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Stephanie Albrecht of Oshkosh was enchanted with one of the ice sculptures on display downtown Saturday as part of Whoville-themed holiday activities.

Planning helps make it count

Census work group prepares city for 2020

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

Ahead of next year's U.S. Census effort the city is facilitating a working group representing all community interests — civic, economic, religious, social and educational — to help the Census Bureau communicate information about the upcoming population count and why it helps the community.

Associate city planner Jeffrey Nau is reprising the staff liaison role he had in the last full count of 2010 by identifying groups that can help connect with all sectors of the community before online census invitations go out in mid-March and surveys go in the mail April 1. Federally employed census takers follow up with a canvassing effort in May to complete the most accurate count possible.

Working group representatives from a cross-section of the community — county offices, UW Oshkosh, Chamber of Commerce, Seniors Center, among others — are invited to an informational meeting at 10 a.m. Dec. 5 at city hall to start talking

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Fire Department adds positions to pace growth

Staffing study identifies older, growing population

By Samantha Strong
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Oshkosh Fire Department is gaining four additional firefighters under the city's recently approved budget for 2020, largely due to the city's rapid growth and increase in population density.

Second in a series

Matrix Consulting Group was contracted by the city's Common Council to analyze the department's current staffing, deployment and operations

Answering the calls

The Oshkosh Fire Department and its public safety partners key on city priorities.



to evaluate, among other things, the department's response capabilities and operation readiness.

The study identified the need for four additional positions to help staff an aerial apparatus being moved to Station 15 downtown while also adding a management analyst to examine response times, performance measures, budget efficiencies and overall keep the department on track with the community's changing



Photo from Oshkosh Fire Department

The teams responding to calls usually include firefighters in training or certified as emergency medical technicians.

needs.

According to the Matrix study, the number of adults ages 60 and older increased 1.7 percent. It also noted, based on past

census data, the population is shifting to an older demographic within Oshkosh

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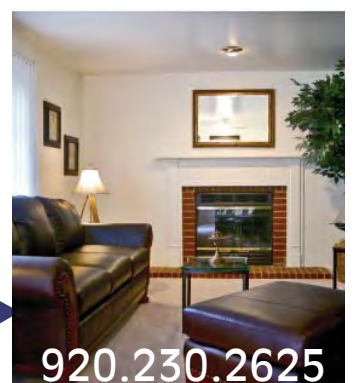


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Redevelopment panel OKs parcel sale for ‘Sawdust Lofts’

By Miles Maguire
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The city’s Redevelopment Authority has agreed to sell a south-side parcel valued at \$150,000 for \$1 to a local development company that is proposing to build 60 units of “workforce” apartments there.

Northpointe Development Corp., which is owned by Andy Dumke and Cal Schultz, won out over three other entities that had ideas for the contaminated lot, which is in the 700 block of South Main Street.

Dumke and Schultz are proposing to put almost \$11 million into the project. They plan to build a four-story building of one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments to be known as Sawdust Lofts. Dumke was out of the office and not immediately available for comment.

Subsidized rents would start at \$385. Nine market-rate units would rent for as much as \$975 a month, according to bid documents.

Allen Davis, the city’s director of community development, said the cut-rate price for the property was justified by the potential for the apartment project to serve as a catalyst for future development in the Sawdust District.

He said the RDA board liked the relatively large number of units and their proposed rental rates. “It’s a workforce solution that we need in that area,” he said.

The project would also include three

levels of underground parking as well as a plaza that would be available for public use with food trucks or other community events, he said.

The site is heavily contaminated and will require “lots of remediation,” Davis added. The possibility of a subsidy in the form of tax increment financing was not discussed but could come up at a later time, he said.

A TIF proposal and specific building plans would have to be approved by the Common Council, but the sale of the land does not require further review, Davis said.

Thomas Belter, the vice chair of the RDA, said all of the proposals for the site were “very nice uses.” He and Davis said they hope that the other projects will eventually come to fruition under the Sawdust District redevelopment plan, which is expected to be released in a matter of months.

“There is a lot of land across the street and down the street,” Belter said. “So there are alternative sites for some of the other projects.”

Other bidders for the site:

- Alexander & Bishop, an Oshkosh real estate company that has been active in residential and retail projects across the city.

It proposed to use the site for four buildings, each of which would contain four townhouses and garage parking.

- Bridgeview Holdings, the owners of the Miles Kimball building next door. It proposed to use the site for parking to serve tenants and customers for a planned restaurant in the historic structure after it is renovated.
- Oshkosh Bier & Brewing Co., whose owner, Jeffrey Fulbright, founded one of the first craft beer companies in the state. Fulbright has been working on developing a brewery and “bier garten” in Oshkosh and previously pursued a site on Jackson Street.

“There is a lot more land” in the Sawdust District, Davis said. “We’re hoping (Fulbright’s) project could land on one of the other sites.”

Although the neighborhood already has one craft brewer, Davis said he could imagine as many as three operating in that section of the city.

“We have Fifth Ward, but it would help to have a second or a third,” Davis said. “It would help to make Oshkosh a destination.”

Miles Maguire is editor of the Oshkosh Examiner news blog.

Recycling storage space on S. Main, 10th Ave. sought

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Oshkosh Plan Commission recommended approval Nov. 19 of a conditional use permit for an outdoor storage facility at 36 E. 10th Ave. next to Sadoff Iron and Metal Co.

The request was made by Vinton Construction Co. of Manitowoc, which wants to use the site on a temporary basis for its recycling until it can identify a new location in the city. The materials will include concrete and asphalt to be stockpiled there. The construction company is at present storing materials a block north off East 9th Avenue.

Commission members asked whether the proposal fits into redevelopment plans for the Sawdust District.

Planning Director Mark Lyons said the property to the north of the location is owned by the city, which wants to have the materials there removed as the district’s redevelopment gets underway.

Planning staff supported the proposal with the stipulation that all materials are removed from the site within two years and that the storage area be enclosed with

minimum 8-foot-tall solid fencing. Also, the site must be watered during crushing operations to mitigate dust.

Bill Vashon, an environmental scientist for Vinton Construction, said there is a short-term storage need and that the company is looking for a long-term crushing location. He said all of the materials would be relocated to the new site but added that some of the materials already there are property of the city, which may likely become backfill during any demolition of area properties.

Bob Reinke, who owns a monument company off South Main Street, raised questions about getting the area cleaned. Reinke said he has often complained to the city about dust from storage activities and wanted to know who to contact in the future if the problem continues.

Reinke also asked if Vinton would be able to use the 10th Avenue entrance from Sadoff’s property, which is a concrete street, rather than 9th, which is asphalt.

