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Jobless stats don't show gaps

Labor needs thwarted by pay, deficiencies

By Joseph Schulz Herald Contributor

Winnebago County's unemployment rate is roughly 3 percent but that figure

doesn't tell the whole story as only about 67 percent of adult residents are participating in the workforce.

Only about 91,000 of the roughly 136,000 adults living in the county were part of the labor force as of December, according to data from the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis and 2018 population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau.

This lack of labor isn't exclusive here.

Statewide, the participation rate is 67 percent and nationally it's 63.4 percent, according to data from the Federal Reserve Bank. These figures are down sharply from the rates registered in the late 1990s, according to the nonpartisan Badger Institute.

Because so many have stopped looking

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Holding court

Lourdes Academy's Castle was full Saturday night for the WIAA Regional final between the Knights and Shiocton Chiefs, which Lourdes won to advance to sectional action against Iola-Scandinavia. See game story on Page 16 and other sports coverage.

City locations share spotlight in feature film

'Another Yesterday' earns critical praise

By Dan Roherty

Film director Steven Heil's story of a Japanese-American high school student's journey through family and societal challenges was brought to life with the help of his hometown's visual backdrop.

The independent feature film that used Oshkosh landmarks and locations as settings is getting critical praise at film festivals nationwide since its release last year and had its Wisconsin premiere Saturday



Courtesy of Steven Hei

This photo from "Another Yesterday" shows lead character Akira clashing with his father.

at the Green Bay Film Festival.

"Another Yesterday," written, directed and edited by the UW Oshkosh film

school alumnus, is about a student from Los Angeles in conflict with his father while forming bonds with two social outcasts. The film has already garnered 49 awards in national and international film

competitions.
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before he begins a year-long fellowship in Japan where he was chosen from among

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E-cigarette taxes seen as barrier to health gains

By Jack Tierney
OSHKOSH HERALD

Chad D. Cotti, Oshkosh Corporation's endowed professor and UW Oshkosh economics department chairman, and five other academic researchers have submitted an article to the National Bureau



Cotti

of Economic Research on the effects of e-cigarette taxes, e-cigarette prices and tobacco product sales.

The study deals with limitations in literature examining the e-cigarette market. It is the first paper to estimate the pass-through rate

for e-cigarette taxes, which examines the likelihood of consumers paying a larger fee for a product after a tax on it is raised.

Commonly in products like nicotine, producers are charged a "sin tax" to discourage people from buying them. Cotti's report found that sin taxes could have an adverse effect on the overall goal of public health when it comes to e-cigarettes.

"We estimate that traditional cigarette sales will increase following a rise in e-cigarette taxes," Cotti said. "That means cigarettes and e-cigarettes are economic substitutes."

A national e-cigarette tax will increase traditional cigarettes purchased by 6.2 extra packs for every one standard e-cigarette pod that is no longer purchased, according to Cotti. An e-cigarette pod holds the nicotine liquid.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said last year that although vaping-related illnesses are a public health concern, traditional cigarettes continue to kill nearly 480,000 Americans each year.

The authors said research supports the conclusion that e-cigarettes contain fewer toxicants and are safer for nonpregnant adults than traditional cigarettes, citing two peer-reviewed articles.

"Balancing e-cigarette and traditional cigarette use will continue to be an important issue for policymakers to consider as they develop e-cigarette related tobacco control policies," Cotti said.

Local and federal officials have added

New school security system put in place

The Oshkosh Area School District is expanding safety protocols with Monday's implementation of the Raptor Visitor Management System at schools. The new system and process will record who is in school buildings at all times, including tracking visitors, contractors and volunteers.

Upon entering a school building, visitors will be asked to present a valid state-issued ID, which will be checked against a national sex offender database. Acceptable forms of ID will include a driver's license,

state ID, U.S. military ID or passport. If a parent/guardian or visitor does not have a government-issued ID, a staff member can use any form of identification and enter the person's name and date of birth.

A badge will be issued that identifies the visitor (with photo), date and the purpose of visit. A badge will not be necessary for those who drop off an item in the office or pick up paperwork. The visitor management process will only be used during regular school hours.

Additionally, in 2019 eight states imposed temporary bans on the sale of either all e-cigarettes or flavored versions.

The current House bill specifies a tax rate of \$50.33 per 1,810 milligrams of nicotine. Juul pods, a popular e-cigarette brand, currently contain 59 milligrams/

restrictions on e-cigarettes by banning

their use in indoor and outdoor public

spaces, while the state Legislature has yet

to pass any public restrictions. The Osh-

kosh Common Council this week consid-

ered a proposal to ban e-cigarette and vap-

ing use indoors where the space is open to

The House Ways and Means Commit-

tee approved an e-cigarette tax with bi-

partisan support in October that set an

e-cigarette tax proportional to the federal

traditional cigarette tax, researchers said.

the public, including vape shops.

ml at 5 percent nicotine volume.

"Assuming this conversion, we simulate that if (the House bill) were to become law, the tax would raise e-cigarette prices by \$2.54 per ml.," researchers stated.

"This price increase would reduce e-cigarette purchases per 100,000 adults, but would increase traditional cigarette purchases by 29,182 packs per 100,000 adults."

Cotti said that bigger public health concern should be considered by policymakers. He said there has been a substantial improvement in anti-tobacco campaigns nationwide for the past 30 years and that e-cigarettes are part of that improvement.

He said it would be a public benefit if e-cigarettes were made available to smokers who are looking to quit smoking or smoke healthier.

The report still needs to be peer-reviewed. Cotti said he is confident his research will clear those steps.

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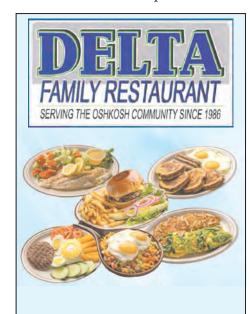
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Sustainability strategy for city moves ahead

Plan Commission backs conservation practices

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The city's Plan Commission unanimously recommended approval of the Oshkosh Sustainability Plan at its March 3 meeting and not being in conflict with the city's 2040 Comprehensive Plan for the future of Oshkosh.

The Sustainability Advisory Board, which put the plan together, defines the strategy as the "use of a resource so the resource is not depleted or permanently damaged" and "meeting present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs."

First adopted in 2012, the Sustainability Plan was updated after more than two years of working on the approved draft. The product represents the efforts of city staff, organizational representatives and other civic leaders coming together to think about and grasp ways that sustainable approaches will change or conserve their community.

Sustainability includes such priorities as energy production from renewable resources, local food production, sales and consumption, the city's natural resources, a safe and healthy atmosphere, responsibly managed waste facilities, a safe and engaged community, a local economy that attracts new businesses, development patterns and buildings that support these goals, and cost-effective, socially respon-

sible and environmentally sound governmental practices.

The plan will go before the Common Council for final approval and includes 10 related topics: atmosphere; economic development; energy; environmental conservation; government; land use and development; local food; managing waste; safe and healthy community; and transportation and mobility. Each section includes an introduction, goals and objectives to be accomplished, and action plan steps.

The plan was presented to commissioners by Stephen Wiley, assistant planner with the Planning Services Division of the Community Development Department, who serves as staff liaison to the Sustainability Advisory Board, and by Margy Davey, board chairwoman.

Davey encouraged Plan Commission members to thoroughly read the plan and make suggestions, as well as for other City Hall staff members and the community to become familiar with what it has to say about the various topics.

Many recommendations for "sustainable" practices are either attempts to slow or halt practices that lack balance or those that people believe can be continued successfully. The report emphasizes a safe, healthy, diverse and educated population supported by a stable economy and environment.

A report by the Planning Services Division notes that the city has accomplished or advanced many goals from the original 2012 plan.

Another stated goal for a safe and

healthy community is to "promote healthy living, civic engagement, cultural and ethnic diversity, and provide a safe and healthy community for our citizens." Identified policies to promote that goal include maintaining well-staffed, trained and equipped police and fire departments at the level equipped for the community's size and needs; maintaining partnerships and collaborations with the Winnebago County Health Department and other human resources in the county; assisting efforts to create a more permanent warming shelter for the homeless; and ensure safe, healthy and affordable housing options for all income levels.

To help educate the public, the Sus-

tainability Advisory Board has created a website and Facebook page to foster sustainable practices. Davey noted that the concept of sustainability changes quickly as new events happen in the community.

The only other action taken by the Plan Commission was approval of a three-lot land subdivision in the Town of Oshkosh at 4701 County S owned by Jamie Hudack. There is a home and farm-related buildings on one of the lots. The other two lots could potentially be used for single-family homes.

The city does not have veto power over any potential housing developments outside city boundaries.



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lagnet reopens with a few changes in mind

By Jack Tierney OSHKOSH HERALD

New menu options, drink specials, an arcade room and a renovated patio space are all in the works by The Magnet's new owners Taylor and Tamera Peterson.

"We want to make the place a family-friendly place that everyone can enjoy," Taylor said. "We're hoping that families can come in, get a home-made pizza, give the kids \$10 to go into the arcade room and everyone have a good time."

The arcade room, taking the space of the former billiards pro shop, has 15 games as diverse as air hockey, foosball, pinball, Atari and shuffleboard. "They are mostly retro games," Tony said. Billiards will stay in the historic pool hall location.

Reintroduced to the menu is the Mad Dog, a two-hotdog special that comes with chili, chips and a pickle for \$5. Meats for the hotdogs are from Beck's, which is part of the Peterson's business plan for their downtown location at 519 N. Main St.: to be community oriented. Also on



Oshkosh Herald

The Magnet Billiards and Bar at 519 N. Main St. is back in business under new owners Taylor and Tamera Peterson.

the menu are The Magnet's new homemade pizza options with the Thai Pizza being a top seller right now, Tony said.

