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Oshkosh North alumnus Tyrese Haliburton talks about his selection by the Sacramento Kings in last Wednesday's NBA Draft.

Spartans star becomes Oshkosh's first in NBA

Haliburton praises community support

By Alex Wolf
 HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

A lifelong dream became a reality for Tyrese Haliburton last Wednesday night.

The former Oshkosh North basketball star became the city's first NBA player after he was selected No. 12 in the draft by the Sacramento Kings.

"This is a big time for me and my family, my community – the city of Oshkosh," said Haliburton, who was projected to be a lottery pick this year. "To be the first pro-

fessional basketball player from my city means the world to me. I know I'm not going to be the last so I'm trying to embrace everything right now and show as much love to my community as possible."

To say that Haliburton, who helped the North Spartans to a WIAA Division 1 state title in 2018 before spending two seasons at Iowa State, earned this feat is an understatement.

Unlike many Division 1 athletes who make it to the NBA, he's had to prove himself time after time. Being under-recruited in high school, the 6-foot-5 guard had to prove to the Cyclones that he had poten-

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Santa coming to town for holiday visits

By Dan Roherty
 OSHKOSH HERALD

Without the annual city holiday parade to join with this year, Santa Claus will be making his own rounds around city neighborhoods in December to bring holiday cheer.

Escorted by community members in vehicles led by Mike Bennett, Santa encourages residents to wave and share greetings from their yards, porches and windows.

Not affiliated with any organization or benefit effort, Bennett is bringing Santa in a drive-by fashion to neighborhoods in the city and elsewhere in Winnebago County from 5:30 to 8 p.m. most Thursdays through Sundays next month.

As long as he has drivers and navigators for each of the nights using his company's truck, Bennett said he will be good to go as dates continue to be added based on residents' requests.

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Oshkosh Corp. selects new leader

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh Corp. Chief Executive Officer Wilson R. Jones will be stepping down from his position April 2 after 15 years of leadership and John C. Pfeifer, president and chief operating officer, has been named his successor.

"It has been a privilege to serve as CEO of this great company for the last five years," Jones said in a statement. "I am proud of the achievements we have made in our culture, products and services and know they would not have been possible with-



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Stephen D. Newlin, independent chairman of the board, praised Jones' leadership through various milestones while achieving significant growth for the company. Jones is credited with instituting its People First initiative that empowers its employees and promotes collaboration, personal goals and professional development.

Pfeifer joined Oshkosh Corp. in May 2019 to lead the Access Equipment, Fire

County's pandemic authority restricted

Winnebago board needs to approve any action

By Miles Maguire
 HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

A close vote late last Tuesday by the Winnebago County Board gave the local health officer a legislative mandate to impose restrictive orders to fight COVID.

But that vote, which came after five months of review and a series of raucous public meetings, also means that any such orders will be subject to intense political scrutiny and are unlikely to contain the most sweeping measures allowed under state law.

"The secret to keeping this power is using it as cautiously as possible," said County Executive Mark Harris. He said much of the controversy has been the result of a "huge public misunderstanding" about what the county was trying to do.

Critics said Harris and other county officials were engaged in a power grab and trying to restrict individual rights. But Harris said the goal was public safety.

Winnebago County, which reached 10,245 COVID-19 cases and 88 deaths this Monday, is facing continued rapid growth in cases, he said.

"We just have to slow that growth so we can get the community to the point when vaccines are available," he said.

During a Zoom meeting that included hours of testimony, mostly negative, the Board of Supervisors voted 20-16 to amend the county code. The amendment clarifies the enforcement powers of the local health officer, who is also the director of

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& Emergency and Commercial segments. With his additional appointment to president in May, he also assumed responsibility for the Defense segment and global supply chain, digital technology and marketing functions.

"I am honored to lead this outstanding team," Pfeifer said in the announcement. "We have tremendous talent, a commitment to innovation and strong values that enable us to deliver essential products and services that build, serve and protect people and communities around the world. I would like to thank Wilson for his guidance and support, and the board for placing its trust in me."

Pfeifer previously led Mercury Marine, and held various management positions with ITT Corp.

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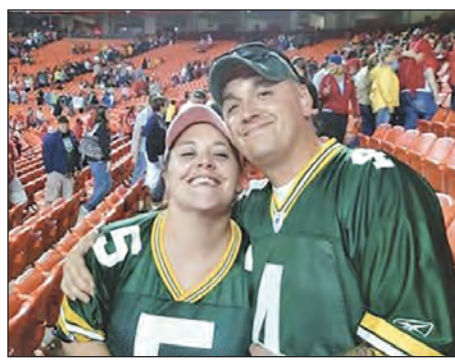
Packers salute Oshkosh man's service

The Green Bay Packers and WPS Health Solutions paid special tribute last week to Oshkosh native U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Joshua Friday and his family through its Operation Fan Mail program.

Military families and veterans are honored at each Packers home game through the program that is in its 14th season.

Friday, a native of Oshkosh, joined the U.S. Army in 2005. He had been inspired by his stepbrother, Daniel Wyatt, who joined the Marine Corps after graduating from high school and was killed in Iraq in 2004 by a remote-controlled IED. Friday decided to join the Army to save lives, training as a combat medic.

In 2007, he deployed to Iraq and served less than 50 miles from where his broth-



Submitted photo

Trisha and U.S. Army Sgt. Joshua Friday are shown at Lambeau Field.

er had been killed. He was selected with a small group of other soldiers to serve at Tuwaitha Nuclear Research Center, where they secured the facility, cleaned up the

site and transported material out of Iraq.

Friday earned the Combat Medic's Badge, one of the highest honors that can be achieved and only awarded to medics who treat a person while under direct enemy gunfire.

Friday reenlisted while serving in Iraq, and he is now entering his 16th year with the Army. He trains future medics how to function in combat situations at Fort Irwin in California.

His family includes his wife, Trisha, and their children Indrie, Andrew, Maddeline and Charlotte, all devout Packers fans.

As the honoree for Operation Fan Mail, the family will receive a \$250 prize pack from WPS Health Solutions and the Packers. A total of 132 families have been saluted during the past 12 seasons.

Interested families, or friends of eligible families, can submit an essay on why a family with a member serving on active duty, or a member who is a veteran, should be saluted.


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Jackson Street corridor vision plan endorsed

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Plan Commission unanimously recommended approval of a Jackson Street corridor plan that focuses on overall needs of the area from Murdock Avenue north to Interstate 41 at its Nov. 17 meeting.

The study was put together by the consulting firm of RDG Planning and Design in conjunction with city staff and praised by commission chairperson Kathy Propp as an outstanding example of a planning study, which beyond roadway updates considers surrounding land use, future housing and an economic analysis of the corridor.

The Envision North Jackson Plan will go before the Common Council in December. An essential component of the study was public input meetings to obtain statements about what needs to be done in short, intermediate and long-term time frames.

Street redesign work as part of the project is intended to create a safer area for drivers and pedestrians by better controlling traffic speeds, adding curb bump-outs to shorten crosswalks, and improve driveway access and snow storage. Two-way left turn lanes would be added at some intersections to

improve traffic flow and reduce accidents.