In other action, the commission:

- Recommended approval of a two-lot land division at the north 3400 block of Black Wolf Avenue in the Town of Nekimi. The applicants requested the change to allow construction of a single-family home on a 10-acre parcel within the 39-acre property. Winnebago County has identified the area as being enrolled in its Farmland Preservation Plan. No one appeared either for or against the proposal.
- Held workshop sessions dealing with development of property at North Koeller Street and Oshkosh Avenue, potential planned development for 3300 Medalist Drive for outdoor storage expansion and parking expansion, and a discussion on updating central city parking requirements.



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Smith School buyer plans historic designation

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The former Smith Elementary School's historical pedigree would be preserved under developers' plans to turn the structure into residential housing and get it listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

A unanimous vote Wednesday by the Oshkosh Area School District's Board of Education approved the sale of the closed facility to Tim Hess of Invista Analytics after a second round of bids were sought for the 124-year-old building at 1745 Oregon St., which was designed by noted architect William Waters.

Acceptance of Hess' lone bid of \$400,000 gives his company and local developers Andy Dumke, Cal Schultz and Chet Wesenberg the go-ahead to renovate the structure into housing units — pending rezoning approval by the city — while seeking tax credits under standards set through the National Register of Historic Places. Hess told the board that developers are planning to retain the building's

architectural history.

Hess had offered \$358,000 for the property in the first round of the bidding process that the board turned down Oct. 30 along with one other offer, which prompted a new request for bids on the 32,690-square-foot building and 2.3 acres.

A school district facilities review that showed the need for extensive repairs — a deteriorating roof and other structural concerns — prompted district officials to move forward with the building's closure after the end of the 2018-19 school year. Most of the former students are now attending Jefferson Elementary School.

A group of residents had sought community support to prevent closing the neighborhood school with a public awareness campaign that included yard signs, banners and fliers.

The nomination of Smith School for historic listing will be considered by the State Historic Preservation Office, which would submit it to the National Park Service for final review.



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wood- burning pizza oven.

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Two otters are residents of Menominee Park Zoo and are featured throughout the year.

Menominee Park Zoo offers Close Encounters

With the Menominee Park Zoo’s regu- lar season recently closed, which included groundbreaking on a permanent bald eagle exhibit, visitors can still see animals up close through the zoo’s Close Encounters program.

The behind-the-scenes look shows rou- tine care, training and the animals’ adap- tations and behaviors in their habitat. The Close Encounters series runs every Thurs- day through April 30.

Makayla Wiedenhoef, who served as Oshkosh Zoological Society education coordinator this past season, said the op- portunity for the public to interact with the animals serves the larger purpose of increasing appreciation and awareness for wildlife.

She said zoo education programs com- bine the interactive experience with infor- mation about the animals, such as their roles in native ecosystems, to increase ap- preciation for Wisconsin’s native wildlife.

“If they come here and look at our bob- cats and say, ‘Wow they’re actually really pretty,’ and if they learn about the impor- tance of them, they’ll see them in the wild and go, ‘Look, there’s one, that’s cool,’” Wiedenhoef said.

She said enrichment activities provide the animals opportunities to engage in species-typical behaviors they would normally do in the wild, such as provid- ing materials for bobcats to chase and play with such as papier mache balls with treats inside them, or throwing food in the otters pond so they can follow their hunt- ing instincts.

Admission costs support the Oshkosh Zoological Society’s fundraising efforts for maintenance and improvement of the zoo. Minnie and Winnie, two otters who live at the zoo, will be featured every Thursday at 11 a.m. Signup is available at oshkoshzoo.org.

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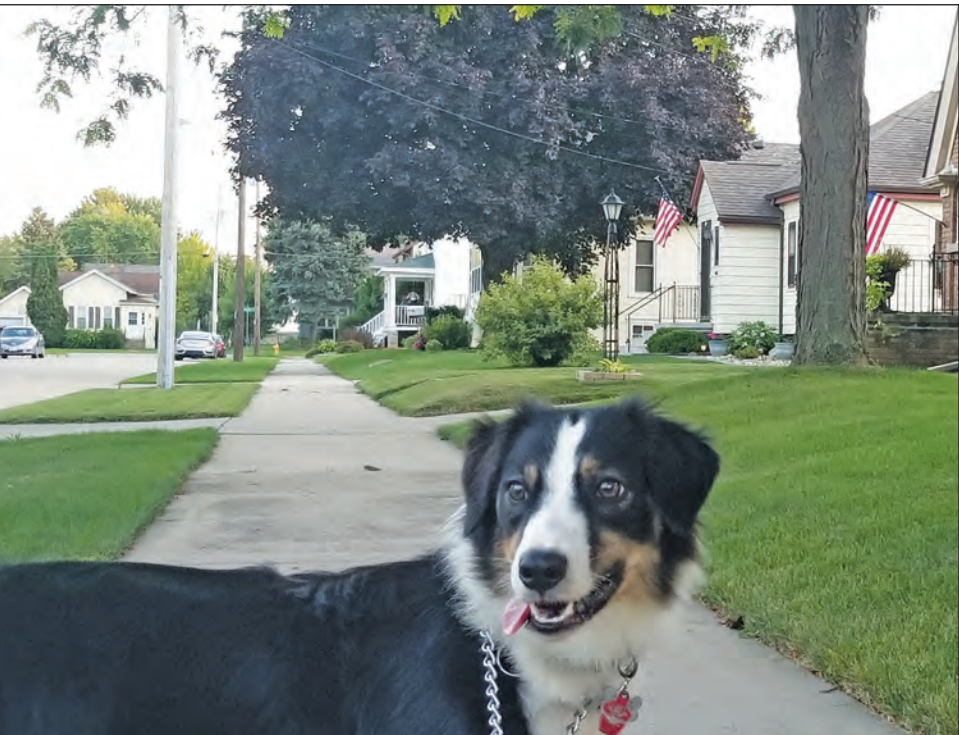
We all know a caregiver or may even be one ourselves. A caregiver could be the gentleman who patiently walks with his wife whose mobility is failing, the woman who gently prods her forgetful husband to follow her back to the car after purchasing groceries or the woman who brings her aging mother to her doctor appointments.

They are everywhere – family, friends and neighbors who help older adults with things they no longer can do on their own. The role of the unpaid caregiver is invaluable and yet they often don't recog-

nize their own worth.

Here are some things to really help a caregiver and let them know that they are important and appreciated. Take some time to recognize and thank the family caregivers that you know.

1. Stop by their house and say hello. You don't have to bring anything or do anything. Stopping for a quick visit to let them know you are thinking about them can mean a lot, especially if it is hard for them to get out of the house.
2. Call the caregiver and check in on how THEY are doing. Too often the conversation is about the person needing care and the caregivers' needs are forgotten. Listen to them without judging or advising. An opportunity to share their feelings openly and in confidence can be a great help and comfort.



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The Midtown Neighborhood Association is the 18th neighborhood group to form in Oshkosh.

Midtown Neighborhood Association forms

The Midtown Neighborhood Association became Oshkosh's 18th such group this month as residents met to appoint core team members and focus on potential neighborhood activities and events.