Drink specials include Bloody Marys,

Sangria and Long Islands, as well as a happy hour from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. The 17-beer list includes Bare Bones' Oshkosh Lager, Goose Island's 312, Ale Asylum's Hopalicous and Capital's Wisconsin Amber. A full menu is on The Magnet's Facebook page.

A renovated patio space is planned to have six beer taps and two service windows with chairs and tables filling the lounge area.

The Petersons also plan to bring music

to the place. "We're talking with UW Oshkosh now to get the college kids involved. It's an area I really want to tap because it helps the kids."

Owning a bar/restaurant had been a dream for Tamera, Tony said. After consulting with The Roxy owner "Wolfie," the Petersons knew The Magnet would be the place to go.

Tamara brings 22 years of restaurant experience while Tony has been a vice president at U.S. Bank in Oshkosh.

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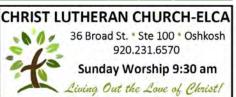
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With aging population, facilities prepare for increase

County agencies planning for community approach

By Samantha Strong
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Winnebago County is preparing to meet the inevitable increase in health care needs of its aging population by providing specialized programming and resources for those experiencing symptoms of dementia and their family members.

The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Winnebago County applied for and received a grant in 2018 that funded a brand-new dementia care specialist position. Rebecca Groleau, the first person to fill the position, said she is excited about the increase in awareness she has been able to bring to the Oshkosh community on the disease.

Groleau has been instrumental in establishing and growing the local programs, including the Memory Cafes and Spark, both of which are geared toward those experiencing symptoms of dementia.

The Oshkosh Memory Cafes meet on the second Wednesday of each month at the Oshkosh Public Library, and the last Monday of the month at the YMCA on 20th Avenue. The Spark program is hosted

A single-vehicle accident in the 3000

block of Oregon Street just after midnight

Thursday claimed the life of a 26-year-old

The Oshkosh Police Department and

Town of Black Wolf man.

once a month for 60 to 90 minutes at the Paine Art Center. Both programs work to end the isolation those with dementia and their caregivers typically face while experiencing art, culture and nature in a comfortable, small-group environment.

Resources are not just for dementia patients, though. Their caregivers and family members also need support. Oshkosh is one of two cities in the Fox Valley that offers a respite program completely free to community members.

"A lot of caregivers don't want to reach out and ask for help, so they try to do it all on their own and they end up burning themselves out," Groleau said. "They get stressed or sick and they end up doing too much. Then instead of the person with dementia staying in their home, they have to go into an assisted living or nursing home because their caregiver just can't take care of them anymore."

Caregivers can drop off their loved one at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1860 Wisconsin St., on the third and fourth Tuesday of every month from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The program, completely funded by the Winnebago County ADRC, provides a safe space for dementia patients to interact with others. It is staffed by professional caregivers, and snacks and refreshments are served.

bound on Oregon Street, left the roadway

and struck a tree. Farr, who was the only

occupant of the vehicle, was transported

to a hospital where he was pronounced

dead. An autopsy was performed Friday

The ARDC also has tools on its website for caregivers including weekly planners, communication tips, a symptom tracker, lifestyle recommendations and a training catalog.

Because dementia affects the whole community, Groleau is leading the Purple Angels Program. Purple Angels provide training for local businesses to learn how they can help support employees with family members who have dementia, as well as provide access to early and accurate diagnoses for their own employees who may be exhibiting symptoms of the disease.

A common misconception is that Alzheimer's disease and dementia are one in the same. Alzheimer's is a type of dementia, but not all dementia is Alzheimer's.

Second to personal and financial safety, isolation is one of the biggest hurdles those with dementia face.

"When someone gets dementia, they lose their community," Groleau said. "When a person gets dementia, often their friends start to withdraw because they don't know how to communicate with them."

Groleau also said if a person starts exhibiting behaviors that are associated with dementia — asking a lot of questions, being confused, acting out physically, wandering off — often their caregiver finds it difficult to take the person out so they stop making it a point to go anywhere and interact with others.

"What happens then is they usually sit at home and do nothing," Groleau said. "You can't blame the caregiver, but studies have shown if a person withdraws and sits at home day in and day out, you tend to see a quicker decline."

Candidates forum set at City Hall

An Oshkosh candidates forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Winnebago County and Oshkosh Media will be held starting at 6:30 p.m. Monday at City Hall.

The forum on the fourth floor at 215 Church Ave. will be broadcast live on Oshkosh Media TV and WOCT 101.9 FM, and rebroadcast several times before the April 7 election. It will also be available at www.oshkoshmedia.org and on the Oshkosh Media YouTube channel.

The forum of Oshkosh Common Council candidates will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by those seeking a seat on the Oshkosh Area School District's Board of Education.

There also will be a 15-minute segment

for the two candidates vying for a District 17 seat on the Winnebago County Board, incumbent Julie Gordon vs. challenger Joe Stephenson.

Council candidates are incumbents Bill Miller and Matt Mugerauer, and Lynnsey Erickson, Michael Ford, Danny Garcia and Robert Wilcox. School board hopefuls include incumbents Barb Herzog and Bob Poeschl, and challenger Jen Sullivan.

LWV president Margy Davey and Jake Timm of Oshkosh Media will be moderators. Panel members are Karen Schneider, Oshkosh Herald publisher; and Nathaniel Shuda, Oshkosh Northwestern editor. Audience questions on issues are encouraged and can be submitted in advance to wcLWVinfo@gmail.com or 920-233-5055.



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New Miss Oshkosh chosen

Breah Ostertag, a University of Wisconsin Oshkosh postgraduate student, was crowned the new Miss Oshkosh at the 2020 scholarship competition Saturday at Alberta Kimball Auditorium.



Ostertag

First runner-up for Miss Oshkosh was Kianna Fiedler.

The 20-year-old pianist and UW-Eau Claire graduate competed against eight other women, winning the overall interview award and promoting the advocacy platform "Part of the Pride — Supporting LGBT+ Youth." She plans to use her



Nikodem

scholarship winnings toward her social work education and currently works at Innovative Services in Oshkosh mentoring children.

Along with the title, Ostertag received a \$3,500 scholarship.

Paige Nikodem was selected from among

seven candidates to be the new Miss Oshkosh Outstanding Teen. She performed a baton twirling routine and her advocacy program is focused on cancer patients.

The two will represent the city in the Miss Wisconsin Scholarship Competition set for June 17-20 here at Alberta Kimball.



Donald Trump Jr. (left) is interviewed by Axios CEO Jim VandeHei on Friday at Oblio's Lounge on Main Street in Oshkosh.

Covey announces three new board members

Covey, an organization that provides resources to empower people with disabilities and their families, has welcomed three new directors to its board.

Jeffery Ahrens, branch manager at Nicolet National Bank; Mary Gietman Schellinger, internal communications leader at

Verve a Credit Union; and Scott Jennings, senior portfolio/relationship manager at BMO Harris Bank.

Through short-term care and skill-building programs, Covey helps youth and adults move toward independence. They also provide support for family caregivers.

Trump Jr. stops at Oblio's to talk media, meddling

Iim VandeHei, Axios news service co-founder and University of Wisconsin Oshkosh graduate, talked with Donald Trump Jr. on Friday at Oblio's Lounge about the 2020 election, the role of the media, Hunter Biden and Russian meddling among other topics for the Axios and HBO-sponsored television show that aired Sunday.

Axios invited a group of local President Trump supporters for the audience that heard him interview Trump's eldest son about the ongoing election campaign and Wisconsin's pivotal role, national media coverage of the president and his opponents, and comparisons between the sons of Trump and Democratic candidate Joe Biden.

Trump spoke of his concerns with the 24-hour news cycle bringing anxiety to the general public, his contention that most media coverage is biased against his father and how the average Trump supporter is stereotyped.

VandeHei noted that most Winnebago County voters chose Obama twice before Trump took the majority here in 2016.

"I grew up in Oshkosh and threw back my share of beers at Oblio's so it was a hoot to bring HBO to the greatest city on Earth," VandeHei said.

This episode of Axios also features an interview with Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson, provides a peek into Biden's potential governing plan, and talks to female sports stars on equality in athletics.

The documentary news program explores the intersection of tech, media, business and politics through a mix of high-profile interviews, insightful shortform segments and conversations. The show combines the reporting of seasoned journalists from media outlet Axios with the expertise of HBO filmmakers.





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Labor market

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for work, the low jobless rate may provide an overly positive picture of economic strength, a recent research paper published by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco suggests.

The shortage of workers is having a negative effect on local employers as many are operating under capacity, according to Jason White, chief executive officer of the Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corp.

In northeast Wisconsin, 40 percent of workplaces have not adopted practices to compensate for the worker shortage, while the ones that have are offering increased pay and benefits to entice workers, according to a 2018 survey of 288 business leaders from multiple industries conducted by New North, a regional marketing and economic development organization.

"Employers are looking at creative ways to recruit talent," White said. "It seems like entry-level workers are the hardest to recruit right now."

Multiple factors are contributing to the labor shortage including declining birth rates, workforce retirements and employment barriers, White noted.

Three of the main barriers preventing workers from rejoining the labor market are a lack of soft skills, substance abuse and unreliable transportation, he said.

From the perspective of wage earners, low pay and a lack of employer loyalty may discourage them from seeking certain kinds of jobs, said Grant Withers, treasurer for United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1473, which represents members in Wisconsin and Upper Michigan.

A recent survey of 601 manufacturers in northeast Wisconsin found that more than half of the employers reported communication and attendance as the skills most lacking. The NEW Manufacturing Alliance, a nonprofit that promotes the industry, conducted the survey.

Ann Franz, the organization's director, said entry-level workers lacking soft skills isn't a new phenomenon. She attributes the lack of communication and attendance skills to a culture change.