Council member Michael Ford, who is also on the commission, thanked city staff for facilitating the study, noting that Jackson Street has been a “forgotten gateway” that hasn’t received a lot of attention as the community develops. The plan will be reviewed by other city boards for comment before its goes to council.

The commission also recommended:

- Approval of a general development plan and a specific implementation plan for a multifamily subdivision off the 4200 block of State 91. The development includes 14 apartment buildings having 172 units, of which 60 are one-bedroom, 72 are two-bedroom, and 40 are three-bedroom units. Jackie Miller, representing developer S.C. Swiderski, said that rents will range from \$800 to \$1,300 with accommodations for accessibility in some of the units.

- Approval of a conditional use permit that will allow a nonresidential accessory structure exceeding 10,000 square feet at 2676 S. Oakwood Road. The permit within the industrial park was requested by McMahon Associates for storage of materials used for steel frame building products.

City budget approval for 2021 clarified

A story on Page 7 of the Herald’s Nov. 18 issue about the city’s 2021 budget passed by the Common Council misstated the budget numbers approved and the resulting tax levy.

The 2021 budget was approved at \$48,765,800, an increase of 1.97 percent over last year. The overall tax levy will be

\$41,952,700, an increase of 2.98 percent over the 2020 budget, with a projected tax rate of \$11.1223, an increase of 21.96 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value.

All items on the budget amendment option list were not approved as reported. Details on the 2021 budget can be found at www.ci.oshkosh.wi.us/BudgetFinancials.



Photo from Oshkosh Media

Three siblings have found a home at the Menominee Park Zoo.

Young wolf pack finds home at zoo

From Oshkosh Media

Early last summer the Menominee Park Zoo brought in three new wolves after the passing of its 17-year-old male gray wolf, Thunder.

Koa, Okie and Hula were not siblings and it was hoped that they would adapt to their new surroundings and build relationships as a pack. As the summer progressed it became evident these wolves were unable to bond.

Staff and zookeepers have worked with organizations dedicated to conserve and protect wolves for new placement. During these discussions staff became aware of three young gray wolf siblings in need of a home. Born in May, the thought of having three young pups grow up on the shores of Lake Winnebago seemed like the ideal situation.

They are adapting to their new surroundings well, city staff reported. The one male and two females are enjoying their new habitat at the zoo.

Zookeepers report the pack is lively and fun-loving, and certain they will become a favorite of zoo patrons. Menominee Park’s Facebook page has photos and videos of the wolves.

Wolves are a natural part of the Wisconsin ecosystem and play an important role in maintaining biological diversity. The wolf population has recovered in the state because of protections.

To learn more about the wolves and how to make a donation go to www.oshkoshzoo.org. For more information, contact Anne Schaefer, marketing and fund development coordinator, at 920-232-5306 or aschaefer@ci.oshkosh.wi.us.

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Refunds dwindle for concert ticket holders

By Miles Maguire
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The promoter that ran Rock USA and Country USA sold more than \$4 million in advance tickets this year but says it has only about \$600,000 in cash to pay back fans of the canceled events, who number nearly 10,000, according to court papers.

In a 1,300-page document filed last week in U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Neenah-based Hypervibe Inc. provides a listing of its 9,625 creditors, nearly all of whom appear to be fans who are eligible for refunds on prepaid tickets.

Hypervibe says that it has a total of about \$4.5 million in claims outstanding and that it took in \$4.3 million in revenue in 2020. Its total assets are \$707,876, but only \$622,153 of that is in cash.

The rest includes such things as \$26,000 in festival-related merchandise and \$5,000 worth of “lawnmowers, weed whackers, hand tools” and other equipment used to maintain the festival site.

The gap between assets and liabilities is about \$3.8 million.

Paul Swanson, the attorney for Hypervibe, explained that concert promoters have large upfront expenses that they seek to recoup in ticket sales. In previous years the total revenues from the events have been much higher, \$7.6 million in 2019 and \$7.8 million in 2018.

Hypervibe’s court filings do not explain specifically where most of the ticket money went. But in announcing last month that it would be filing for bankruptcy, Hypervibe said that it makes “financial com-

mitments years in advance to the talent and our vendors.” It also cited “ongoing leases for the premises and equipment that we use to host the concerts.”

The owners of Hypervibe, Dan and Cher Liebhauser, of Neenah, say that they were paid only \$70,412 over the last 12 months in fees and that they owe \$45,820 to the company. Derek M. Liebhauser, their son and the president of the company, was paid \$140,000 this year and last, according to court papers.

The Liebhausers tried to assuage fans by telling them that they would be turning Hypervibe’s assets over to a bankruptcy trustee.

“The trustee will ... investigate the use of our funds leading up to the filing to ensure that only legitimate claims were paid and that there was no ‘raid’ on the checkbook by management,” they said in a Facebook post. “The Bankruptcy Code provides tools to reclaim or claw back any such transfers—but there were none.”

“It’s all transparent,” Swanson said. “We have nothing to hide.”

All ticket holders, he said, will be getting a letter with precise instructions on how to file their claims. “All they’ve got to do is fill in the amount and their name and address and send it to the court.” He said

he wasn’t sure how many people would file claims.

Fans who are looking for their money back have formed a Facebook group, Rock USA Refunds, and some of them report that they have been able to get reimbursements through their credit card providers. But others report that they have run into bureaucratic snafus or been told that their purchases were made too long ago to get a credit.

Over the years, Hypervibe has put about \$3.6 million into improving Ford Festival Park on Ripple Road, according to court papers. The expenses include roadways, a power grid and a water system.

Under the original terms of the lease, Hypervibe would have been responsible for returning the grounds to farm land, which would have cost \$1.5 million, according to court papers. But Swanson said that requirement was negotiated away, preserving more funds for ticket holders.

A meeting of creditors has been scheduled for Dec. 16 by telephone.

Country USA has been around for 25 years and Rock USA for just under a decade. The festivals, which will no longer be held, were said to draw 25,000 fans a day.

Miles Maguire is editor of the Oshkosh Examiner (www.oshkoshexaminer.com).



Photo from Oshkosh Fire Department

Fire fleet additions

Two new Pierce Velocities fire trucks were delivered last week to the Oshkosh Fire Department. One of these trucks will be stationed at Station 19 near the state prison and the other at Station 15 downtown. The vehicles will be on the streets after being fitted with radios and other internal systems.

House fire on Monroe St. displaces eight

A house fire Thursday morning on Monroe Street sent one person to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries and destroyed the home, displacing eight residents.

Oshkosh firefighters were dispatched at 11:28 a.m. to 1314 Monroe St., where the

crew reported heavy smoke and fire coming from the back of the structure. Fire officials said the home was a complete loss and said unattended cooking was determined to be the cause.

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Resident recalls monument boulder's journey

By Randy Domer
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

As some of you may know, each week I pen a column for the Oshkosh Herald titled "Back in the Day." Here, we post stories of people and events from Oshkosh's historic past.

