 3000 Poberezny Road

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

Oshkosh Gallery Walk, 6 p.m., downtown

Miss Oshkosh Scholarship Pageant, 7:30 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium, 375 N. Eagle St.

Hysterical Productions presents "Hamlet," 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

Cancer benefit for Traci Oleson, 4 p.m., Waverly Beach, Menasha

Walt Hamburger, 8 p.m., Becket's, 2 Jackson St.

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

Sunday, March 3

Oshkosh Placement Exchange, Gruenhagen Conference Center

Family Flight Fest, 10 a.m., EAA Aviation Museum, 3000 Poberezny Road

Northeast Wisconsin Sport Fishin' Show, 10 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

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

Oh, What Should I Wear?, 2 p.m., Oshkosh Public Museum



City hoops champs

Oblio's defeated Christianos Pizza 53-44 in the 2019 Oshkosh Recreation Department's City Basketball Tournament championship. Members of Oblio's team included Mark Schultz, Frank Seckar, John Flanigan, Kelly Flanigan, Paul Wojahn, Mike Johnson, Brian Clark, Jacob Mosling, Justin Kamps and Dan Spanbauer.

Winter Beer Fest back at Bare Bones

The second annual Winter Beer Fest is set for noon to 3 p.m. Saturday at Bare Bones Brewery on County S.

Participating besides Bare Bones will be Fox River Brewing and Fifth Ward Brewing of Oshkosh, Knuth Brewing from Ripon, Lion's Tale Brewing and Barrel 41 Brewing in Neenah, Appleton Beer Factory and McFleshman's Brewing from Appleton, Omega Brewing Experience and Rushford Meadery and Winery in Omro, Sawmill Brewing in Merrill and South Shore Brewery from Ashland.

Tickets at www.brownpapertickets.com are \$45 and include a commemorative glass, chili and hot dogs.

Obituaries

Michael W. Dennin

Michael W. Dennin, age 71, passed away after a long battle with cancer on February 10, 2019. He was born to the



late Ambrose and Belva (Sutton) Dennin on April 30, 1947 in Oshkosh. Mike married Sarah Stephenson on October 7, 1967 in Oshkosh, WI. He worked as an expeditor for Mercu-

ry Marine for many years. Mike enjoyed playing cards and was an avid sports fan. Michael is survived by the love of his life,

Sarah; sons, Mick (Jammie) and Charlie (Jen) Dennin; Colleen (Marv) Ebben; five grandchildren, Gary Gomoll (fiance: Vanessa), Turner and Connor Dennin, and Cameron and Cory Hudziak. Mike is further survived by his brother, Daniel Dennin and his sister, Kathy (Dave) Thill.

A private service will be held by the

The family would like to thank the staff and nurses at Hematology and Oncology of Oshkosh, everyone at Eden Meadows, the Visiting Angels and hospice for their compassion and caring.

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Youth and officers will enjoy a game of basketball and participate in awareness-raising and relationship-building activities. Send an email to colorbrave@gmail.com to learn more.

All programs will be facilitated by certified Fit Oshkosh racial literacy educators. Sponsorship opportunities are available through colorbraveconversations@gmail.com.

Chili cook-off at Peace Lutheran

Peace Lutheran Church is holding its chili cook-off youth fundraiser starting at 11 a.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$5; children 12 and under get in free. Advanced purchases from the church come with six raffle entries per ticket; day of event tickets come with five entries.

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