"When I was in school, my parents would never pull me out of school ever; we didn't go on vacation," Franz said.

She said many parents don't care about attendance in school, leading to poor attendance in the workplace.

One employer working to combat the issue of attendance is Sadoff Iron and Metal Co., a scrap metal recycling company with facilities in Oshkosh and Fond



Photo by Carter Uslabar

While the area's unemployment rate remains low, employers continue to be challenged to fill specific skilled positions.

du Lac. The company's CEO, Mark Lasky, said Sadoff offers financial incentives to employees with no unexcused absences in a year.

"In order to retain talent and recruit talent, you have to pay attention to culture and how you're treating people," Lasky said

But not all employers treat their employees well. For a long time, employers have undervalued their entry-level workers, according to Withers.

"I think you reap what you sow," Withers said. "For employees on the lower end of the wage spectrum, what's the incentive if they know their employer will pay them minimum wage, or as close to it as they possibly can?"

Besides a lack of soft skills, substance abuse also prevents people from entering the labor force in multiple ways.

Addiction is often associated with prior criminal charges, making it hard for those in recovery to re-enter the job market, according to Megan Reinl, Sober Living Program coordinator at Solutions Recovery Inc.

She said past criminal charges can sometimes force those in recovery to take low-wage jobs.

In order to help people in recovery find employment, Reinl believes there needs to be less of a stigma surrounding drug addiction. Some employers haven't been exposed to addiction, and everything they know comes from the media or what others have told them, which is "typically negative," she said.

In terms of those unable to pass a drug test, there's no clear solution as many jobs that do not drug test are lower-paying jobs, Reinl said.

"Low-paying (jobs) keep the person in poverty, and then poverty and addiction are highly correlated," she said. "So it just keeps them in that cycle."

That cycle can lead addicts to continue using, making any kind of stability difficult to achieve, Reinl said.

A job may only be one of the things that someone struggling with addiction may lose, along with family and children.

"There's no balance because the drugs come first," she said. "Whether it's their priority or not or they want it to be or not, the drugs have taken over."

For those dealing with addiction, options are available but many are already strapped, Reinl said.

"Even for our sober living program, we almost always have a 10-person wait list," she said.

Beyond a lack of soft skills and substance abuse, transportation also prevents prospective workers from entering the labor force.

In Winnebago County, 81 percent of job seekers report transportation as a significant challenge, according to Feonix Mobility Rising, a nonprofit that aims to

enhance transportation options for underserved communities.

"If an individual relies on the bus and they work second or third shift — and that bus ends — they don't have transportation home," outreach specialist Allison Knautz said in a video on Feonix Mobility's website.

Make the Ride Happen mobility manager Holly Keenan said transportation affects people in every facet of their lives.

Even with additional skills training beyond a high school education, transportation can be a major barrier to employment, she said.

"If they can't drive, they can't live their lives," Keenan said. "Maybe they'll be able to piece something together with their neighbor or their friend or their girlfriend, but that's going to get old."

Labor barriers combined with stagnant wages make it harder for those who haven't been in the labor market in quite some time to re-enter, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh economics professor David Fuller said. He said there's a misconception that people who aren't working are lazy, but there's "really no evidence to support that."

In order to get more people to enter the labor market, Fuller said wages would need to increase across the board.

"We've hit a point where the only way you're going to be able to hire more workers is to pay them more," he said.



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Oshkosh filming

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1,000 applicants to study and work with other filmmakers.

Heil earned his degree as a Radio TV Film major in 2015, where his father Doug has been a professor since 1987 and co-produced the film with Steven's mother, Diane Vlajcic-Heil, who also holds a film degree from Columbia College in Chicago. Doug also wrote the music and lyrics to the song representing the heart of the story.

While it's his first feature, Heil brought extensive college-era experience to the project that included best student film at the Oregon International Film Awards and grand prize for video drama at the National Undergraduate Student Electronic Media Competition. Since graduating, his music video for Franki Moscato's "Me, Myself & I" won international awards.

"When I was a senior in college I first began developing the idea and writing the script (for 'Another Yesterday')," Heil said. He wrote the first 45 pages during his last semester for his father's screenwriting class.

"From the very beginning I began developing it with the intention of actually producing it, so immediately after graduating that was when I went to Japan for the first time for a volunteer program for seven weeks," he said. "Being immersed in the culture and just the experiences I had over there gave me tremendous amounts of inspiration that affected the story."

After returning to Oshkosh and finishing the screenplay — including about 12 revisions by his count —preproduction work came next and the city became the right film location in fall 2016 over four

and a half weeks.

Funding from an Indiegogo campaign and other separate investors created a film budget and allowed for shooting six days a week, 12 hours a day under the guidance of Screen Actors Guild contract rules. Two years of production work later and "Another Yesterday" had its world premiere in Manhattan in May.

"I can't tell you how wonderful the businesses were in Oshkosh that allowed us to use locations," Diane recalled. "And this is unheard of in filmmaking — not a single location would take any money from us."

She said everyone in the community opened their doors and outdoor spaces for filming, including the school district as scenes were shot at North High School and Merrill Middle School on weekends.

Diane said Steven had made videos for the university while attending and knew Marc Nylen, director of residence life at UWO's Gruenhagen Conference Center, who made housing available to cast and crew at a monthly rate that would have been unheard of in the Los Angeles area.

"There were other things that the university did for us that were fantastic," she said.

Other Oshkosh locations providing the scenes included the Varsity Club, Fire Escape, Public Library, UWO's Steinhilber Gallery, Menominee and South parks, and the Paine Prairie Woodland. Diane said another natural landmark was a big oak at High Street and Congress Avenue.

"For our film we needed a huge, old tree and the star of this movie practically is that tree that is on the Paine property," she said.

Among the reviews praising the work, Matt Verboys of the Sleepy Hollow International Film Festival wrote, "It's rare that a film uses genre as a vehicle to tell an important, thoughtful and ultimately uplifting story. 'Another Yesterday' manages to do all those things."

movie The has drawn other critical notice on the national film festival circuit: Best Film of the Festival at the Manhattan Rep's Stories Festival, Film Best Feature at The Network Film Festival in New York, Best Cross-Culture Award at the Japan Film Festival Los Angeles, and Best of Show in Drama at the Depth of Field International

Film Festival in Nassau, Del., where Heil also won the Award of Outstanding Excellence in Direction.

"We've received some offers for distribution but we haven't pursued any of those op-

tions yet," Heil said. "There are so many different methods of distribution via different streaming platforms — it's really impossible to predict at this point what

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He said he's working on a couple of other screenplays, one that takes place in Japan where he will be working and hoping to film there. His fellowship on Awaji Island was delayed until June in the wake of Covid-19 virus precautions.

"I'm honestly just eager to make another movie again. I'm excited to work with people from all around the world in Japan and do film projects over there," Heil said, while echoing his father's praise for Oshkosh's support and looking forward to the Wisconsin screening for a chance to catch up with old friends.

Groundwater awareness week marked

National Groundwater Awareness Week is being observed as the state Department of Natural Resources is stressing the importance of investing in the next generation of groundwater professionals.

Held by the National Ground Water Association since 1999, the weeklong observance through Friday serves as a platform to promote yearly well testing and maintenance to prevent waterborne illnesses. This year's focus is on the importance of building a foundation for future sustainability.

Since 2001, the DNR has provided annual training on the use of a groundwater sand tank model to educators from schools or nature centers around the state.

Since the program began, more than 1,200 educators from nearly 650 schools or nature centers have received training through this program and received a free model.

The DNR encourages private well owners to take the time to test, treat and tend to their wells yearly to protect from potentially consuming contaminated water. More information on drinking water supply testing is on the DNR's well water web page.

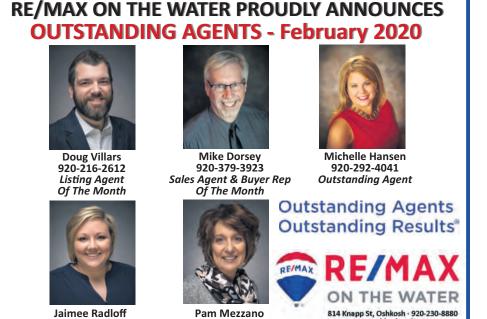


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March exhibit

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March 11

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 & 10:15 a.m., infants to preschoolers; Memory Cafe, 1 p.m.; What's Cooking Book Club: Go-To Recipes, 6:30 p.m.

March 12

Baby Bounce Storytime, 9:30 a.m., infants to age 1; Considerations at Evergreen: Second Amendment Sanctuary Movement, 9:30 a.m.; Afternoon Book Club, 1:30 p.m.; Winnebagoland Genealogical Society Meeting, 6 p.m.

March 14

LEGO Wall Open Build, noon to 3 p.m.

March 16

Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., infants to preschoolers; Monday Movie Matinee, 12:30 p.m.; Read to a Dog, 4 p.m.

March 17

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., infants to preschoolers; Fox Valley Free Legal Assistance Clinic, 4:30 p.m.; Stories by Starlight, 6 p.m., preschoolers and families.

March 18

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., infants to preschoolers; Wonderlab: Rube Goldberg Challenge, 6 p.m.

March 19

Baby Bounce Storytime, 9:30 a.m., infants to age 1; Morning Book Club: A Gentleman in Moscow, 10 a.m.

Electric vehicles topic of discussion at UWO

The Oshkosh Chapter of the Citizens' Climate Lobby will be host to a talk by Jane McCurry, electric vehicles program manager for Renew Wisconsin, at 4:30 p.m. March 25 at Reeve Memorial Union on the

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh campus.

McCurry will present an introduction to electric vehicles and cover the benefits of driving electric and how to tell if driving electric is right for individuals.







Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

March 4, 1927

Modern retail shoe shop will open Saturday: A new Oshkosh shoe store devoted exclusively to high grades of footwear and hosiery will open its doors Saturday (March 5) at 9 o'clock, offering to local citizens the latest designs and styles of nationally famous "Walk-Over" shoes. The new store will represent the finest store of its kind in the city. The store will be managed by W.F. Peterson who has been actively associated with the Milwaukee Walk-Over store for the past three years. Walk-Over shoes are described as the largest selling trademarked shoe in the world. (Note: The store originally opened as a company owned store by the Geo. E. Keith Co. that was founded in 1758. At one time the company owned well over 100 stores nationally. The Oshkosh store was purchased by Milford and Iva Britton in 1946 who re-



This tin type advertising sign once hung outside the store. It is a two-sided sign promoting men's shoes on one side and ladies' footwear on the other.

quested to keep the Walk-Over name. Today, Britton's Walk-Over Footwear on Main Street is owned and operated by Brad Britton, the third generation in the family)

> Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, March 4, 1927

Altrusa's Art in Garden Show set March 28

Altrusa International Club of Oshkosh is holding its 14th annual Art in the Garden Art Show and Sale on March 28 and 29 at the Hilton Garden Inn.

On display will be original photography, oils, fiber, jewelry, glass and basketry from over 30 artists vying for awards that the pub-

lic will vote on. Over 20 of the artists will have work available for purchase, and art by area high school students will be on display.

There will be a general raffle with prizes and a bag raffle with items donated by artists and businesses. Proceeds will benefit local literacy programs and charities.



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Ongoing events

Alphonse Mucha: Master of Art Nouveau, 11 a.m., Paine Art Center & Gardens, 1410 Algoma Blvd.

Then & Now: Old Photos as Today, Oshkosh Public Museum, 1331 Algoma

Wednesday, March 11

Craft Beer Week: Bare Bones Tap Take-Over, 5 p.m., Dublin's Irish Pub, 2070 W. 9th Ave.; Dinner featuring Fifth Ward, 6 p.m., Becket's, 2 Jackson St.

Thursday, March 12

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Rooms of Blooms, 11 a.m., Paine Art Center & Gardens, 1410 Algoma Blvd. Julaine Farrow Museum, 1 p.m., 4150

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Craft Beer Week: Fifth Ward Pin Tapping, 5 p.m., Dublin's Irish Pub, 2070 W. 9th Ave.; Bare Bones Wing Pairing, 6:30 p.m., Chester V's, 2505 Oregon St.

Friday, March 13

Rooms of Blooms, 10 a.m., Paine Art Center & Gardens, 1410 Algoma Blvd.

Marine Corps League Bingo, 5:30 p.m., Marine Corps League, 4715 Sher-

Craft Beer Week: Hops & Props Pre-Party Tap Takeover, 6 p.m., Becket's, 2 Jackson St.; Yoga on Tap, 5:30 p.m., Fifth Ward Brewing Co., 1009 S. Main St.; Fifth Ward Drives the Kart, 7 p.m., Game Box, 200 City Center

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

Oshkosh Garden Club hosts Judy Hebert of Flowers & Leaves, 6:30 p.m., Evergreen, 1130 N. Westfield St.

Saturday, March 14

St. Patrick's Tent Party, 7 a.m., Dublin's Irish Pub, W. 9th Ave.

Oshkosh Farmers Market and Spring Bazaar, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center, 2 N. Main St.

Fourth Annual Craft and Vendor Fair, 9 a.m., Boys and Girls Club, 501 E. Parkway Ave.

Rooms of Blooms, 9 a.m., Paine Art Center & Gardens, 1410 Algoma Blvd.

Indoor Rummage Sale, 9 a.m., 217 N.

Shamrock Shuffle, 10 a.m., UW Oshkosh Rec Center, 735 Pearl Ave.

Dissonance, 2 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

Family Night St. Patrick's Day Arts and Crafts, 6 p.m., Downtown Oshkosh YMCA, 324 Washington Ave.

Hops & Props, 7 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum, 3000 Poberezny Road

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

Sunday, March 15

Oshkosh Youth Symphony concert, 2 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

Rooms of Blooms, 9 a.m., Paine Art Center & Gardens, 1410 Algoma Blvd.

Family Bingo, 1 p.m., Oshkosh Seniors Center North, 234 N. Campbell Road

St. Paddy's Season Sunday Service, 10 a.m., O'Marro's Public House, 2211 Oregon St.

Tuesday, March 17

Board Game Night, 5 p.m., Adventure Games & Hobby, 408 N. Main St.

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

Thursday, March 19

Julaine Farrow Museum, 1 p.m., 4150 Sherman Road

SOAR Gala, 5 p.m., Paine Art Center & Gardens, 1410 Algoma Blvd.

Strong Moms Segment on Safety, 5:30 p.m., Downtown Oshkosh YMCA, 324 Washington Ave.

Aviation Adventure Speaker Series: A-10 Pilot Kim Campbell, 7 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum, 3000 Poberezny Road Gaelic Storm, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

Friday, March 20

Mark Schultz, 7 p.m. at Dwelling 2:22, 222 Church Ave.

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

Farewell Angelina, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

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

The Kill Thrills, 9 p.m., Fletch's Local Tap House, 566 N. Main St.

Saturday, March 21

Barbershop Songs Through the Decades, 6 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

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

Funny Bones Comedy Show, 8 p.m., Bare Bones Brewery, 4362 County S

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

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Farewell Angelina takes The Grand stage for a March 20 concert.

Country quartet at Grand

Farewell Angelina, one of Rolling Stone magazine's "New Artists You Need to Know," is bringing their Women & Wine Tour to The Grand Oshkosh at 7:30 p.m. March 20.

Farewell Angelina is an all-female country group with four accomplished vocalists, songwriters and multi-instrumentalists. Their blend of harmonies over double violins and guitars has earned praise as Roughstock's "Ones to Watch." Their recent single, "Ghosts," was No. 1 on the CMT 12Pack Countdown for three weeks.

A band of longtime friends, Nicole Witt, Andrea Young, Lisa Torres and Ashley Gearing met in Nashville. Each were building successful solo careers touring, recording and writing songs.

The band has opened shows for Kenny Chesney, Old Dominion, Frankie Ballard, Jake Owen, Billy Currington, Maroon 5 and Trace Adkins. They joined the Bacon Brothers as the opening act on many dates of their last two summer tours.

The performance is part of the Alberta S. Kimball Foundation Series.

Health care, estate planning topics of seminar

The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Winnebago County is partnering April 20 with elder law attorney Joseph McCleer on health care finances and estate planning, and financial adviser Nick Behnke from SBG Financial on long-term care insurance options and funeral trusts.

The free seminar is from 4 to 6 p.m. at Winnebago County Human Services, 220 Washington Ave., in Room 33. Participants are asked to contact ADRC at 877-886-2372 or adrc@co.winnebago.wi.us.

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Oshkosh Area Community Band honors founder in spring concert

The Oshkosh Area Community Band will present its spring concert, "A Tribute to Our Founding Director," at 7 p.m. March 21 at Alberta Kimball Auditorium.

Terry Hathaway was founding director of the band, which played its first concert in 1987. He stepped down in 2018 and was named director emeritus. He will be featured in a variety of roles at the concert.

"Above and Beyond," composed by Robert Buckley and commissioned by the band upon Hathaway's retirement, will be given its world premiere.

"It is a fitting tribute that will live on in the music that will hopefully be performed for many years to come," band director R. David Berndt said.

Hathaway will join the band as a narrator as he tells the story of a French horn player in "The Peck-Horn's Revenge." The audience will have a chance to participate by adding vocals to "On, Wisconsin."

The Dixieland Band directed by Jon Basten will perform before the concert starting at 6:45 p.m. Admission is free and donations will be accepted at the door.

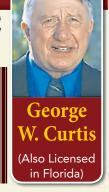
Youth Symphony in concert Sunday

The Oshkosh Youth Symphony will host its spring concert, Masterworks, at 2 p.m. Sunday at Alberta Kimball Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 and available at the door.

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Lourdes boys advance to Division 4 sectional

By Neal Hogden HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Preston Ruedinger became the school's all-time leading scorer as the Lourdes Academy boys basketball team dominated two teams en route to a Division 4 regional title Saturday.

The WIAA regional final pitted Lourdes against Shiocton, where the Knights took down the visiting Chiefs by a final score of 83-64

Lourdes got off to a fast start as Ruedinger dropped 14 of his 23 points in the first half, giving the Knights a 38-26 lead heading into halftime.

With Shiocton only committing four fouls in the first half, senior Caden Chier said the team had to make sure it brought an increased intensity during the second half

"Even before the game, coach told us to keep our intensity up for 36 minutes because in our minds we felt they couldn't handle our intensity on offense and defense throughout the whole game," Chier said.

"We felt we were wearing them down and we came out with the same passion as we came out with in the first half. It seemed like they slowed down a little bit in the second so that's probably why we broke out a little bit in the second half."

With just over nine minutes remaining in the game, Lourdes held an 18-point advantage when head coach Dennis Ruedinger called a timeout.

Over the next five minutes, the team subsequently went on an 11-2 run to open up a

27-point lead and effectively put the game out of reach.

Besides Ruedinger's 23 points, the leading scorers for Lourdes were Josh Bauer with 22 and Jack Huizenga with 14.

To get to the regional final, the Knights had to go through Bonduel and did so easily as they dispatched the Bears, 91-61.

In the first half, Bauer carried the Knights to a 11-point halftime advantage as he dropped 12 of his 18 points in the frame.

Ruedinger once again led the Knights in scoring as he scored 22 points with a pair of 3's and Chier poured in 15 points. During the game, Ruedinger passed Lourdes alum Henry Noone as the leading scorer in Knights history.