On Oct. 28, our story featured the "Hiker's Monument" located in the triangle of green space adjacent to the Paine Art Center and Oshkosh Public Museum. The story highlighted the historical significance of the monument and key facts about its dedication along with details of the monument itself.

As the article pointed out, the monument, in memory of veterans who served in the Spanish American War, was dedicated on Oct. 22, 1939. The land on which it stands was once the home of U.S. Sen. Philetus Sawyer. The monument was funded through the proceeds of the Col. John Hicks Trust Fund and cost \$6,548.

The monument consists of a bronze figure, holding a rifle, representing an 1898 soldier. The soldier sits atop a 58-ton red granite boulder that was donated by Peter Baxter from his farm in nearby Poy Sippi. The stone measures 9 feet 8 inches high, 14 feet 5 inches wide and 8 feet 3 inches thick and is supported by a concrete foundation that is 10 feet square and 8 feet thick.

Shortly after this story was published, I received a call from a local resident who had an interesting story to share about this giant boulder that has been a landmark in Oshkosh for more than 80 years.

Charlotte Villwock (nee Erickson) is 90 years young and loves to read about



Photo by Randy Domer

Charlotte Villwock stands next to the granite boulder anchoring the Hiker's Monument, which she watched being transported to the site from its Poy Sippi location in 1939.

local history. Born on her grandma's farm in Poy Sippi, on the doorstep of the Great Depression in 1930, Charlotte remembers the day they pulled that giant boulder out of a farm field.

"I went to school at Poy Sippi Graded. That year (1939) I was 9 years old and in the fourth grade. Our school back then was divided into two groups. The Big

Room was grades 5-8 and the Little Room was grades 1-4."

News of the giant boulder being moved to Oshkosh spread fast in this little farm community. The locals were excited and everyone was eager to witness this giant piece of granite. As preparations were being made to move the granite block to its new home in Oshkosh, arrangements

were made to take some of the local students on a field trip to see the stone.

"Only the Big Room was going on the field trip. And that didn't include me. Well, my dad (Roy Erickson) ran a milk route back then, so he offered the use of his milk truck to transport students to the site." It was then that Charlotte concocted a plan of her own. She wanted to see that stone and wouldn't be denied.

"I was a naughty girl," she said with a snicker.

"I raised my hand and asked the teacher if I could go to the bathroom. She said 'yes' so I left — and didn't return. I jumped on my dad's truck and went to the farm with the "big kids."

Charlotte remembers the giant boulder standing stoically in the field. The sides had been dug all around as it was being prepared to be loaded onto a flatbed truck nearby.

"I still can see that stone in my memory yet today."

She is reminded of that special day more than 80 years ago each time she drives past the monument.

Charlotte moved to Oshkosh when she was 18 and made her life here. She and her husband, Stanley, raised five children, who all still reside in the area.

Her love of local history is her passion. She buys books written by local authors then gives or sells them to her friends and family members. She is a cherished friend of the Winnebago County Historical Society and always has a wonderful story or two to share. Just ask.

Randy Domer is president of the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society.

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Holiday beers expand on seasonal tradition

By Lee Reiherzer
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

On the Tuesday before Thanksgiving in 1998, Steve Lonsway went into the Oshkosh brewhouse of Fox River Brewing Co. and did something no professional brewer had done here in 27 years. He made a special beer for the holiday season.

The Vanilla Cream Ale he brewed that morning was pouring in time for Christmas. Lonsway, who had been named the brewmaster at Fox River earlier that year, didn't realize it but he had just taken the first step in reviving a lost tradition that had long been honored here.

Holiday beer in Oshkosh dates back to at least 1913 when Peoples Brewing released a special beer in anticipation of Christmas. The Oshkosh Brewing Co. would later follow suit with its Chief Oshkosh Holiday Brew. The seasonal specialties were somewhat stronger than the year-round beers but were offered at the regular price. It was a brewery's way of saying "thank you" to its customers. The highly anticipated beers usually appeared just before Thanksgiving and were often sold out by the first of the year.

Wilhelm Kohlhoff, who was a brewer at Peoples Brewing for much of the 1950s and 1960s, said that Peoples Holiday Beer was a couple of shades darker and slightly stronger than the brewery's flagship brand.

"We used a special malt; it was darker, it was a brown color malt, and then what you used was brown sugar, 600 pounds of sugar in the kettle and that makes the beer a different color, too."

The use of unique ingredients to distin-

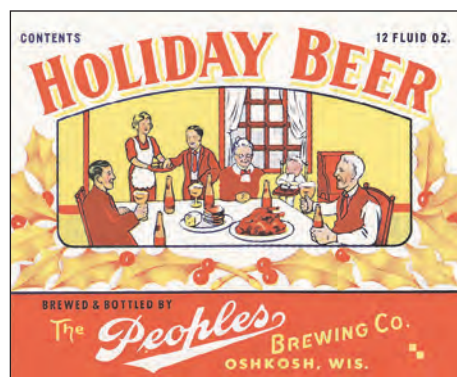


Older labels from Oshkosh Brewing and Peoples' holiday beers are shown, along with a current seasonal offering from Bare Bones Brewery at right.

guish these beers is still something Oshkosh brewers rely on. The current iteration of Fox River's Vixen's Vanilla Cream Ale is a deep-golden, strong ale brewed with additions of Ceylon cinnamon, Madagascar vanilla bean, and California orange peel. At 5.9 percent ABV, the beer is creamy/sweet yet surprisingly drinkable. It's currently available on draft at the Fox River taproom in Oshkosh and in bottles at the brewery and area stores.

At Bare Bones Brewery, they've brewed their annual holiday beer with ingredients those early Oshkosh brewers would never have dreamt of using. When the brewery's Cookies and Milk Stout was brewed for the first time in anticipation of the 2016 holiday season, the grist included more than 100 pounds of chocolate chip cookies. The milk in the title is a nod to the milk sugar that gets added to the kettle.

This year's edition includes honey malt, flaked oats, chocolate, cinnamon, and vanilla to round out the cookie experience delivered by this chewy, 6.3 percent ABV



ale. Cookies and Milk Stout is available in cans at Festival Foods and in cans and on draft in the Bare Bones taproom.

At Fifth Ward Brewing, they'll release their first holiday-themed beer this year. It

will arrive in time for Thanksgiving.

"We thought we'd do something a little different and have a pie sour available for Thanksgiving time," says Zach Clark of Fifth Ward. They're calling it Key Lime Pie Frootenanny. Ian Wenger of Fifth Ward describes it as a pastry inspired kettle-soured beer made with lactose, key lime puree, vanilla bean and graham cracker.

"Pumpkin beers are great but there are a lot of great breweries that already make them," Wenger says. "We want to bring the Key Lime Pie to Thanksgiving dinner, instead of the classic pumpkin pie." The beer will be available exclusively at the Fifth Ward taproom.

When Peoples Brewing closed in 1972 it appeared as though the days of locally brewed holiday beer had come to an end in Oshkosh. But now, almost 50 years later, the tradition is as vibrant as it has ever been. Happy Holidays!