The new neighborhood's boundaries are north: New York Avenue; east: Broad Street or the railroad line; south: Irving Avenue; and west: Main Street.

Chairman Joe Stephenson has been leading a group over the last year to organize and become an officially recognized neighborhood association, which provides an opportunity to build relationships among neighbors.

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hoods Inc. (GO-HNI) helps guide residents through the process of becoming a recognized association. Participating in neighborhood associations is voluntary and there are no fees associated with membership.

The city supports neighborhoods with street topper signage, funding options for home rehabilitation and grant funds for neighborhood projects. The Community Building and Engagement program through GO-HNI provides funding and resources for resident-led activities and events that are aimed at getting to know neighbors.

3. Offer to help. Instead of saying, "Let me know if you need something," say, "I am going to help you. Do you want me to cook a meal? Clean your kitchen? Stop at the grocery store?" Be specific and gently insist on helping.
4. Invite them to do something – a walk, coffee, a movie. Maybe they have turned you down too many times, so you stopped asking. Try asking again and offer to help find someone to be with their loved one if that is a problem. Even if they say no, being asked will help them see they are still included.
5. Remind them of the importance of self-care, then help them seek out ways to get a break. Go with them or call the ADRC of Winnebago County to find out the various types of support and or respite that are available to help support them in their caregiving situation.
6. If you are comfortable doing so, offer to care for their loved one for an hour or two so they can get a break.
7. Check in regularly. It doesn't have to take a lot of time and energy. A weekly phone call can alleviate feelings of loneliness and help them feel special and important.

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Source: "Oshkosh Aflame! Traumas and Triumphs of Its Sawdust Citizens (A History)" by James I. Metz



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Student's death in 1965 still leaves doubts

Sisters keep seeking answers to tragedy

By Bethanie Gengler
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

On a fall afternoon in 1965, the body of 18-year-old Stephen Kappell was found floating in Lake Winnebago at Menominee Park. He was found nude and beaten, hands and knees bound, with a 30-pound rock attached to his feet.

More than half a century later, Stephen's family still hasn't received closure or answers to who or what caused his violent death.



Kappell

Kappell was a freshman at what was then called the Wisconsin State University at Oshkosh where he played backup center for the Titans football team. He had graduated from Kaukauna High where he was involved in volleyball, wrestling, football, baseball, track, forensics and creative writing.

His sister Mary Jo Suppala was 11 when he died.

"He taught me things like how to swim; we both were lifeguards when we were teenagers," Suppala said. "He taught me how to fish because we had a cottage on a lake ... so we spent a lot of time doing that. He was really just a kind, nice person. Somebody that you'd want for a friend."

Martha Kemp was 8 when her brother went missing and remembers him as playful and laid back, intelligent and kind.

The 6-foot 2, 210-pound freshman had been at school for two weeks on Sept. 28, 1965, when he left his Breese Hall dorm room and was never seen alive again. He was reported missing by his best friend two days later.

Eighteen days after his disappearance, an Oshkosh resident spotted a body floating in Millers Bay about 29 feet off the east side of the breakwater. It took three days to identify the body using dental records and fingerprints.

Media reports indicate that a portion of the breakwater was about 4 feet deep but it gets as shallow as 2 feet, and was only accessible by boat.

Authorities discovered a spot near the boat launch with a depression, indicating the rock used to weigh down the victim was taken from that location, according to an Oshkosh Daily Northwestern story.

Initial reports indicated authorities



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Stephen Kappell, who was found dead at age 18, is shown in an undated family photo.

believed the death was a homicide and thought the crime had occurred nearby, possibly on the shore near the boat launch about 500 yards away. Officials felt the victim couldn't have tied himself in such a way and made it to the spot in the water where he was found.

Later newspaper articles indicate the police chief changed his mind after the body was identified, reporting he was no longer discounting the possibility of suicide.

A coroner's inquest held less than two months after the discovery of the body had six jurors tasked with deciding the cause of death. They heard 10 hours of testimony from 22 witnesses, including classmates at Kaukauna High School and WSU-O, police and crime lab officials, Kappell's former girlfriends and his parents, according to the Northwestern.

Coroner Helen Young testified Kappell had been beaten around the head and was unconscious when he entered the water and drowned as a result, The Post-Crescent in Appleton reported. Young qual-

ified her statement by saying Kappell "could have been conscious when he entered the water and then rendered unconscious by striking something in the water."

One official testified that the bindings used on the body fit together to form the left leg and rear section of a pair of khaki trousers, but said it was not determined if the trouser remains belonged to Kappell. His mother testified his waist was size 36, while an official testified the belt used to attach the rock was a size 38 and traced back to his football uniform.

According to media reports, officials portrayed Kappell as a "disturbed man with suicidal tendencies" during the inquest. Letters he wrote to former girlfriends were used as evidence of his alleged self-destructive tendencies.

Kemp recalls her mother saying investigators focused on details leading the jury to believe he committed suicide.

"They just dissected every little thing they found to side it one way or the other and it always seemed like they were looking for a deeper meaning," she said. "They really pushed it to be a suicide."

The Post-Crescent reported his father, Clifford, testified his son had spent the summer working at a paper mill and had done so well they wanted him back the following summer.

"Under oath, I am convinced Steve was murdered!" he testified at the hearing.

District Attorney Gerald Engeldinger arranged for three psychiatrists trained in criminology to be present during the inquest to evaluate the testimony. All three testified they felt Kappell committed suicide based on motive and intent.

One psychiatrist testified that a person "as disturbed as this boy" could have wanted his last play to be "a grandstand play to fulfill his feeling of inadequacy."

The coroner's jury deliberated 20 minutes before returning with a verdict written on a napkin that read, "We the jury feel that there is not enough concrete evidence to prove when, where or how the

victim entered the water to prove either suicide or murder and it is the jury's recommendation the case remain open for further investigation."

Kemp said Kappell would never commit suicide by drowning.

"He was a lifeguard. He taught us how to swim. Water was something to be respected," Kemp said. "I just don't feel that he would take his life with water. He had too much love for swimming and fishing and I just don't think that would be his escape."

Suppala said her parents endured a horrendous experience at the coroner's inquest. "It took a tremendous toll on them, how they tried to make it seem like a suicide," Suppala said. "Given the evidence, it was hard to take."

She said her mother didn't want to pursue anything after that.

"That was enough. She didn't want to go through anything else. She didn't want to bring it up in the public," Suppala said. "She couldn't live through that again."

Their father, Clifford, died in 1981 and their mother, Eunice, died in 2012. They're buried next to Stephen at St. Mary's Cemetery in Kaukauna.

After the death of her parents, Kemp reached out to the Oshkosh Police Department to inquire about her brother's case. What she learned was disturbing.

"They said they didn't have any open cases," Kemp said. "The evidence is nowhere to be found. Nobody knew about this case."