Next, Lourdes will face No. 1 seed Iola-Scandinavia at Kimberly High School at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Chier said after defeating the Thunderbirds in last year's tournament by 20, he expects them to come out motivated to get revenge.

"We're looking forward to playing them," he said. "It's a game we've been looking forward to since last year (when) we played them because I know they want revenge, but I don't think we're going to let them have it."

Senior George Muench said he respects Iola-Scandinavia but the ultimate goal is to get back to state and win the title.

"I think it will be another good test for us," Muench said. "Hopefully we can make another run at state, but we'll take it one game at a time."



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Caden Chier takes the ball to the rim against Shiocton in Saturday's regional final.

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- A cell has factories (ribosomes, endoplasmic reticulum, Golgi complex) for manufacturing all the parts and equipment that it needs.
- The blueprints for all its parts and equipment are stored in its library (nucleus).
- It has a copying process for getting copies of the blueprints to its factories.
- It has recycle and disposal plants (lysosomes, peroxisomes) that dismantle worn out equipment, recycling some of the parts and expelling unsalvageable parts from the cell.
- It has a network of linked filaments (cytoskeleton) that crisscrosses the cell and serves as roads in a transportation system for distributing raw materials and products.
- It has energy refineries called mitochondria.
- It has a huge work force (enzymes) with specialized skills for doing every job.
- The cell's contents are enclosed in a barrier (cellular membrane) with special gates that regulate everything entering and leaving the cell.

The raw materials for producing the four types of molecules in animal cells: proteins, nucleic acids (DNA and RNA), carbohydrates and lipids (fats) are derived from food. The molecules in food are broken down into their constituent parts and reassembled as cellular molecules. This is a major activity of cells requiring never ending chemical reactions – most requiring energy. The cell's hundreds of **mitochondria** change the chemical energy in food into a fuel that empowers chemical reactions.

Origin-of-life research has an insurmountable problem in explaining how cells were made. Cellular organelles and their functions are extremely complex and must originate at the same time. Why? Because useless organelles are eliminated and each organelle's usefulness depends on the presence of the others. Furthermore all organelles are necessary. Blueprints are useless without protein factories and vice versa. Every organelle uses the energy produced by mitochondria which are useless if no users exist. If no waste is produced recycling and disposal plants are useless, otherwise they are essential and so on – each organelle is necessary but useless without all the others.

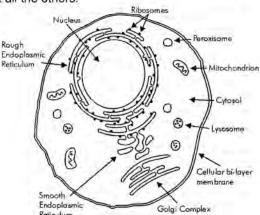


Figure 1 - An Animal Cell

Is it reasonable to believe that an unguided, purposeless process made the first cell OR that scientists can even assemble a cell? The acclaimed chemist James Tour writes "...if origin-of-life researchers were given all the molecules,... and their advanced laboratories, and all the chemical literature, and the DNA and RNA in any sequence (code) that they wish, could they assemble even a simple cell? The answer is a resounding No! (See footnote)

Do cells exhibit design and purpose or are they accidents of an unguided, purposeless process? Are you an AoE or CoG?

Footnote: MYSTERY OF LIFE'S ORIGIN (Seattle: Discovery Institute Press, 2020) p.349
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EAA names VP for marketing

Jim Busha, an experienced pilot and aviation writer who has been with the Experimental Aircraft Association since 2014, has been promoted to vice president of

publications, marketing and membership for the organization.

Busha continues his leadership of EAA's editorial, photo/video and marketing teams, with added responsibility for membership services and marketing. He will report to



ing. He will report to chairman and chief executive Jack Pelton

as part of the association's senior leadership team.

Busha joined EAA as director of publications, where he had responsibility for print and electronic publications, including the flagship magazine, Sport Aviation. He accepted additional responsibilities over the EAA marketing team in August. He will continue his involvement in Vintage Airplane and Warbirds magazines.



North season ends at Kimberly in regional final

By Dan Kohn
Herald Contributor

Too many runs, too many 3-pointers and too many missed opportunities proved to be the undoing for Oshkosh North on Saturday. The result was a season-ending 90-65 loss to top-seeded Kimberly in a WIAA Division I boys basketball regional final at Papermaker Fieldhouse.

The win sends Kimberly (21-3) to sectional play Thursday against Eau Claire North at Wisconsin Rapids, while the Spartans finish their season at 13-11.

"Kimberly is a great team and they showed that tonight, shooting the ball," North coach Brad Weber said. "If they are going to shoot like that, you're going to find them down in Madison. Their only (conference) loss was to Neenah when they made only one three.

"If they shoot the way they are capable, I don't see anyone in this sectional stopping them. Kimberly is one hell of a team."

Senior guard Josh Dilling did his best to keep the Spartans in the game, scoring a game-high 31 points, but Kimberly countered by hitting 14 3-pointers, including nine in the first half.

The Spartans hung tough for the first seven minutes and trailed just 16-13 with 11:09 remaining in the first half. But a 12-0 run sparked by a pair of 3-pointers by Kimberly's Logan Pearson ballooned the lead to 28-13 with 8:03 left in the half. North battled back and closed to within 40-30 at intermission.

The deficit was briefly trimmed to eight to start the second half, but the Papermakers began to pull away and later used a 12-0 run to grab a 66-38 advantage with 8:05 to go. From there, the Spartans had no answer as the lead grew to as much as 29

"We didn't play the way we wanted to," Dilling said. "Being done it feels horrible. But we gave our effort and tried our hardest and that's what matters. Going out that way with the seniors around us and the CONTRACTOR OF THE PROPERTY OF

Photo by Emil Vajgrt

Josh Dilling of Oshkosh North drives against Oshkosh West in Friday's regional opener that the Spartans won 81-69 to advance to the regional final.

guys on the bench, that's our family, that's our brothers and that's our support.

"No matter what the stat line was, no matter what we had for that game, we still ended up losing and our season is over and that's the bad part about it all. We just have to work harder and go on to the next thing. This is definitely a memory we're all going to have."

Despite the loss, Weber said he was proud of his team and its no-quit attitude.

"When you look at our seniors, they are competitors," Weber said. "There are a lot of hurt feelings in there (locker room)

right now and it's because they cared. It's because they competed. They were willing to put it all on the line. I think in today's world, people don't like making themselves vulnerable. You look at social media and everybody's telling them how great of

a life they have.

"To go out there in front of the public world and battle for your life, your season, and to put it out on the line like my guys do, I'm proud of that. Like I told them in there, that's what it's about. It's about living a full life and committing and caring so much that it hurts as deep as it does in that locker room. The wins are great, you'd love to have them down in Madison and you always want them validated for their efforts. But the relationships formed, how much they have competed and how deeply they care about competing, that's what it's about."

Besides Dilling, the Spartans were also led in scoring by Garang Deng with 12 points and Matthew Berger with eight.

"I've been playing with these guys forever, the seniors, and even the younger guys," Dilling said. "It'd be the offseason and we'd be working at the Y. Working with these guys, these are my brothers. It's just tough to end like this. But we gave it our all and they were just the better team.

"Tough way to end the season. There's nobody else I'd rather finish it with."

Leading the way for Kimberly were Pearson with 23 and Mitch Bartol and Grant Asman, both with 13.

The Spartans avenged a pair of regular-season losses to the Wildcats with an 81-69 win Friday night in the first round of the regional playoffs at West High School to advance. Dilling had 25 points and eight rebounds to lead North back from an 8-point halftime deficit.

West's leading scorer Karter Thomas ended his high school career with a 26-point game and fellow senior Caleb Fuller added 11 points in the loss.





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Photo by Andy Ratchman

Raechel Russo (right) fights for the loose ball against Oakfield in Thursday's WIAA regional contest at Central Wisconsin Christian.

Prep sports roundup

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lourdes season ends to top-seeded Oakfield

The third-seeded Lourdes girls basketball team's season came to an end Thursday after they lost 58-47 to top-seeded Oakfield in a WIAA Division 5 sectional semifinal game played at Central Wisconsin Christian.



Mary Husman hit two three-pointers in the first half for Lourdes but Oakfield built a 33-24 halftime lead with Aryn Uttendorfer scoring 13 of her 17 total points.

Hope Burns led Lourdes scorers with 18 points while Raechel Russo and Mary Husman each added 8 points. Oakfield's Abi Streeter had 11 points.

Lourdes finishes the season with a 10-16 record.

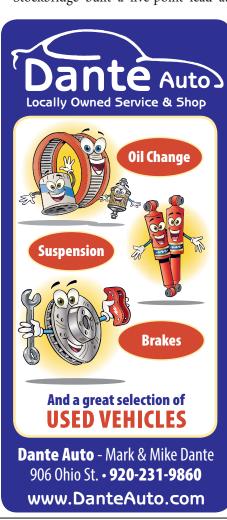
BOYS BASKETBALL

Valley Christian falls in regional opener

The 11th-seeded Valley Christian boys basketball team lost its WIAA Division 5 regional game last Tuesday, falling to 6th-seeded Stockbridge 81-68 on the

Isaiah Wade had a great game for the Warriors, scoring 26 points on 12-of-17 shooting while grabbing 15 rebounds. Yianni Giannopoulos added 17 points and five assists. Nickolai Thur chipped in 12 points in the loss.

Stockbridge built a five-point lead at



halftime before pulling away in the second half.

> Compiled by Alex Wolf, Herald contributor

UW Oshkosh gymnasts win WIAC title

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh women's gymnastics team claimed the WIAC Championship last weekend at UW-Eau Claire and became a West Region qualifier for the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association Championship set for March 28 at Ithaca College.