Lee Reiherzer has been writing about Oshkosh's beer and its brewing history since 2010 when he launched the Oshkosh Beer website. He is co-author of "The Breweries of Oshkosh" and author of "Winnebago County Beer."

Library opens lobby for pickup service

The Oshkosh Public Library started carryout service this week that allows cardholders to come into the main lobby to check out the materials they have placed on hold. As an added convenience, no appointment is necessary.

Cardholders can log into their accounts at oshkoshpubliclibrary.org to place their holds or call 236-5205. A notification will be sent when materials are available.

Face masks are required, and cardhold-

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"Carryout is one more way that we can expand our available services," said Ruth Percey, assistant director for public services. "Getting physical materials into the hands of our cardholders is one of our top priorities right now."

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Counties extend landfill deal

From the Brillion News

Three county executives from Winnebago, Brown and Outagamie signed an agreement last week that extends to 2042 the operation of landfills to accept solid waste from all three counties.

The pact was inked at the site of the new Brown County South Landfill near Greenleaf, and will begin taking waste beginning in 2022. The site grading and digging of the first cell was done this year. Buildings for the landfill operation will be added next year.

Officials from the three counties believe the 17-year history of joint solid waste operations have saved more than \$48 million, or about \$3.4 million per year, compared with operating separately.

"It's not every day you can come together to talk about saving millions of dollars or using best practices that were developed by three different counties," Harris said. "It's great to be able to do that here today."

"The partnership led to a lot of other communities working together across county lines. It is seen as a model for the rest of Wisconsin. Our collaboration and the results speak for themselves and others are noticing and emulating what we do."

"There will be a lot of construction activities here throughout 2021, in anticipation of the landfill opening in 2022," said



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Winnebago County Executive Mark Harris speaks at a ceremony last Monday where Winnebago, Outagamie and Brown counties agreed to an extension of their cooperative landfill agreement.

Chad Doverspike, operations manager for Brown County's Port & Resource Recovery Department.

Local kidney recipient in need of new donation

Oshkosh Herald

An Oshkosh woman has begun an appeal for a kidney donation to replace one she received three years ago that failed when she was recently diagnosed with COVID-19.

Beth Nemecek was suffering from kidney failure for more than six years when Stephanie Geurts of Fond du Lac donated one of her organs as part of a kidney paired donation (KPD) program that located a compatible kidney for Nemecek in December 2018. Oshkosh Herald contributor Samantha Strong wrote about their journey together in the Jan. 30, 2019, issue.

Ali Nemecek said last week on her Facebook page that her mother has had surgery to have dialysis ports put back in during her hospital stay.

"She will be on dialysis to maintain somewhat of a normal life, but the only

real solution is a second transplant," Ali said in her post.

"My mom is O (negative) and being a direct match would be amazing. However, we are also open to a donation chain, which is how she received her kidney the first time."

A living donor offers a higher rate of success and potentially lasts longer, and allows for better preparation for recipients.

"I want to thank all of you for your support, especially those of you who have been through this with us for years," Ali said.

"Also, this is just one example of how COVID can wreck your body beyond the normal flu/cold. There is no guarantee how COVID will run its course in your body, please do everything you can to protect it."

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Should we promote budgets as policy documents?

By Michael R. Ford
COMMON COUNCIL MEMBER

In the past year, we have held several well-attended city council meetings in Oshkosh. The two most crowded were in regards to the creation of an equity and inclusion committee, and the consideration of an indoor mask ordinance to combat COVID-19.

The crowds at these meetings were not surprising, both dealt with important issues dominating the wider public discourse at this moment in time. Last week we held our public budget hearing, and there was not a single public comment. Why?

Deep down I suppose I know the answer. Budgets are just not exciting to most people. In my public budgeting course I always ask my students who has experience reading municipal budgets. I usually get a few hand raises from my biased sample.

Which leads to my next question: Who here has experience that was not part of

their job? This question tends to bring most of the hands down.

The responses always get me thinking too. Are the only people following the budget process those who are also a part of the process? If the answer is yes, which it seems to be, it is really not shocking. Municipal budgets can be intimidating, they are made by and for government employees, not the public at-large.

Part of this is unavoidable of course, as budgeting is a bureaucratic process that facilitates government decision-making. Budgets should be created with government leaders as an intended audience. But this fact should not come at the expense of the public audience, who are the actual stakeholders in the results of the budget process. The budgeting process is the most consequential thing municipal governments do, and an area where a little bit of public engagement can go a long way to improving government performance.

Consider the previously mentioned eq-

uity and inclusion committee. The committee demonstrates the city of Oshkosh's commitment to the tenet of social equity. Its creation signaled to the public that yes, we see your concern in this area, and yes, we want to address it. So while the creation of a subject-specific committee was a good thing, it is only one committee among many committees competing for resources and influence.

It is through the budget process that resources are distributed broadly across all areas of a public organization. Creating the committee was an important enabling reform, but it is through the budget process that equity and inclusion will actually be operationalized.

In other words, allocating resources for any government priority enables implementation, and ultimately success. So again, why does this important process garner such little attention?

Part of the reason, in my opinion, is that our field works hard to distinguish policy from finances. At the state level in Wisconsin, we go as far as to identify policy items for removal from the state budget process. At the local level, we take pains to demonstrate that authorizing a policy, and authorizing spending for a policy, are separate actions. But in reality, just about every major policy change in Wisconsin occurs in the budget. At the local level, authorizing money for something almost always results in program authorization.

I wonder if embracing budgets as the policy documents they are could increase the public's interest level. I myself often tell folks the budget matters because

everyone should know where government money is coming from, and where government money is going. While that message gets my attention, a professor teaching public budgeting with more than a passing interest in government finance, it may not resonate with the general public.

Perhaps a better message is that the budgeting process is an opportunity to influence policy. Instead of advertising discussions about mill rates and debt capacity, we can position the budgeting process as an annual referendum on the quality of core services like public safety and public works. From a design standpoint we can do a better job of building budgets as performance evaluation documents geared toward the general public.

Embracing the role of policy in the budget process is not without risk. At the national and state levels the budget process is, at times, used as an ideological weapon. We do not want to see funding for core local services held hostage by the whims of a political party. While the nonpartisan nature of local government would serve as a check against misuse of the budget process, it may not be enough of a check.

At the very least, those of us in local government can do a better job explaining the relationship between policy and budgeting to our residents. This can occur through improved budget design, the creation of more formal feedback loops, and subject specific budget hearings.

Michael R. Ford is an associate professor of public administration at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, and serves on the Oshkosh Common Council. This column originally appeared in the PATimes.org.



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Titans athletics launches pandemic funding appeal

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh athletics department has launched a Rise as One campaign to help navigate the financial impact of COVID-19 on Titan student-athletes, coaches and staff.

The Rise as One campaign is intended to help ensure UWO student-athletes continue to compete at a championship level and foster the student-athletic experience.