Kate Mann, Oshkosh Police public information officer, said evidence was destroyed in early 1969 at the request of District Attorney Thomas Fink despite the inquest jurors' request that the case remain open and continue to be investigated.

"There's nothing showing that they continued the investigation," Kemp said.

In 2015, police posted what little information was available in the case on its Facebook page and requested the public's help. Mann said they have not received any recent tips or new information.

"OPD considers this investigation open and encourages citizens to report any information that they have about this case," Mann said.

With no remaining evidence, the existing documents and news articles leave questions unanswered.

"I can't help but think this is some type of cover-up — sweep this under the rug so that we can move on," Kemp said. "And then not giving Stephen justice? That's just as horrific as the death. It's like his death is not worth what it might do to the university or what it might do to the community, like it didn't mean anything."

Suppala said all the possible experiences her family could have shared with her brother have been taken from them.

"All of us miss him tremendously. Would he have gotten married and had kids? I would have liked him to meet my kids," she said. "We had a cottage on the lake that was really important to my family and to go up there and have good times with him and his family, that's all been taken away."

Kemp said she would like to know what happened to her brother before she dies.

"Let us have some peace. Shed some light on this horrific death. I think that Stephen deserves it," she said. She said she hopes "somebody will find it in their heart to share information and that we can have some closure. I think it's coming to the point where maybe somebody wants to ease their conscience or find forgiveness."

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Firefighters

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and the shift will likely continue, placing a strain on emergency services —medical services in particular. In 2018, more than 7,000 of the department’s 8,684 calls were calls for emergency medical service.

While the budget increases will add to the general tax rate, City Manager Mark Rohloff said the positions are necessary to implement the council’s strategic plans for making public health and safety a top priority, as well as the city’s growing need for emergency medical and response services.

“The volume of calls and the aging population presents challenges we will be facing,” Rohloff said. “We know statistically our call volume will increase and how we address that is going to be crucial because we provide both fire and EMS services.”

Oshkosh was recently named one of the top 30 cities for retirement by USA Today, largely due to the number and quality of assisted-living facilities.



Rohloff

“We’re an attractive place for an aging population, which certainly presents some additional responsibilities,” Rohloff said. “As we grow, we may reach a point where response times would suffer if we don’t have the resources we need. This reinforces the need for a data analyst because we can keep track of metrics and the data will tell us when it’s time to prepare for future needs from a financial standpoint.”

The overwhelming majority of the Fire Department’s budget is dedicated to personnel (95 percent), which Fire Chief Mike Stanley said represents the fact that they “are in the people business.”

Stanley said one of the main reasons he wanted to join the department in 2018 was its motto: “Be Nice.” While it may seem simple, Stanley said it perfectly embodies the work he expects from his team.

“When we interact with somebody, it’s most likely not because they’re having a good day,” Stanley said. “We may not be able to solve all of their problems but just being nice goes such a long way. No job is too small and if you need our services, we’ll be there.”

By asking firefighters to keep this mindset with every task they complete, Stanley said he is hoping to continue the great relationship between the department and community, especially as it moves forward in expanding its staff.

In addition to fire and emergency medical services, the department also has a

dive rescue team, is equipped to handle hazardous materials and is well versed in responding to large-event incidents as Oshkosh lives up to its “Event City” title.

The department has six stations, four fire engines and two more with ladders, three paramedic ambulances and a heavy rescue vehicle providing emergency services to Oshkosh and surrounding area. There are also four additional paramedic ambulances, three airport crash trucks, a hazardous materials unit and a rescue boat.

The department has been operating with only one mechanic to service its vehicles, which is why the study suggested moving vehicle maintenance work to the Public Works Department. Stanley said the mechanic was recently relocated to the city’s central garage to improve efficiency.

The majority of calls the department responds to are medical in nature, and the department serves neighboring communities such as Omro and Winneconne, explaining why the department’s call volume is much higher than larger cities such as Appleton.

The Matrix study recommended moving an engine with tall ladders from its current location to downtown Station 16 due to the number of tall buildings in the central city. Stanley said in order to be effective, there is a national standard that should be met for the number of firefighters needed to be on scene in relation to population density and call volume.

“One of our apparatuses only has two people, which is well against industry recommendations so we’re looking to add those four firefighters so we can increase daily staffing, which not only makes our firefighters safer, but the community safer too,” he said.

The request for more personnel is also in line with the council’s strategic plan for 2020, as it named public health and safety among its top priorities for the 2019-2020 biennial budget. Council member Matt Mugerauer elaborated that the public health and safety component of the plan centers around providing appropriate response to emergencies, implementing strategies to reduce risk and strengthening relationships within the community.

“In my opinion, at its most basic level, the government’s job is to provide most essential services, least of which is public safety,” Mugerauer said. “We have a duty to ensure Oshkosh is a safe community to live, work and play in.”

When all is said and done, Stanley said he wants the community to know it is in good hands with the group of firefighters serving Oshkosh and surrounding communities.

“I want the community to know how hard our folks work and how committed they are to making a difference,” he said.



Photo from Oshkosh Fire Department

One area where added firefighter staffing will help the Oshkosh Fire Department is with its aerial apparatus work.

“Sometimes they struggle with limited resources, but we’re still able to deliver great service and get the job done. Sometimes we have to get creative with solutions to help but our folks are always there to help, on duty and off-duty.”

This series takes a look at the Oshkosh Fire Department, the services it provides and community issues it is working on. For more information visit oshkoshfd.com. To view all stories in this series, go to oshkoshherald.com.

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Deck the Halls, through Jan. 5, Oshkosh Public Museum, 1331 Algoma Blvd.

Thursday, Nov. 28
Festival Foods Turkey Trot, 8 a.m., Menominee Nation Arena

Friday, Nov. 29
Turkey Tumble, 8 a.m., Precision Athletics, 2080 W 20th Ave.
Candy Cane Lane Craft and Vendor Fair, 9 a.m., 217 N Main St.
Celebration of Lights Opening Night, 5:30 p.m., Menominee Park
Marine Corps League Bingo, 5:30 p.m., Marine Corps League, 4715 Sherman Road
Wisconsin Herd vs. Erie Bayhawks, 7 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena, 1212 S Main St.
Comedy for a Cause, 9 p.m., Backlot Comedy House, 424 N Main St.

Saturday, Nov. 30
Oshkosh Farmers Market, 9 a.m., Menominee Nation Arena, 1212 S Main St.
Comedy Improv Show, 9 p.m., Backlot Comedy House, 424 N Main St.
Candy Cane Lane Craft and Vendor Fair, 9 a.m., 217 N Main St.

Monday, Dec. 2
Bounce Open Gym, 8 a.m., Precision Athletics, 2080 W 20th Ave.
Cirque Musica presents Holiday Wishes, 7 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena, 1212 S Main St.