For the Titans, Emily Gilot won the vault competition, Baylee Tkaczuk took second on uneven bars and Rahdea Jarvis was second in the floor exercise. Other top UWO finishers included Kaira Hammond and Jarvis in balance beam, taking third and fourth place, respectively. Paige Mayhew was seventh in balance beam and Trinity Sawyer seventh in floor exercise.

Blaise Wilson of UW-Whitewater was the all-around event champion with a score of 38.175.

UW Oshkosh had a winning team score of 189.675, followed by UW-Whitewater at 189.425 and UW-La Crosse with 189.350.

The top three teams from the WIAC Championship, along with qualified gymnasts, advance to the NCGA Championship, an event hosted by UW Oshkosh a year ago.



Photo by Michael Cooney

Hoops challenge

Winnebago County sheriff's officers (in blue) and Oshkosh firefighters met on the Menominee Nation Arena court for a Boots vs. Badges basketball game to raise funds for the fire department's dive rescue team and sheriff's K9 unit. The sheriff's team won the game, which raised \$1,120 for both efforts. Sheriff John Matz (shown at far left) said, "It was great to get together with our first responder friends and family. Oftentimes we see each other at tragedies and do not have the chance to interact in a more relaxed environment. The game was entertaining and much closer than last year. Keep practicing Fire! Thank you friends and family for supporting two great causes."





Photo by Carter Uslabar

UW Oshkosh baseball will need a strong performance from a handful of freshmen and untested players for a successful season.

Youth key to Titans' baseball success

By Dustin Riese Herald contributor

It is not too often when a team depends on youth as its key to success. That is the case for University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Titans baseball as it tries to erase memories from a disappointing 2019 campaign.

After coming within a win of the College World Series in 2018, Oshkosh took a major step back in 2019 as injuries and in-

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consistent play led to an 18-21 record and 11-13 conference mark, which was good for fifth

place. It was the worst finish for now seventh-year head coach Kevin Tomasiewicz since his first year when they landed in sixth overall.

"We did not play to our potential last season," Tomasiewicz said. "We played a tough nonconference schedule and ran into some unfortunate injuries that hampered our opportunity for a second straight regional bid. It was tough to see that senior class go out with a season like that.

"They did quite a bit the year before in helping us get to the regional championship game. But we all know that every year is different, and we just did not play to what I thought our potential was."

After relying on seniors and upperclassmen for some time, this season's team is young in comparison. But don't expect that to change the goals Tomasiewicz has put in place.

"I really only have two goals: to be competitive in every game and put ourselves in a position to be back in the regional," he said.

Oshkosh must replace two starting pitchers in Chris Atwood and Colan Treml. Also, with the graduation of Dylan Ott, Zack Radde and Alex Koch, the offense will need to step up as those three not only anchored the middle of the line-up but provided the power and leadership over four years.

With departures come opportunities for players to step up. Offensively, Hunter Staniske and Sean Cummings will lead the way while Will Michalski will be the lone returning starting pitcher.

"We do not have many returners that have played significant time in the past," Tomasiewicz said. "The offense will be led by Hunter Staniske and Sean Cummins. Our pitching staff will be very young as well."

It takes more than three players to make a team, which is where the youth aspect comes into play. With a young roster, there are going to be positions up for grabs and the talent level has the potential to make great things happen.

"I think we will be very young this year and we will have many freshmen making an impact on the team," he said. "Matt Scherrman will be a legitimate two-way player for us playing shortstop and pitching. Ethan Schreier will find himself in the outfield most days and Jake Andersen will be in the lineup for most of the contests. All three are very talented freshmen. We will mix in a bunch of younger players during the year and see who performs well to earn more playing time."

Not only do the Titans face a national powerhouse several times in nonconference, but their conference continues to be an unforgiving test where often two if not three teams find themselves ranked in the top 25 by year's end.

"I think that all schools get really talented athletes," Tomasiewicz said. "We all recruit the same area and it becomes who can get the most players from each other in recruiting. We play four, nine-inning

games in the weekend, so the schedule tests not only your top players but your depth as a program."

Nationally ranked Whitewater and La Crosse appear to be the favorites once again until someone proves otherwise. Last season UW-Platteville and UW-Stout both qualified for the WIAC tournament after missing it for several years. That is why Tomasiewicz knows every win matters.

"I think La Crosse and Whitewater are both going to be very tough this season," he said. "I don't really have a dark horse. I think all the schools in our conference field good lineups. It will once again be a tough challenge for everyone. It is very hard to win games in our league."

On paper, the Titans are not going to have the most talented team, but coaching, player development and cohesiveness as a unit often will dictate success during the season.

"We have to grow up fast," Tomasiewicz said. "You will see when we start playing that we have many players that don't have much experience at the collegiate level. I think we have a talented group, but there is always a learning curve to college baseball. We must learn how to practice right, play the game right, get a lead and finally hold on to it. Right now, we are just on step one of that progression."







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Softball team working to return to NCAA action

Bv Dustin Riese HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Ever since Scott Beyer took over the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh women's softball program seven years ago, it is safe to say the Titans have had tremendous success. Beyer and his players have finished no lower than third place in conference during his first five seasons and qualified for the NCAA tournament in 2017 and 2018.

Then 2019 happened: His team suffered

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their worst season since taking the program over as they finished 23-17 and 7-7 in confer-

ence play, which was good for fifth place.

"Last season was a roller-coaster ride," Beyer said. "We won some big games and lost to some teams that we should have probably beaten. It was a bit disappointing to know we were probably better than a fifth-place team, but it also gave us some fuel for this season."

Beyer is hoping some of those disappointing losses can go a long way this season. While his group has more questions than answers, Beyer knows it is important to focus on one day at a time.

"We have a lot of unknowns going into our season and being picked fourth is probably accurate at this point," he said. "We have another year of great competition ahead of us but our team is looking no further than what's in front of us. We have a goal, and expectation to compete for a WIAC championship this year. Last year's record is not the norm for us, and I fully expect us to bounce back this year and prove that to be true."

For the Titans to contend they will need to replace the leadership of some key seniors. Catcher Abby Menting may have the biggest shoes to fill as she took home positional player of the year honors in 2019, along with team all-conference pitcher Bailey Smaney and Kaitlyn Krol.

"All of these players will be missed because of what they did on the field, but they were also great mentors and leaders off the field," Beyer said. "That is an intangible that I'm most concerned with as you can't put a number on that, but if they did a good job leading, we will see the others step up this year because they taught them well."

healthy, Beyer expects their win total to reflect on how much they are on the field.

"All four of those girls will be returning this year and I expect them to contribute a lot to our win totals this season," he said. "They are all four-year starters for us and compete well on the field."

Keep an eye on Madelyn Fink, who transferred from Madison College. She is a pitcher and expected to see a lot of innings in the circle. Another transfer who should see significant time is Ana Iliopoulos, who transferred from the University of South Dakota.

The WIAC continues to be the premier conference in NCAA Division 3, with no give-me game and what Beyer believes brings out the best in his team.

"The WIAC is tough because of the talent that it brings from top to bottom," he said. "When I first began coaching in the WIAC, my first year or two, you could look at a team or two for easier games, but in the past three years or so, we have had to fight for every game as anyone can beat anyone in this league. The other part to that is the coaching. The rosters have become very talented, but the coaching has also been stellar. Every coach in our league is great at their job."

Look no further than the top 25 rankings and preseason conference polls. In most cases, Oshkosh could find themselves as conference favorites in most other leagues in the nation. The Titans enter the season predicted to finish fourth behind favorites and nationally ranked UW-Whitewater, nationally ranked UW-La Crosse and UW-Eau Claire.

"I like our chances a lot, as I always do," he said. "I would have to say UW-Whitewater, who won the conference last year, is the favorite, with UW-La Crosse right there at the top. A dark horse would be UW-Stevens Point. They are a good team that could beat anyone at any time."

With the bulk of their season set to begin this month, the Titans have plenty of time to sort things out with the goal of playing their best ball when the season is in full swing.

"We have some questions at some positions going into the season, and we will be doing a lot of learning the first half, I'm sure," Beyer said. "If we continue to grow our confidence and just compete, we will for another run to the postseason."

have a good finish to our season. We have The Titans have a good core group of made it to the NCAA tournament two of players eager to step up. Former all-conferthe last three seasons, so our players know ence players Acacia Tupa, Natalie Dudek, what it takes to get there and are hungry Claire Petrus and Amanda McIlhany will be back to anchor the team. If all can stay OSHKOSH, Best Kids Party Place & Best old Fashione Dine in, Carry out or Delivery Party Room & Full Bar **Open 4pm Daily** ORDERING www.westendpizzaoshkosh.com

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Titans women advance to Sweet 16 in NCAA tourney

Down by 12 going into the fourth quarter, the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh women's basketball team ran off 18straight points to surge past Bethany Lutheran College and advance to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Division III Champion-

Leah Porath's 27 points, 19 of them in the second half, led the Titans to a 67-60 win and the third round of the tournament where they will face Loras College (25-4) at 4 p.m. Friday in Holland, Mich.

UWO trailed 52-40 after three quarters before going on a run that would give them the lead for good in the Saturday game at Arden Hills, Minn.

Nikki Arneson combined for 12 points and 11 rebounds for the Titans, while Brooke Freitag added 11 points and six

Abby Olson led Bethany Lutheran in scoring with 18 points.

The Titans won their opening-round game 61-40 against Edgewood College from Madison on Friday, holding Edgewood (25-3) to its lowest score of the season. UWO got 21 points from Arneson and 11 points and 9 rebounds from

UWO led 37-22 at intermission and 55-28 after three periods to put the game out

UW Oshkosh men's season ends in 2nd-round OT game

North Central College scored with three seconds left in overtime to stop the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh men's basketball team Saturday in the second round of the NCAA Division III Championship.