"The Rise as One campaign allows all Titans an opportunity to support our programs as we battle through the fluctuating challenges presented to our athletics department," Assistant Chancellor of Athletics Darryl Sims said. "We have been able to enjoy a variety of great moments during our rich history, all of which were enjoyed by our Titan family as one."

Funds will be used for regularly administered COVID-19 testing and operational assistance.

Titan athletics has been postponed since

March. Postseason competition for women's basketball, women's gymnastics, men's and women's track and field, men's diving and wrestling were canceled in spring, followed by the cancellation of spring and fall sports. Winter competitions have been postponed until at least Jan. 1.

Being one step closer to competing is an exciting thought for English and journalism double major Natalie Dillon, a senior on the softball team.

"I've been sidelined the last two years because of injury and the virus," Dillon said. "I want all the feelings that go along with a senior season; I want to go into my last at-bat knowing this is it. I don't want to look back on a moment that seemed so insignificant and realize that was the last time I'd ever competitively played the sport I love."

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Rocky Pedersen (right) helps with food preparations at Rocky's Tacos, which opened recently on Main Street.

Rocky's Tacos opens downtown

By Jack Tierney
OSHKOSH HERALD

Main Street visitors and the central city business community have a new menu choice with Rocky's Tacos and Subs opening last week at 424 N. Main St.

"We're like a mini Subway and Chipotle," owner Rocky Pedersen said.

Menu items include meat lovers, chicken bacon ranch, Italian and vegetarian sandwiches; and chicken, beef, pork or black bean tacos, burritos and rice bowls. Make-your-own and gluten-free options are available. Catering is expected to begin next spring.

"I wanted to offer something that's not available downtown," Pedersen said. "Good food, reasonable price and a place to make money."

"I don't golf or fish," he said, "so this is my retirement hobby."

Pedersen took out a five-year lease and is expecting to re-sign. He said business has been steady in the first week and he looks forward to the outdoor farmers market when patio dining options will be available. Call 920-479-7000 to place an order for pickup or stop in the store; hours are from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Jubricosa director Hart injured in fall

Jubricosa Arts Academy program director James Hart suffered a neck injury over the weekend from a fall that hospitalized him and has forced the cancellation of the group's Christmas show.

A post on the group's Facebook page said Hart is in stable condition at a hospital after the fall down a stairway at his home Saturday that has led to paralysis.

The nonprofit organization is in its 31st season of providing young people a curriculum for learning theater basics and some advanced theatrical techniques

while teaching life skills through the performing arts.

The academy is still planning on a Holiday Faire set for Dec. 12 with a silent auction and donations to help support the organization.

Correction

NOV. 18, PAGE 1: In a story about Grady and Jackie Kuhn, it should have said that Jackie, not Grady, has two daughters from a previous marriage. Jackie is training for her fifth marathon.

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Wisconsin Solidarity members collect food donations Saturday at the Convention Center.

Father Carr's pantry gets boost

By Joseph Schulz
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

A group of volunteers assembled in the parking lot of the Oshkosh Convention Center Saturday to collect nonperishable food donations for Father Carr's Place 2B.

The food drive, which collected unexpired goods and nonperishable food items, was organized by Wisconsin Solidarity, a community organization focused on helping struggling families based in Oshkosh.

Brittany Stieg, the organization's co-founder, said the event was meant to help families that may be struggling going into the Thanksgiving holiday.

"We want to bring the community together by any means necessary," she said. "If that means standing here in the cold, so be it."

Stieg said the event was a success as the group received plenty of food donations, which will be used either in the food

pantry at Father Carr's or in the facility's kitchen.

Wisconsin Solidarity formed this year, after Stieg's husband, Cody, made an album with 10 artists from around the state featuring covers of 1960s Civil Rights protest songs to raise community awareness.

Stieg explained that Cody distributed the album on the internet for free. At that point, she and Cody brainstormed other ways their organization could benefit the community, ultimately developing Saturday's food drive.

The event was the first to be hosted by Wisconsin Solidarity, but Steig says the organization is planning other activities to help those in need.

Specifically, she says the organization is planning a toy drive next month ahead of Christmas.

"We're all in this together, after all," Stieg said. "We are committed to expanding knowledge and accessibility of resources."

Pandemic

FROM PAGE 1

the Department of Health, but the new law does not add powers that were not already in state statute, Harris said.

The amendment references a section of state law that allows a local health director to take steps to fight communicable disease. These steps include forbidding public gatherings, putting infected people in isolation and hiring "quarantine guards" to enforce isolation orders.

But the provisions of the amended code make it hard to see how these powers would be used. Before the health officer can enforce any order applying to more than one person, group or place, the new legislation requires that the board votes to support the order.

"I'm not sure if the county board understands what they got themselves into," said John Casper, president of the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce. "I'm not sure they all understand what they passed last night."

The chamber, along with the Republican Party of Winnebago County, has been actively fighting the ordinance change and encouraging residents to express their opposition.

"If that meeting would have been in person, I think there would have been a different outcome," Casper said. "It's going to be different, let's say, if an order comes in that says they are going to close restaurants. That'll be tough."

For now Harris does not expect that the county would impose any requirement that would go beyond the governor's mask order, which has been renewed through the end of the year but could be thrown out by the state Supreme Court.

A "mask order is about all you can do and expect majority support from the board," Harris said.

County health director Doug Gieryn said his department rarely gets to the point of having to issue an order.

In his 16 years in his position, "no public health citations for communicable diseases have been issued," he said. "We have issued lead hazard reduction orders to clean up

lead hazards in residences where a child was lead poisoned."

The department's goal is "to protect the public's health in the least restrictive way possible," Gieryn said. "The ordinance prohibits any general workplace shut-down and has an added level of oversight that requires any general order to be only advisory until the county board reviews and approves the order."

The health department in Dane County issued an order this month prohibiting indoor gatherings of any size and limiting outdoor gatherings to 10 people. Capacity limits were also imposed on workplaces, restaurants and bars.

But Harris said he cannot foresee such actions in Winnebago County. "I don't think the majority of the board would support any of those measures," he said.

The Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce worked with local health officials to write the new Dane County order. But Casper said he doesn't think that coordination would happen in Oshkosh.

"I doubt very much the public health department will give us a call," he said.

An offer to meet personally with local businesses that were ignoring safety guidelines was rebuffed, Casper said. Gieryn disputed this.

"I'm not aware of any reach out by the chamber in this regard," Gieryn said. "We have asked the chamber to be supportive of and promote the (Wisconsin Economic Development Corp.) guidelines for businesses, and we welcome any collaboration or input from our local businesses and Chamber of Commerce as we look for solutions that best control the spread of COVID-19 and keep our economy going."

Although some residents had warned that they would sue the county if the ordinance amendments were adopted, a legal battle is not imminent, Casper said.

"Frankly we don't want to do that. Nobody wants to do that," he said.

"I think it's going to get down to what are those general orders that are going to be recommended and whether or not the county board approves those general orders."