Tuesday, Dec. 3
Giving Tuesday, 8 a.m., Oshkosh Public Library, 106 Washington Ave.
A Slow Roll Christmas, 5:30 p.m., The Waters, 1393 Washington Ave.
DIY Porch Sign Workshop, 6 p.m., Bar 430, 430 N Main St.

Thursday, Dec. 5
Foot Care Clinic, 1 p.m., Downtown Oshkosh YMCA, 324 Washington Ave.

UW Oshkosh Jazz Ensemble Holiday Concert, 6:30 p.m., Oshkosh Public Library, 106 Washington Ave.

Friday, Dec. 6
Marine Corps League Bingo, 5:30 p.m., Marine Corps League, 4715 Sherman Road
Winter Youth Lock-In: The Ultimate Sleepover, 8 p.m., Oshkosh Community YMCA, 3303 W 20th Ave.
Comedy Improv Show, 9 p.m., Backlot Comedy House, 424 N Main St.

Saturday, Dec. 7
Oshkosh Farmers Market: Winter and Holiday Bazaar, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center, 2 N Main St.
Christmas in the Air, 10 a.m., EAA Aviation Museum, 3000 Pobereznyn Road
UW Oshkosh Handbell Choir Concert, 10 a.m., Oshkosh Public Library, 106 Washington Ave.
Holiday Market, 12 p.m., The Howard, 405 Washington Ave.
Race for the Light, 4:30 p.m., Menominee Park
Wisconsin Herd vs. Rio Grande Valley Vipers, 7 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena, 1212 S Main St.
Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra Holiday Celebration, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.
Comedy Improv Show, 9 p.m., Backlot Comedy House, 424 N Main St.

Sunday, Dec. 8
Holiday Market, 10 a.m., The Howard, 405 Washington Ave.
Meet Santa, 11 a.m., Caramel Crisp, 200 D City Center.
Movies with Friends: National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation, 2 p.m., Oshkosh Public Library, 106 Washington Ave.
Chevelle, 6 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena, 1212 S Main St.
Christ Child Society craft and vendor fair, 9 a.m., Boys & Girls Club, 501 E. Parkway Ave.

Governor signs three legislative bills at Aurora on medical issues

Gov. Tony Evers was in Oshkosh at Aurora Medical Center last Tuesday to officially sign state Assembly bills related to vaccines, medical care and emergency service upgrades.

“Each of these bills will play an important role in the health and safety of Wisconsinites across our state,” Evers said in a statement. “From making vaccines more accessible, to emergency medical care, to a new grant program for 9-1-1 service upgrades, I am proud to be able to sign these bipartisan bills into law that will help promote safer and healthier communities in Wisconsin.”

Bill 137, now 2019 Wisconsin Act 24, allows a pharmacist with the appropriate training to administer a prescribed vaccination, allows a trained pharmacist to administer a vaccine to a child under 6 years old if issued within 29 days of a prescription issued, and requires any person who administers a vaccine to update the Wisconsin Immunization Registry within seven days.

Bill 427, now 2019 Wisconsin Act 25, allows an EMS professional to provide emergency medical care as delegated by a health care provider if the actions are within the scope of the provider’s license and the provider is confident in the knowledge and training of the EMS.

Bill 471, now 2019 Wisconsin Act 26, creates a competitive grant program through the state Department of Military Affairs to update 9-1-1 service infrastructure. Grant funds can be used for advanced training of telecommunicators, equipment or software expenses, and incentives to consolidate the functions of two or more public safety answering points.

WCDAC art contest winners to be named

The Winnebago County Drug and Alcohol Coalition (WCDAC) will celebrate the end of its youth-driven contest at Friday’s Wisconsin Herd game at Menominee Nation Arena.

The “What is Wisconsin” art contest was targeted toward changing the conversation about alcohol and focusing on other areas to be proud of. Winners for elementary, middle, and high school age

brackets will be announced before the game.

WCDAC invites Drug Court participants and graduates, members of the Solutions Recovery women’s sober living, Lighthouse Recovery men’s sober living, Nova Counseling’s Terra Program, and the youth at Lutheran Social Services to participate.

Census team

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about outreach efforts. Nau said more than 100 contacts have been made to the wide range of community interests.

Dawn Miller with the U.S. Census Bureau will be at the meeting and provide training materials.

“The city’s main goal is to spread the word that this is coming, emphasizing the importance of the census and trying to educate people,” Nau said.

He said the community’s educational outreach lets residents know that the census is strictly a count to gain demographic information on the city’s population.

“Groups of the population that don’t trust the government ... we have to reassure that this information cannot be used against them in any way, shape or form,” Nau said.

He said the religious community will be an important partner in the outreach and education effort to its congregations, and the city’s State of the City event in spring will be used as a promotional forum to

build interest.

City staff participated in the Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) program to develop an accurate and complete list of residential addresses late last year ahead of the 2020 count.

The census data provides the basis for public funding sources such as the Community Development Block Grant program, as well as determining state representation in Congress and the number congressional seats based on population totals.

Rau noted that Oshkosh has a history of high mail response rates with 87 percent in 2000 and 85 percent in 2010, compared with the national average of about 74 percent. Gov. Tony Evers signed an executive order in October creating a committee aimed to increase census participation statewide.

For the first time, respondents will have the option to fill out their census questionnaires online when the bureau sends out the invitation in mid-March along with the usual phone and mail options. Anyone who does not use those options will likely get a visit from a census worker in May.



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Buford brings new culture, wins to Wisconsin

By Ti Windisch
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Onlookers who arrived early enough to any of the Wisconsin Herd’s home games so far this season could get a glance at something that hasn’t happened in years past: the Herd’s head coach working out with his players during shootaround.

Chase Buford has been out on the floor before each game, dishing passes, running pick and rolls, and offering encouragement and lessons to his players.

The result? Wisconsin is on a franchise-record seven-game winning streak and, after the latest win over the Delaware Blue Coats, leads the entire NBA G League in wins.

The Herd stands at 7-1 through eight games after sweeping its four-game road trip. Wisconsin started off with a 132-106 victory over the Capital City Go-Go on Sunday, then beat the Lakeland Magic 115-93 on Wednesday, beat the Westchester Knicks 112-106 on Friday, and then handled the Blue Coats 124-119 on Saturday night.

Wisconsin managed to get those wins without two-way player Frank Mason III, who has been sitting out injured, or any Bucks assignment players. In their absence Rayjon Tucker and Jaylen Adams have stepped up in a huge way. Tucker averaged 23.8 points, 5.0 rebounds, and 3.3 assists per game while shooting 56.4 percent from the field and 50.0 percent from three-point range over those four games, while Adams put up 20.5 points, 5.5 rebounds, 6.8 assists, and 1.3 steals per game on 51.0 percent field goal shooting and 41.4 percent three-point shooting.