The Titans, defending national champions, had sent the game into overtime on senior Jack Flynn's basket with two seconds left after losing a 54-41 lead in the middle of the second half.

North Central's Michael Pollack scored the winning basket for the 23-5 Cardinals from Naperville, Ill. Blaise Meredith led North Central with 23 points while Pollack added 17 in the victory on their home court at Gregory Arena.

Flynn had 23 points and 10 rebounds for the Titans, who were making their 10th NCAA postseason appearance. Levi Borchert and Eddie Muench each scored 15 while Adam Fevert added 12.

The Titans (20-9) advanced to the second round over Transylvania University 74-58 on Friday behind Flynn's 29 points and 9 rebounds, along with 12 points and a season-high 15 boards from Fravert.

Oshkosh took the lead for good at 18-16 and led 40-29 at halftime. The Titans had a 48-33 rebounding advantage for the game and held Transylvania to just 29.4 percent shooting in the second half.

Titans' Fravert shares WIACC player of year honors

Titans senior forward Adam Fravert was named co-player of the year among the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh's

> three selections to the 2020 All-WIAC Men's Basketball Team.

Fravert, who was also selected to the league's All-Defensive Team, was joined by senior center Jack Flynn on the 10-member All-WIAC First Team. UW Oshkosh freshman forward

Levi Borchert was recipient of the WIAC Newcomer of the Year award along with all-conference honorable mention.

Fravert

Fravert shared Player of the Year honors with UW-Platteville senior guard Carter Voelker. UW-Platteville's Jeff Gard was named WIAC Coach of the Year after guiding the Pioneers to the league's regular season title.

Fravert is leading the Titans with 18.9 points, 8.7 rebounds, 3.5 assists and 1.4 blocks per game to go along with 62 made 3-pointers. He is pacing the WIAC in rebounding, made 3-pointers, blocks (39) and double-doubles (12) while ranking second in the league in total assists (94) and third in both scoring and assist-to-turnover ratio (1.59).

Flynn, named to the All-WIAC First Team for the third consecutive year, was the team's top scorer on 15 occasions this season, recorded seven consecutive double-doubles in conference play from Jan. 18 through Feb. 12.

Flynn averaged 15.9 points and 6.4 rebounds per game while shooting 53.6 percent from the field and recording 20 blocks, and was the conference leader with 3.1 offensive rebounds per game.

Borchert, the WIAC leader with a .667 field goal percentage, averages 9.1 points and 6.2 rebounds per game.



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Back-to-back wins move Herd closer to first seed

By Ti Windisch HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Wisconsin Herd collected their 33rd win of the season Saturday, more than it did across both of the franchise's first two years of existence combined. Additionally, the win got the Herd ever closer to securing the top seed in the Eastern Conference, as they now lead Maine by four games with less than a fifth of the season to go.

Before securing back-to-back wins at home last weekend, the Herd lost a thrilling 108-106 double-overtime finish on the road Thursday against the Canton Charge. The Herd was without Frank Mason and Cam Reynolds all week and couldn't get enough shots to fall late to overcome Canton, despite DJ Wilson scoring 21 in his lone Herd appearance of the week.

The Herd came home and handled the Westchester Knicks on Friday night, 115-109 and finished a sweep of the Knicks this season. Jaylen Adams, returning from a groin injury and some general fatigue from his Team USA stint, hit a dramatic three-pointer late to push the Herd over the top, although he ended with just 7 points.

DJ Hogg shined in the victory, pouring in a career-high 36 points on 11-for-17 shooting, and added four rebounds, one assist, a steal and two turnovers. It was a career night for Brandon Randolph too, as the swingman put up 20 points on an efficient 9-12 shooting performance. Shannon Bogues added 22 points.

Herd head coach Chase Buford said Hogg getting to the basket for a dunk in addition to some other scores within the three-point arc was a positive sign for the young forward, and something he would like to see more of going forward.

"I thought he made a couple of tough plays, (like) that one drive and dunk," Buford said. "We see that from DJ in practice from time to time. We hope to see it more in games because the more he can continue to do that, it'll be better for him and better

The next night against Capital City, the Herd started on the wrong foot. Wisconsin gave up 44 points in the first quarter and an even 80 in the first half, making it the team's worst defensive effort for a half this season. Despite that, the team came out in the third quarter with a ton of energy, outscoring the Go-Go 36-18 in that period to take a lead and hold it for a 136-122 win.

Saturday was Luke Maye's birthday, and the big man shined in 27 minutes of play before fouling out. He posted 25 points, nine rebounds, two assists, one steal and a block, and shot 9-13 from the field. Maye got dunked with water during a postgame



Luke Maye goes up for the slam against Capital City in the Herd's Saturday victory.

interview and said no matter how he plays it's a joy to be on the floor with the Herd.

"Having my teammates excited for me, just being able to go out there and play with these guys every night — whether I score whatever I scored tonight or whether I score zero points — man, it's just about being out there, having fun with it, being able to play basketball for a living," Maye said. "Contributing to a win is just the most important thing. I'm happy we pulled it out and we got to keep it rolling."

It was Adams who ended up leading the team and game in scoring with 30 points on just 18 shots. Adams also said the fun of playing with this team makes it feel less important than individual numbers.

"It feels good, you know, to just get back in rhythm, get back out here with my guys, it's been good for me," Adams said. "Like I said, I'm just excited to be back out here competing with them. So it was just a bonus that I hit shots."

There was a negative aspect to the energy Wisconsin utilized to stage another comeback win as multiple instances of Herd players loudly disagreeing with officials after unfriendly calls led to players and staff picking up five combined technicals. Leon Gilmore and Justin Patton were ejected.

Since Maye fouled out in the fourth quar-

ter, the Herd were left with six healthy players for the last 2:20 of the game. In addition to the Go-Go, the Herd had to overcome a lack of depth and their own negative interactions with officials.

Buford said he expected life to be harder going forward when it comes to technicals and calls due to his outburst directed at officiating after a Grand Rapids loss and the way some Herd players get on the referees.

"We gotta be smarter," he said. "We know they're going to be looking for us the rest of the year, mainly because of my actions and partly because of the way (Jemerrio Jones) and myself and a couple of our guys have acted all year. So we just have to be ready for that."

Jones, who posted 11 points, 19 rebounds — 10 on the offensive glass — and nine assists, agreed with Buford's assessment, and said the Herd needs to continue playing their game even if some calls aren't going their way.

"We got a target on our back, I think because of the reputation I got with the referees, so we just run with it anyway," Jones said. "They're going to call what they call anyway. We can't do nothing about it."

Adams cited the Herd's passion as the reason they end up in so many verbal spats.

"We love each other," he said. "We love the game from one through 12, even the coaching staff. So sometimes it comes off a little disrespectful to a referee or to an opposing crowd or maybe even the other team. When the foul count is five to zero with four minutes left in the fourth quarter, sometimes emotions and tempers flare. So I think that's something that we got to keep under control. But at the end of the day, I think we're just passionate."



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Oshkosh's voice on the Best in Oshkosh.

Phase 2 voting is now open through 5pm on March 20, 2020.

Phase 2 voting is between the top 3 nominees in each category unless

there was a tie. Some categories do have four nominees. Nominees appear in alphabetical order.

Circle your nominee in each category.

A minimum of 30 categories must be completed for a ballot to count.

RULES

Rules are simple: One ballot per person per phase. No photocopies. No ballot stuffing.

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City Pick 2020 Finalists

Museum/Art Gallery **EAA Museum** Oshkosh Public Museum

Performance Space/Theatre Grand Theatre Leach Amphitheatre

Paine Art Center

New Restaurant Gabe's Wisconsin Kitchen Greene's Pour House at the

Takiza Méxican Cuisine

Chef

Becket's/Wagner Market -Ruben Hernandez TJ's Highlander – Michael England

The Roxy - Wolfie Late-Night Food Niko's Gyros Perkins

Taco Bell Patio Dockside Fletch's **Ground Round**

Brewery Bare Bones Brewery Fifth Ward Brewery

Fox River Brewery Coffee Shop New Moon Planet Perk

Starbucks **Breakfast** Delta Restaurant Mike's Place Pilora's Two Brothers

Brunch Bar 430 Primo The Roxy

Bakery Festival Foods Piggly Wiggly Tamara's The Cake Guru Thunderbird Bakery

Fine Dining Primo The Roxy TJ's Highland Steakhouse

Mahoney's The Roxy TJ's Highland Steakhouse Vegan/Vegetarian Carrot & Kale Gardina's

Mahoney's Juice/Smoothie Carrot & Kale Kwik Trip Planet Perk

Pizza Christianos Pizza West End Pizza Zaronis

Pancakes IHOP Mike's Place Perkins

Omelette Delta Restaurant Perkins Two Brothers

Culver's Pete's Garage Ruby Owl Tacos Cozumel

Burger

Los Jaripeos Taco Bell Barbecue

DD's BBQ Leon's Rodney's Cafe

Fish Fry Gabe's Wisconsin Kitchen Mahoney's

Parnell's Noodles/Ramen Mama's Noodle Bar

Noodles & Co. Sushi Fuki Manila Sakura

Italian Benvenutos Olive Garden Primo

Mexican Cozumel Durango's Los Jaripeos

Chicken Parnell's Pizza Ranch Red's Pizza

Wings Buffalo Wild Wings The Bar **Buffet**

Golden Corral Pizza Ranch Primo

Ice Cream/Frozen Treats Culver's Leon's

Rhapsodies Desserts Caramel Crisp Corner Leon's

Tamara's The Cake Guru

Cheap Date Backlot Comedy House Marcus Theatre Pete's Garage

Meat Market/Butcher Shop **Beck's Meats** Festival

Wagner Market Kids Party Place Fire Escape West End Pizza

Kids' Clothing Carter's Klassy Kids The Children's Place

Summer Camp Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh Calvary Sunrise VBS Fire Escape