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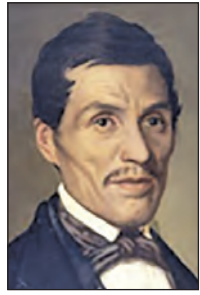
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Quinney

Oshkosh Public Museum since 1934 has been returned to the tribe in a repatriation process that deemed it part of the community's historical estate. The horn was delivered Thursday by museum staff in a ceremony in Bowler.

John W. Quinney was a political leader, or sachem, of the Stockbridge-Munsee

see from 1852-1855. Quinney was a renowned orator and lobbyist who negotiated with the United States on behalf of his people and is credited with helping the tribe survive difficult times.

Based on the information presented by the Stockbridge-Munsee community, the museum determined the powder horn meets the definition of an object of cultural patrimony. The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act provides for repatriation and disposition of human remains, sacred and burial objects, and other items of cultural inheritance. Museums regularly compile inventories of those items and consult with descendants and tribes for potential repatriation.

After the museum loaned the Quinney



Photo from Oshkosh Public Museum

This powder horn from the 1800s belonged to Stockbridge-Munsee sachem John W. Quinney and was repatriated to the tribe last week.

powder horn to the Arvid E. Miller Historical Library Museum in Bowler, director of cultural affairs Heather Bruegl requested its repatriation. Oshkosh staff submitted the necessary paperwork to the federal office and the horn was delivered to the tribe.

The Stockbridge-Munsee have a 22,000-acre reservation in Shawano County. The

Stockbridge were Mohicans from the upper east Hudson area, who migrated into western Massachusetts in and near Stockbridge before the American Revolutionary War. The Munsee were Lenape Indians who had occupied coastal New York and New Jersey before they and the Stockbridge moved to Wisconsin.

Museum staff and Stockbridge-Munsee tribal members felt the process and collaboration for the repatriation went smoothly and professionally, and happy to see the artifact go home. The ceremony will be available on the Facebook pages of the Oshkosh Public Museum and Arvid E. Miller Library Museum and Cultural Affairs Department.

November is recognized as National American Indian Heritage Month to celebrate rich and diverse cultures, traditions and histories, and acknowledge the contributions of Native people.

Santa visits

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"I'm one of those who just thinks of an idea and does it," said Bennett, a county fair board member and Oshkosh North graduate who has been helping spread holiday cheer over the years with Thanksgiving meals to families through Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh and as a volunteer for the Celebration of Lights at Menominee Park.

While he has had many reaching out to offer donations related to the effort, he is directing people to local nonprofits to help with toy drives, the homeless shelter and groups like the Take 5 Club that help children in need.

"Take whatever you're willing to give me and give to one of those organizations," he said. "I'd rather just keep it really simple."

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Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

Nov. 14, 1957

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Haliburton

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tial to make it to the top.

After impressing the nation as a freshman, Haliburton had a spectacular sophomore season – averaging 15.2 points, 6.5 assists and 5.9 rebounds – before a broken thumb ended his season. He shot better than 42 percent from 3-point range during his college career.

What sets Haliburton apart is his basketball IQ. Besides athleticism, he always makes the right play, rarely turns the ball over and tends to make players around him better.

“There is no potion or magic wand to get here,” Haliburton said. “It’s really just outworking people. I hope I inspire the city of Oshkosh and the whole Fox Valley to chase their dreams and chase what they

love.

“There were a lot of people who told me and told their friends that I wouldn’t be able to play at Iowa State; I wouldn’t get in the game. So obviously those people were wrong, and I’m sure there were people who said I would never make the NBA.

“Here I am today. It means the world to me. I hope I just inspire kids and people in general to chase what they love — and the sky’s the limit.”

Haliburton joins a young Kings team that hasn’t made the playoffs since 2006 but gets to work with a squad that flashes potential. The Kings have a few young stars in De’Aaron Fox and Buddy Hield. Fox is one of the league’s quickest players, averaging more than 21 points per game last year while Hield is a 3-point threat who averaged more than 19 points a game.

Because of COVID-19, this year’s off-season is a short one. NBA training camps



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Tyrese Haliburton reacts with family and friends to his selection Wednesday by the Sacramento Kings in the NBA Draft.

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are set to open next week and games begin Dec. 22.

“I think I excel best with other great guards,” Haliburton said. “Obviously a quicker guard, a freak athlete in De’Aaron. I think he’s kind of the perfect guy for me in terms of what I lack — he has. I think we’re going to be perfect together. I can’t wait to get started.”

Haliburton shares a Kings-Spartans connection with Frank Schade, one of the winningest coaches in Wisconsin high school history who led North for 31 years until 2017, the year before North earned its first state title with Haliburton. Schade was drafted by the Kings in 1972 when

they were in Kansas City, where he played one season.

Haliburton dominated his senior season with the Spartans by averaging nearly 23 points, 6.2 assists and 5 rebounds per game. He shot 67 percent from the field and 49 percent from deep. He was named 2018’s Wisconsin Gatorade Player of the Year.

Haliburton made a giant leap his freshman season at Iowa State after he was chosen to play for Team USA in the International Basketball Federation World Cup Championships, where he helped them to a gold medal. He also was named to the Big 12 All-Conference Second Team.

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Lourdes has perfect end to imperfect season

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The 2020 high school football season was a challenge, but no team dealt with more than Lourdes Academy. Despite playing every week this season, the Knights had just two of their contests go on as planned as they had to seemingly reschedule games every week.

They didn't let that distract them from the task at hand as they had one goal in mind Thursday night.

After beating the Randolph Rockets 17-14 a few weeks earlier, Lourdes was on a mission to prove they were better than that effort. The message was delivered as the Knights steamrolled to a 40-0 win to cap off a perfect season.

"This is the best team in the history of this school and the best senior class we have ever had," acting head coach Nick Behnke said on the win. "Yesterday when we found out we would be playing Randolph instead of Reedsville the whole energy level of this group went through the roof.

"We wanted to play Reedsville given they are ranked 3 and we are ranked 2, but there is something about Randolph that brings out the best in our kids."

Head coach Kevin Wopat had been in a COVID-19 quarantine protocol with his family for the last two games.



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Dominic Kane pulls in a 25-yard touchdown catch for Lourdes in the second quarter.

Both teams struggled in the first quarter similar to their first meeting. While the Knights couldn't muster much offensively, the Rockets countered with Brayden Haffele and Jordan Tietz on the ground as they were moving the ball forward. Haffele found Matt Dykstra on a couple of occasions, but the Knights forced two turnovers on downs to keep the game scoreless.

Late in the first quarter, Charlie Weber and Josh Bauer ran the ball down to inside Randolph's 10 yard line. Bauer then found

Will Pollack for a six-yard score and 7-0 lead. Despite a 28-yard completion on their next possession, the Rockets couldn't do anything and gave the ball back to Lourdes.

Bauer then hooked up with Jack McKellips for a 30-yard completion and Preston Ruedinger for a 24-yard completion. The drive came to a screeching halt as Bauer was picked off in the end zone.

The Knights bounced back with an interception by Tietz on the next possession with great field position. Facing a fourth and long, Bauer found Dominic Kane over the middle for a 25-yard score.