It’s the in-game performances that directly put those wins on the board, not Buford participating in shootaround, but



New Wisconsin Herd head coach Chase Buford has his team off to a hot start this season

players who were on the team last season have felt a noticeable difference in the team’s culture.

A.J. Hess came to Wisconsin in the midst of last season’s action before coming back to the Herd this year. He said there is simply more joy in the locker room this time around.

“There are definitely some people who weren’t as happy here (last season), but I would say everybody on the roster right now has been very excited to be here,” Hess said. “Not that people weren’t last year, but that’s one thing that I’ve noticed is that everyone’s excited to be here, everyone’s getting well.”

It’s not just Hess who has noted the team getting along well. Milwaukee Bucks assignees Dragan Bender and Thanasis Antetokounmpo both talk about enjoying playing and being with the Herd, and after a comeback win earlier this month in Oshkosh, Jemerrio Jones said the team has a bond that made a late surge possible.

This is Buford’s first season as a head coach, and he’s quick to say as much. When asked what was new about being a head coach, Buford spoke frankly: everything.

“It’s all new, in some ways,” he said. “It’s

just an adjustment process, it takes time. I think we’re learning game by game, my assistants are feeling me out and vice versa, same with the players. I think we’re in a good place right now. I’m just hanging in there and having fun.”

And the shootaround participation? Buford says that has to do with his background of serving as a development coach, although it doesn’t hurt to build stronger relationships with his players along the way.

“I’ve been a player development guy for the last few years of my life,” Buford said. “I’d be remiss if I let that part go. I enjoy being able to work out with the guys — I want to be able to keep doing that throughout the year for sure. I don’t know if it gives extra insight, but I think it helps to build rapport with the players.”

After getting nearly a full week off, the Herd is back in action Friday night in front of the home crowd at Menominee Nation Arena when the Erie Bayhawks are in town.

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By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

After several seasons of sitting near the bottom of the Fox Valley Association, the Oshkosh North girls basketball team had a breakthrough season in 2018, finishing 15-8 with an 11-7 conference mark.

Head coach Jayme Engen knows exactly what kind of season his program had last year and how crucial it was after they struggled previously.

“Last year was a great season for our program,” Engen said. “We had a couple down years prior, but were very competi-

GIRLS BB tive in the FVA. We had six seniors with a lot of experience and good work ethic last season, and I

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was very happy for our girls that we had a very successful season.

“It was great to see them progress from a three-win season to a 15-win season as they set the bar high for future years. Beating Kimberly on the road during the season was a signature win for this program.”

Flip the calendar to 2019 and things will be a lot different for the Spartans as they look to rebuild.

“Every year is a new team and new identity,” he said. “We are just trying to be the best version of ourselves in practice and games for this season. Get better every day and focus on the process of success.”

For the Spartans to duplicate last season’s success, they need to replace several key players. Two were seniors Ashley Wissink and Elle Lider, who combined to average 15 and 11 points per game, along with Brooke Ellestad – who averaged 11 points. Ellestad has since transferred to Kimberly.

Although the Spartans do not return a ton of experience, Engen is going to rely on seniors Emma Leib and Meghan Gruse but also expects the entire roster to con-



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Oshkosh West’s Callista Rochon-Baker will be one of the team’s senior leaders this season along with Lauren Olejnik and Laura Courchene.

tribute.

“We only return two girls with varsity experience,” Engen said. “We expect senior Emma Leib to score and be a shooter for us along with leading our young team throughout the season. We also expect Meghan Gruse to carry a bigger load as our point guard this season and to draw off her two prior years of varsity experience. We expect all of our varsity kids to contribute positively this season.”

The Fox Valley Association continues to be a top-level conference and Engen knows they will have to bring it every night to be successful as a group.

“The FVA is loaded with talent every year,” he said. “Players are very good, coaches are very good and if you do not bring your A game on a given night you will get beat. Every night is a different challenge and that is why the league is known as one of if not the top league in the state.”

Looking to once again surprise and take another step forward, the Spartans are focusing on getting better each day and let the rest take care of itself.

“We are not worried about contending for a conference title,” Engen said. “We just want to have a growth mindset, focus on the process of success and give it everything we have each practice and game to get a little bit better.”

That belief will be put to the test as the Wildcats replace two seniors including point guard Lauren Olejnik and Laura Courchene, who provided a spark off the bench. The Wildcats have lots of talent back, including two girls that Phillips will trust extensively this season.

“Callista Rochon-Baker has been the go-to scorer on this team for a few years now and yet continues to ask questions and try new things to develop her game and become more well rounded,” she said. “Kiersten McNulty has developed every stage of her game this summer and I think will definitely shock a few people this season.”

It will take a collective effort for this team to be successful as the FVA continues to field some of the best teams in the state. Should the Wildcats be able to adjust on the fly, Phillips firmly believes her team can succeed.

Prep sports roundup

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Wildcats cruise past Lincoln in opener

The Oshkosh West girls basketball team opened the season with a big 72-40 win over Manitowoc Lincoln on the road Thursday.

West only led 20-19 at the half but outscored the Ships by 31 in the second to pull away.

Kiersten McNulty had 18 points and Callista Rochon-Baker added 16. The Wildcats went 20-of-25 from the free throw line.

North falls in opener to Wisconsin Rapids

The Oshkosh North girls basketball

team dropped its season opener Thursday, falling 65-42 to Wisconsin Rapids in a nonconference game played at home.

No statistics were available.

Lourdes struggles against Xavier on road

The Lourdes girls basketball team had a hard time getting its offense going in Wednesday’s season opener against Xavier, falling 54-26 on the road.

Lourdes trailed by 16 at the half and then scored only 11 points in the second in the loss.

Leading the Knights was Addy Hafe-meister and Hope Burns, who scored nine and eight points.

Compiled by Alex Wolf
Herald contributor

West eager to compete in loaded FVA conference

Not many teams would look at a 5-18 season with a lot of positives. But for the Oshkosh West girls basketball team, they did.

The Wildcats knew that no matter what the situation was that they would be giving it their all on a nightly basis. That came in handy for first-year head coach Kenisha Phillips, who has a lot of confidence in her girls this season.

“We haven’t really had a chance to dig into goals and expectations a whole lot yet as this is the first week of practice,” Phillips said. “We will start looking at that next week leading into our first game. As far as the coaching staff goes, we have so much faith and belief in this team and have very high expectations for them this season.”

Lourdes ready to defend its conference title

The beat went on for the Lourdes girls basketball team last season as it finished 14-9 before a close 62-60 loss to Mishicot on the final possession of their playoff game. But Lourdes went 10-2 in conference to earn the Trailways title – its 10th in 11 years.

With that continuing to be the goal, coach Quinn Heintz knows his team will look much different than in years past.