Youth Program Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh Jubricosa

YMCA **Birthday Cakes** Dairy Queen

LaSure's Tamara's The Cake Guru **Family Restaurant**

Delta Restaurant Mike's Place Two Brothers Playground

Little Oshkosh Sea & Sailor South Park **Dance Club** French Quarter

Molly McGuire's Revs Bowl Bar & Grill Large Live Music Venue

Leach Amphitheatre Menominee Nation Arena Revs Bowl Bar & Grill Waterfest

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DJ All American DJ – Kevin McHugh Chuck Lakefield D I G-Spot

Cocktail Bar Bar 430 Gabe's Wisconsin Kitchen Mahoney's

Dive Bar

Deb's Spare Time Jerry's Leroy's

Pete's Garage Sports Bar Buffalo Wild Wings Legends Sports Bar & Grill

The Bar Singles Bar Barley & Hops Gabe's Peabody's

Happy Hour Becket's Friar Tuck's Mahoney's

Margarita Cozumel Durango's Los Jaripeos

Jeff's on Rugby The Roxv West End Pizza Bartender

Old Fashioned

Pete H. @ Pete's Pete M. @ The Roxy Will @ Ruby Owl

Place for Sober Socializing Adventure Games & Hobby New Moon Solutions Recovery

Karaoke The Spot Revs Bowl Bar & Grill Varsity Club

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Trivia Night

Dublin's Ruby Owl The Hangar LGBTQ Bar Bar 430

Deb's Spare Time Pete's Garage Billiards

The Bar The Mag Varsity Club **Darts**

Oblio's

Pixels Arcade The Bar Varsity Club Beer Bar (multi-tap) Fox River Brewing Co

Ruby Owl **Bloody Mary** Beachcomber Pete's Garage The Roxv

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YMCA Embody Yoga & Pilates Inner Sun Yoga Studio

Alternative Sports Blades & Boards Jazzercise Julie's Touch of Silver

YMCA

Nominees in each category that appear on the final ballot were chosen by the amount of nominations received from our readers during Phase 1.

Phase 2 will have the top 3 nominees per category and open a new wave of voting. Again, only one vote per name and address. This does mean that if you and your honey don't agree, you both can vote. Voting is just limited to one vote per person per phase. No ballot stuffing. In the appearance of ballot stuffing the person, place, thing or business may be disqualified. The Oshkosh Herald reserves the right to determine if ballot stuffing has transpired. And yes, you can nominate yourself or your own business,

Final voting will run March 3-March 20, 2020. Ballots must be at the Oshkosh Herald's office by 5pm on March 20, 2020. Our office is located at 923 S. Main St. Suite C, Oshkosh WI 54902. Off-site ballot boxes will be picked up by noon on the deadline for each phase.

Vote on as many categories as you'd like, but your ballot must include a minimum of 30 category nominations for your ballot to register. Totals registered by our analyst will be considered final. This is a paper ballot contest. No funny stuff can happen online nor will photocopied or downloaded ballots be accepted. Please find a paper issue of the Herald with a ballot.

Winners will be announced in the April 15, 2020 Oshkosh Herald.



Submitted photo

Oshkosh's Leah Greil (center) displays her first-place honors for a small business idea with second-place winner Amanda Lottmann (left) and third-place recipient Brielle Hastings.

Oshkosh native wins FVTC venture event

Eight students vied for cash prizes to jumpstart their business ventures at the annual Fox Valley Technical College Fox Trap Pitch event at the Appleton campus. Oshkosh native and resident Leah Greil took first place and earned \$1,000 for her small business idea of a mobile fuel ser-

Put on by the college's business division with support from American National Bank and FVTC Foundation, the competition welcomes students to pitch business ideas before a panel of judges for cash prizes. Under a designated time restriction, they are required to apply skills in sales, communication, professionalism, critical thinking and cost analysis while making a case to launch a business venture or enhance an existing one.

FVTC offers entrepreneurship education offerings through its Venture Center and business division.

Courtyard care facility plans open house

Oshkosh's newest assisted living and memory care community, The Courtyard, will have a public grand opening from 3 to 6 p.m. March 19 with an official ribbon-cutting at 4 p.m. at 3851 Jackson St.

Guests can tour the community, including an apartment model home for both memory care and assisted living residents, and meet team members. There will be refreshments, live music and raffle prizes. RSVP to Bobbi Jo Dorsey at 920-969-8020 or Bdorsey@matthewsseniorliving.com.

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Blind dog given second chance

Devito, a dog available for adoption through the Oshkosh Humane Society, was found scavenging for roadkill in the middle of a busy street near Milwaukee in December.

He spent his stray-hold period in Milwaukee but then his rescuer contacted the Oshkosh Area Humane Society (OAHS) to see if he could be transferred so he could get the care he needed.

Devito was evaluated by an eye specialist and it was determined he was completely blind from a condition called progressive

retinal atrophy in one eye, with the other eye damaged and ulcerated. His specialist recommended both eyes be removed for his comfort.

"Devito is just one example of our lifesaving mission and why we say we're 'different on purpose," said OAHS Executive Director Joni Geiger.

Devito is 6 years old and is currently living with other dogs in his foster home. For more information visit www.oahs.org or call 920-424-2128.

YMCA tennis camp to be held at North

The Oshkosh Community YMCA Tennis Center is hosting a summer Tennis Camp for school-age students and adults at North High School.

The adult camp will be held from 8 to 9:30 a.m. June 8 to July 24 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Elementary/middle school camp will be held from 9:45 to 11:15 a.m. Monday through Friday. The high school camp is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

All camps will be headed by tennis pro Scott Niemi. Call 920-236-3400 for more information.

Fill the Gap puts local service agencies in spotlight

In an effort to become better aware of resources available for those in need, Fill the Gap Oshkosh is offering a workshop featuring United Way, Advocap and St. Vincent de Paul from 9 to 11:30 a.m. March 19. An evening session from 6 to 8:30 p.m. is available with adequate response.

Those interested are asked to contact fillthegaposhkosh@gmail.com. The sessions will be held at the Hooper Community Center, 36 Broad St., in the lower-level gathering space.



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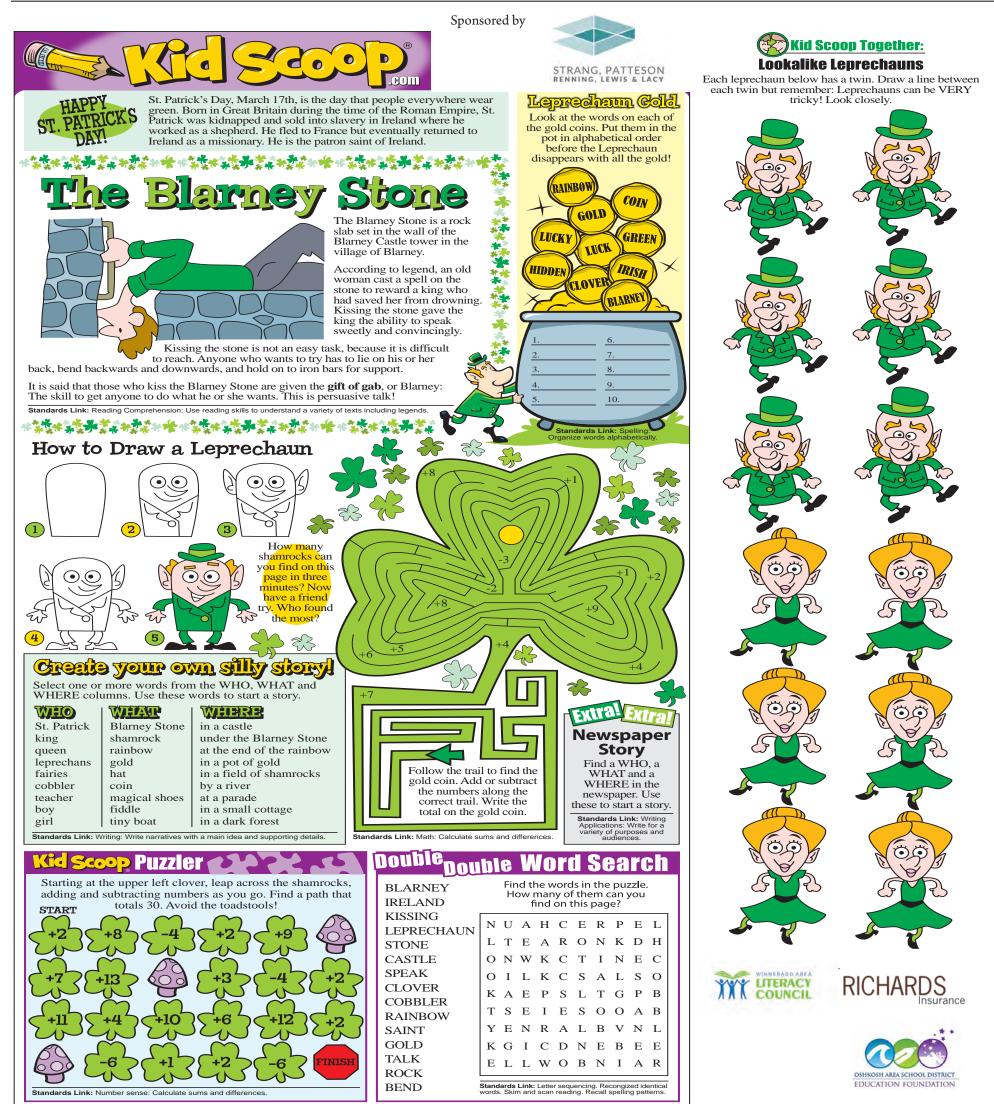
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