With the half winding down, Bauer and McKellips hooked up for a 24-yard connection before Bauer used his legs for a 40-yard run and score with less than a minute to go. The Knights went for the onside kick and for the second straight week recovered it. That set up a 19-yard touchdown to Ruedinger and a 27-0 halftime advantage.

The Knights needed only two plays into the third quarter to strike again as Kane took a Bauer screen pass 63 yards for a score. Kane led all receivers on the night with 97 yards.

Trying to hold onto hope, the Rockets put together their best drive since late in the first quarter deep into Knights territory but the Knights defense forced another turnover on downs.

Jack Huizenga got in on the action by hauling in a contested 31-yard completion. A few plays later it was Bauer to Ruedinger for a 29-yard score and 40-0 lead. The catch gave Ruedinger the team record for single season yards and receptions.

The season was not easy but Behnke knows what this group has meant to the program.

"We left a lot on the field against Randolph the first time," he said. "When we play our game the way we should there aren't many teams that can beat us. These kids showed the way for the younger kids and now we have high expectations every season."

Bauer capped off an incredible season in which he led the state in passing touchdowns and passing yards. His 310-yard performance gave him 2,469 yards while his five touchdowns through the air gave him 34 on the season — all in nine games.

"This is a great way for all of us to end our season," Bauer said. "I am proud of everyone on this team from the coaches to the players and for all the work they put in this season. This whole group is a family and I am going to miss them."

Along with season stats comes career stats and Bauer has left his mark on this program. The win made him 28-3 as a starter, the winningest QB in program history to go along with 5,704 passing yards for 76 touchdowns and 1,775 yards rushing with another 32 touchdowns. All of those passing accolades are program records, but something he never looked to accomplish.

"Records are great and all, but I never think about things like that," Bauer said. "Each week all I think about is getting a win and I will do what I can to help us win plain and simple. My receivers make things easy for me so that is always fun to throw to these guys. We put a lot of work in this



Photo by Michael Cooney

On the hunt

Morgan Schroeder (from left), Derik Blindauer and Nick Schroeder, all from the Fisk area, watch a deer about half a mile away at one of the public hunting grounds west of Oshkosh on Saturday morning as the nine-day gun deer season opened.

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Loaded Knights team looking to land at state

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

To say last season wasn't a strange year for the Knights would be an understatement. After playing in the state championship game the season before, the Knights found themselves moving up as they took their shot in Division 4.

A couple of close regular season losses to Manitowoc Roncalli and Milwaukee School of Languages, coupled with a two-point loss to Iola-Scandinavia in the sectional semifinals, were the lone blemishes on a 22-3 season.

BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Now back in Division 5, the loaded Knights enter the season No. 2 in the state. Head coach Dennis Ruedinger is entering his 18th season on the bench and second since returning as he has high expectations for his group.

"Every year is unique in its own way," Ruedinger said. "I consider high school basketball to be an extension of the classroom and an important aspect of our players' education. We place a high level of importance on developing lifelong character traits. I feel we will be given many more opportunities than normal to do so."

Typically, when teams lose large numbers of seniors, they tend to take a step back the following year. Lourdes will have several spots to fill and leadership will be the hardest thing to replace. Despite that, the Knights are loaded with talent as leading scorers Preston Ruedinger, Josh Bauer, Jack McKellips and Jack Huizenga all return from last year's squad.

Ruedinger is one of the premier scorers in the state, coming off a season where he averaged nearly 28 points. Bauer is also coming off a great season averaging 15 points with McKellips (11) and Huizenga (7) also bringing fire power.

"We have a lot of players who will be able to help us this season," he said. "Our JV team was 21-1 last year and is full of excellent players. All of them will be in the running for helping our team. I also feel like another one of our seniors — Nathan Slagter — is going to play a huge role this season. Nathan tore his ACL this summer and likely will not be able to return for basketball. He will be our pillar and who we look to and who we play for and will unquestionably be a huge factor in the success our season. Leadership is powerful and Nathan's impact on our team will be profound."

The Knights are in a great position to bring home the Trailways conference once again as they haven't lost a league game in more than three seasons. For that to happen, they must get through a tough Hustisford team ranked No. 6 in the state led by Dylan Kuehl.

"Hustisford has an excellent program and we have a lot of respect for them," Ruedinger said. "It was such an unusual off-season that it is difficult to predict who else might have improved throughout the summer. The teams whose players remained committed to improving will have a huge advantage."

With the first game set for early December, the Knights are ready to get after it. It all starts with having fun, which Ruedinger preaches.

"Number one thing we need to do is

have fun," he said. "If we can trust each other, handle adversity, and truly believe in ourselves we will have a successful season."

Valley Christian looks to build on momentum

The Valley Christian Warriors are often the forgotten team among Oshkosh schools. They are coming off a 10-13 season, including 6-4 over their final 10 games, which should make the Warriors a team to watch.

"Last year's team started a little slow as we were a little young with a good core of our team being sophomores," head coach Louis Giannopoulos said. "As our younger players grew more confident during the season, we finished our last 10 games with a winning record of 6-4. Team unity and senior leadership was instrumental to our success down the stretch."

Giannopoulos knows that for his team to continue to build on last season they will have to rely on others to pick up the slack.

"Losing two four-year varsity players in Isaiah Wade and Yianni Giannopoulos will be very difficult," he said. "Isaiah was our leading scorer, rebounder and shot blocker. He scored over 1,000 points for his career and he was one of the state leaders in rebounds and blocked shots. Yianni was our point guard and was second in points and rebounds on our team and lead the conference in assists. He was our best defender and he always drew the toughest assignment on defense."

"It will be very difficult to replace that kind of productivity that those two gave us. We lost five seniors from last year, but we feel that we have a good group of student athletes returning."

The Warriors have a lot of familiar faces and that starts with seniors Jaden Francis, Matt Curtis and Elijah Wade. Joining them

will be juniors Isaiah Humiston, Joshua Geffers, Will Kehoe, Nick Thur, Taylor Westpfal and Alexandros Giannopoulos. All will have a chance to surprise some teams this season.

"Our efforts this year will be focused on team ball on both sides of the court," Giannopoulos said. "I believe that this group collectively is more athletic and deeper than last year. All five starting spots and playing time are up for grabs so we hope that they will make it difficult for us to make those decisions."

Spartans searching for more consistency

Despite a senior-heavy team last season, Oshkosh North was not able to find the consistency it expected. At times, the Spartans looked like a team that could compete for the FVA crown. Then there were times where wins were hard to come by. All in all, that led to a 13-11 record, including a 9-9 conference mark.

Head coach Brad Weber knows this season has some nice pieces but lacking the experience of previous teams.

"Our group has a nice balance of youth and returners," he said. "The talent is there. We lack experience and not getting a summer to play together kept us from adjusting like they would in a normal year. I expect us to struggle early just learning and adjusting and come on strong the second half of the season."

Even without Josh Dilling's 19 points per game, Weber has a nice mix of returning athletes headlined by three-year varsity performer Jalen Keago, who finished second in scoring last season.