“We are a very different team this year, and extremely young,” Heintz said. “Our No. 1 goal is to get better every day. We

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Rec basketball results

Nov. 20

WEDNESDAY RECREATION

Isagenix def. Lakeside Marina66-42
Oblio’s def. Greene’s Pour House49-39
Players def. Christianos Pizza 6.....7-34
Pete’s Garage.....bye
Standings: Players 4-0 Christianos Pizza 3-1
Isagenix 2-1 Oblio’s 2-1 Pete’s Garage 1-2 Greene’s
Pour House 0-3 Lakeside Marina 0-4

Nov. 21

THURSDAY RECREATION

608 Brewing Company def. Team Manila 49-39
Hoops I Did It Again def. Legends..... 68-50
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Girls basketball

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have so many first-year varsity players this year that we have a lot of growth to uncover. It will be a challenge but it will be a very fun challenge and one that I am really looking forward to as they are awesome kids to work with every day.”

That youth will be especially important as the Knights replace star player Alexis Rolph along with Marley Wesenberg, Ellie MacKenzie and now Sydney Kelly who recently went down with a knee injury.

“Raechel Russo and Hope Burns are returning starters for us,” he said. “Russo was our leading rebounder last year and has been a three-year starter. She’s been a very good defensive player for us all year as well. Hope Burns was a starter last year who we expect to take a big jump for us this year. She is a shooter who is working on expanding her game. Paige Droessler and Nora Sammons are other returning varsity players who we expect to play major roles for us this year.”

With so many freshman and underclassmen coming into the program this season, these four will be counted on heavily to lead by example in what looks like a wide open conference. For Heintz, his goal would be to win another conference crown, but knows his team needs to take things one possession at a time.

Girls hoops return to Valley Christian

Valley Christian will have basketball once again as new head coach Joshua Belville takes over a Warriors team that was without a varsity squad in recent seasons. That alone will be challenging enough for



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Raechel Russo, shown against Central Wisconsin Christian last season, is a returning starter for Lourdes Academy along with Hope Burns.

the first-year man in charge, but he will not let that deter him from setting high standards this year.

“The most difficult aspect of this season

is the fact that these girls have a lot of inexperience in playing competitive basketball,” Belville said. “I have high expectations for this group and told them that the

very first time I met with them. We, myself and assistant coach Blake Van Maanen are planning on taking this slow — trying to assess and develop each player — so that they can become the best version of themselves on the basketball court.”

With Valley Christian having their first team in three seasons, Belville and his staff have elected to play a JV schedule this season so they don’t set the team up for immediate failure. With their first game Tuesday, the Warriors are in the middle of setting things up hoping to be fully comfortable with their systems put in place.

With so much inexperience on this team, Belville knows the girls will need to learn a lot about themselves this season. However, one player remains intact from the most recent Warriors team as she will be counted on heavily this year.

“With starting a new program, I would say that every player is an impact player,” Belville said. “We need each one of them to play at this point. The players we have on this team right now will be a guiding light to those girls who are playing at the middle school levels. As of right now we have eight girls who are prepared to play the entire season. However, Mady Dunn is the only remaining player from the most recent Valley Christian girls’ basketball team and the lone senior. It would be safe to say that most of our players will be looking at her to lead them.”

With not many people expecting much from the Warriors this season, Belville wants to establish basic principles for his team.

“Our basic philosophy consists of three things,” he said. “Those three things are, get them in the best condition, teach them the fundamentals, and get them to play together. If every one of our players believes in this philosophy, I truly think we can accomplish a lot this season.”

2019 Oshkosh High School Girls Basketball Schedules

LOURDES ACADEMY	OSHKOSH NORTH SPARTANS	OSHKOSH WEST	VALLEY CHRISTIAN
<div><div></div><div><div>1/20</div><div>@ Xavier</div><div>7:15pm</div></div><div><div>11/26</div><div>@ Sturgeon Bay</div><div>7:30pm</div></div><div><div>12/3</div><div>@ Hustisford</div><div>7:15pm</div></div><div><div>12/6</div><div>Omro</div><div>7:15pm</div></div><div><div>12/9</div><div>@ Wayland Academy</div><div>7:15pm</div></div><div><div>12/16</div><div>Dodgeland</div><div>7:15pm</div></div><div><div>12/20</div><div>Manawa</div><div>7:15pm</div></div><div><div>1/3</div><div>St. Mary Springs</div><div>7:15pm</div></div><div><div>1/9</div><div>Oakfield</div><div>7:15pm</div></div><div><div>1/14</div><div>Horicon</div><div>7:15pm</div></div><div><div>1/17</div><div>Hustisford</div><div>7:15pm</div></div><div><div>1/21</div><div>North Fond du Lac</div><div>6:00pm</div></div><div><div>1/23</div><div>Stockbridge</div><div>6:00pm</div></div><div><div>1/28</div><div>@ CWC</div><div>7:15pm</div></div><div><div>1/31</div><div>@ Dodgeland</div><div>7:15pm</div></div><div><div>2/4</div><div>Winneconne</div><div>7:15pm</div></div><div><div>2/6</div><div>Wayland Academy</div><div>7:15pm</div></div><div><div>2/11</div><div>@ Oakfield</div><div>7:15pm</div></div><div><div>2/14</div><div>@ Horicon</div><div>7:15pm</div></div><div><div>2/17</div><div>@ Princeton/Green Lake (Princeton)</div><div>7:15pm</div></div><div><div>2/18</div><div>CWC</div><div>7:15pm</div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div><div>11/21</div><div>Wisconsin Rapids</div><div>7:15pm</div></div><div><div>11/26</div><div>@ Fond du Lac</div><div>7:30pm</div></div><div><div>12/3</div><div>Appleton North</div><div>7:30pm</div></div><div><div>12/6</div><div>@ Neenah</div><div>7:30pm</div></div><div><div>12/10</div><div>Appleton West</div><div>7:30pm</div></div><div><div>12/13</div><div>@ Appleton East</div><div>7:15pm</div></div><div><div>12/17</div><div>@ Kimberly</div><div>7:15pm</div></div><div><div>12/19</div><div>@ Kaukauna</div><div>7:30pm</div></div><div><div>1/3</div><div>Oshkosh West</div><div>6:30pm</div></div><div><div>1/7</div><div>@ Stevens Point</div><div>7:15pm</div></div><div><div>1/9</div><div>@ Hortonville</div><div>7:30pm</div></div><div><div>1/14</div><div>Appleton East</div><div>7:15pm</div></div><div><div>1/17</div><div>@ Appleton North</div><div>7:30pm</div></div><div><div>1/24</div><div>@ Appleton West</div><div>7:30pm</div></div><div><div>1/28</div><div>Kimberly</div><div>7:15pm</div></div><div><div>1/31</div><div>Neenah</div><div>7:30pm</div></div><div><div>2/7</div><div>@ Oshkosh West</div><div>6:30pm</div></div><div><div>2/11</div><div>Kaukauna</div><div>7:30pm</div></div><div><div>2/14</div><div>Fond du Lac</div><div>7:30pm</div></div><div><div>2/20</div><div>Hortonville</div><div>7:30pm</div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div><div>11/21</div><div>@ Manitowoc Lincoln</div><div>7:30pm</div></div><div><div>11/26</div><div>Appleton West</div><div>7:30pm</div></div><div><div>12/3</div><div>Kaukauna</div><div>7:30pm</div></div><div><div>12/6</div><div>Hortonville</div><div>7:30pm</div></div><div><div>12/10</div><div>@ Appleton East</div><div>7:15pm</div></div><div><div>12/13</div><div>@ Kimberly</div><div>7:15pm</div></div><div><div>12/17</div><div>Appleton North</div><div>7:30pm</div></div><div><div>12/20</div><div>@ Neenah</div><div>7:30pm</div></div><div><div>1/3</div><div>@ Oshkosh North</div><div>6:30pm</div></div><div><div>1/7</div><div>Fond du Lac</div><div>7:30pm</div></div><div><div>1/14</div><div>Kimberly</div><div>7:15pm</div></div><div><div>1/17</div><div>@ Kaukauna</div><div>7:30pm</div></div><div><div>1/21</div><div>@ Marshfield</div><div>7:30pm</div></div><div><div>1/24</div><div>Appleton East</div><div>5:30pm</div></div><div><div>1/28</div><div>@ Appleton North</div><div>7:30pm</div></div><div><div>1/31</div><div>@ Hortonville</div><div>7:30pm</div></div><div><div>2/7</div><div>Oshkosh North</div><div>6:30pm</div></div><div><div>2/11</div><div>Neenah</div><div>7:30pm</div></div><div><div>2/14</div><div>@ Appleton West</div><div>7:30pm</div></div><div><div>2/17</div><div>@ West De Pere</div><div>7:00pm</div></div><div><div>2/20</div><div>@ Fond du Lac</div><div>7:30pm</div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div><div>12/3</div><div>@ Fond du Lac</div><div>7:00pm</div></div><div><div></div><div>@ Valley Christian School</div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div>@ Fall River</div><div>6:00pm</div></div><div><div>12/10</div><div>Lourdes Academy</div><div>4:30pm</div></div><div><div>1/7</div><div>@ CWC</div><div>4:30pm</div></div><div><div>1/13</div><div>Fond du Lac</div><div>4:30pm</div></div><div><div>1/16</div><div>@ Wayland Academy</div><div></div></div><div><div>1/30</div><div>CWC</div><div></div></div><div><div>2/7</div><div>Fall River</div><div></div></div><div><div>2/18</div><div>Wayland Academy</div><div></div></div></div>

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Titans football team lets lead slip away in OT loss

By Alex Wolf
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The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh football team couldn't ask for a better start to the NCAA Division III postseason. After beating UW-Whitewater last week to clinch a Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title, which gave the Titans an automatic berth to the postseason, the momentum from that game carried over into Saturday.

The Titans, traveling to face No. 24 Central College (Iowa), built a 31-7 halftime lead and looked unstoppable. However, all tides turned as Central College scored 24 unanswered points to force overtime, where a failed 2-point conversion by the Titans gave Central College a 38-37 win.

UWO had a 31-24 lead with just under two minutes left before Central College put together a seven-play, 74-yard scoring drive that forced the game into overtime – capped by a 34-yard touchdown pass from

Blain Hawkins to Erik Knaack. Then in overtime, Hawkins found Knaack for a 6-yard touchdown to make it 38-31, but the Titans would respond as Berghammer found Mitchell Gerend for a 14-yard touchdown. A 2-point passing attempt failed.

UWO built its lead on 24 points scored in the second quarter. Berghammer made it 14-7 with a 52-yard touchdown run and then the quarterback found Riley Kallas from 20 yards out to make it 21-7. A Jayden Haag 41-yard field goal made it 24-7 before a Trenton LaCombe 35-yard fumble recovery for a touchdown before the half.

Then came Central College. Hawkins scored from 2 yards out to make it 31-17 late third quarter and then Hawkins threw three straight touchdowns to Knaack to tie things up. Hawkins had a big day, going 24-for-36 for 265 yards and four touchdowns while adding a score on the ground.

Knaack had six catches for 103 yards and three touchdowns as Central College racked up 432 yards of total offense against UWO's 372.

Berghammer accounted for almost 300 yards of total offense, rushing for 114 while throwing for 179 and three touchdowns.

Peter MacCudden had 50 yards rushing and a touchdown while Kallas led receivers with five catches for 76 yards.

Central College advanced to the second round Saturday against third-ranked Wheaton College (Ill.).

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WIAC honors go to UWO team

By Kennan Timm
UW OSHKOSH SPORTS INFORMATION

Coach of the Year Pat Cerroni, Special Teams Player of the Year Jaydon Haag and Newcomer of the Year Kobe Berghammer highlight league co-champion University of Wisconsin Oshkosh's 17 mentions on the 2019 All-WIAC Football Team.



Cerroni

Cerroni led the Titans to a share of the WIAC title and a trip to the NCAA Division III Championship playoffs despite the program being projected to finish third in the conference standings in a preseason poll of the league's head coaches and sports information directors. He earned the WIAC's George Chryst Coach of the Year award for the fourth time in the past eight seasons after guiding the team to an 8-2 record.

Haag is a sophomore kicker and punter. Berghammer is a freshman quarterback.

UW-La Crosse senior wide receiver Cole Spieker and UW-Whitewater junior defensive lineman Mackenzie Balanganayi



Haag



Berghammer

were tabbed the league's top offensive and defensive players, respectively.

The 14-member All-WIAC First Team Offense included UW Oshkosh junior tight end Justin Kasuboski, junior center Mike Olsen and senior offensive lineman Alex Wipperfurth.

UW Oshkosh was represented on the 13-member All-WIAC First Team Defense by senior defensive lineman Brady Heimer and junior linebacker Nick Noethe.

Titans senior long snapper Mitchell Berghs joined Haag on the WIAC First Team as a special teams player.

UWO junior defensive back Kollyn Beyer, sophomore defensive lineman Brandon Kolgen and junior defensive lineman Trenton LaCombe were each selected to the All-WIAC Second Team Defense.

Titans compete in NCAA cross country

Cody Chadwick placed 21st with a time of 24:50 as the lone competitor from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh at Saturday's NCAA Division III Men's Cross Country Championship in Louisville.

Ethan Hinderman, a UW-Stout freshman and Oshkosh North graduate, finished with a time of 27:45.4 in the 8,000-meter race.

In the women's division Ashton Keene of UW Oshkosh placed 39th with a time of 22:13 and teammate Hannah Lohrenz was 185th with a time of 23:27 in the 6,000-meter race. The two earned at-large berths into the national meet after performances at the Nov. 16 Midwest Regional at the Lake Breeze Golf Club in Winnetonke.

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