"Jalen Keago and Mason Day will be our leaders this season," Weber said. "Look for Cooper Juedes who saw varsity time as a

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Icehawks aim to improve under 2nd-year coach

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Taking over a high school program for the first time is never easy. Taking over a program that has struggled to win games over the past five years is a whole different game as now second-year Oshkosh Icehawks head coach John Thomson found out last season.

In his first season on the bench, the Icehawks managed just two wins. That included a winless 0-7 campaign in the Badgerland Conference, which continues to be a trend for this team. Now with one season under his belt, Thomson is looking for better results from his group as expectations are going to be higher.

"First and foremost, we need to stay safe with all that is going on," Thomson said. "We have talked as a team and I have stat-

ed my expectations: embrace the teams core principles, come prepared for practices, be mentally prepared for games, understand/learn what your strengths and weaknesses are and work to improve your weaknesses. Be a student of the game we want you to play."

Unlike most teams in the Badgerland, the Icehawks return plenty of firepower but have some holes to fill. One of those will be in goal where Connor Klett patrolled the pipes last season. The wins never translated but Klett often kept the Icehawks in games longer than many teams expected. Look for senior William Engedal to step in this season to shoulder the load.

Offensively speaking, the Icehawks will be in good hands as their top three scorers from a season ago return. Forward Dylan Sprister led the team with 14 goals last season. Fellow forward and now junior Ethan Hoodie added 11 goals of his own. Senior defensemen Jacob Sprister was second on

the team with 12 goals as those three accounted for 60 percent of the team's offensive output last season. Thomson is going to rely heavily on these players once again and hopes others can step up.

"We have some great players returning along with several younger players that can have an impact of our overall playing potential," he said. "It will also cause a healthy competitive spirit among the older players to work hard to have an impact with the team play."

Unlike most hockey conferences across the state, the Badgerland is one of the toughest and most balanced leagues. Nearly every team has won the conference title since 2011. Teams like St. Mary Springs and Neenah will always be looked at as favorites, but don't count out Wau-pun, Fond du Lac or Fox Cities Stars as teams who can contend. The Icehawks are hoping they can be in the mix as they are looking to surprise people.

"Neenah and SMS always have strong programs and I anticipate them having great teams again," Thomson said. "I think Fond du Lac should have a pretty solid program; they are always very competitive every year. The rest of the conference is as wide open as ever. The good thing is, if we can play to our potential there is no reason why we can't compete with anyone."

Thomson and his players know the goals in mind won't come easy. A lot of work needs to go into having a successful season and Thomson is hoping hard work pays off.

"For the short term, we need to understand that whatever we do will not be given to us. We need to work hard for everything we get," he said. "As far as long term, we need to work more with the young hockey program and assist and be a part of that program and help develop players in any capacity we can. The sooner we can do that the more long-term success we will have."

Basketball

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sophomore to make huge strides this season."

Along with those three comes a cast of underclassmen eager to make their mark. Sophomores Christo and Ari Giannopoulos will be on the roster as will freshman Steven Clark. All are going to play a key role in helping the Spartans contend in the FVA.

Both Kimberly and Neenah are ranked in the top 10 for Division 1 with Kaukauna as another solid program in Division 2. Those teams tend to be the favorites year

in and year out and should be once again.

"You have two coaching legends in Mike Schalow and Lucky Wurtz," Weber said. "The tradition of this league is something that current players grew up watching and wanting to emulate."

New-look Wildcats expecting to move up

Playing in the loaded FVA conference is never an easy task, but for Oshkosh West they have been able to hang tough. Led by another strong group of seniors that formed great chemistry over the season, the Wildcats finished in the middle of the standings at 11-12 overall and 10-8 in FVA play.

Although head coach Michael Johnson and his team hoped for better results, being able to finish with a winning record in that league is nothing to be disappointed about.

"With so much going on over the last eight months and not being able to have any sort of off-season activities, just being able to play is exciting," Johnson said. "We are going to focus on getting better and staying healthy every day."

The Wildcats are going to need to replace another strong senior class that was led by Karter Thomas and Caleb Fuller, who accounted for roughly 60 percent of the team's scoring last season. The Wildcats return a pair of strong seniors in Jac-

quez Overstreet and Nick Pohjola to go along with many juniors. Overstreet was a double-digit scorer as a junior while Pohjola was injured off and on. Johnson sees him as someone who can make a big difference.

"For us to contend and have a good season, we need to stay healthy and bubble ourselves to avoid quarantine periods," Johnson said. "Obviously, there are things we can control, but there are lots of things we can't control. If we continue to do what we need to do to stay healthy and our young players mature very quickly then I don't see why we can't compete in this league."



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Obituaries

William Lloyd Rasmussen

On November 18, 2020, William Lloyd Rasmussen, loving husband, and father of four, passed away at the age of 85, days after being diagnosed with COVID-19. He was surrounded, physically and virtually, by his wife and children, that loved him dearly.

Will was born to William and Meta Rasmussen on May 21, 1935 in Oshkosh WI. He attended St. Mary's Catholic School and belonged to the parish his entire life. He enlisted in the Navy in 1956 where he served in the Navy's Seabee Construction Battalion whose motto is *Construimus, Batuimus* "We Build, We Fight." He continued to live out that

motto his entire life.

After his service in the Navy ended in 1958, he continued his love of building by taking over the family construction company, Peter Rasmussen's Sons, which was founded in the early 1900s, and led by three generations of strong Rasmussens. The contributions made to Oshkosh, by the Rasmussen family, are numerous, from the erection of the Civil War monument in Opera House Square, to building structures in Menomonee Park, the construction of Webster Stanley School, donating the land to build Lourdes Academy, and the miles and miles of sidewalks that bear the Peter Rasmussen name. Will, continuing the Rasmussen legacy, was always willing to better his community and neighborhood by offering what was needed, whether it was a kind word, help with a project, or expert advice.

With the Savings & Loan and housing crash in the '80s Will made the difficult choice of dissolving the family business and taking an entry-level job in the Oshkosh Department of Engineering. In a matter of years, he worked his way up to Superintendent of Streets and Sanitation where he remained until his retirement in 2004.

Will married Mary Lynne Snyder on July 1, 1961 and shared 59 years together, they had 4 children, Kari, Kristoffer, Jens, and Hans. Will's legacy of love, faithfulness, and strong hands will live on in his children and many grandchildren. Will has shaped the physical world around him and forged relationships that have crossed generations. His passion for hunting and fishing was second only to his love of God and His creation.

Preceding him in death are his parents, William and Meta Rasmussen; brothers Peter and Paul Rasmussen and sister Ruth Ernst and brother-in-laws Laverne Ernst and Larry Green.

Will is survived by his wife, Mary

Lynne Rasmussen; children Kari (Adam) Auel of Poolesville MD, Kristoffer (Lisa) Rasmussen of Fort Worth TX, Jens Rasmussen of New York, NY, Hans (Ann) Rasmussen of Broomfield CO and Sister Joyce Green of Longmont, CO and sister-in-law Nancy Rasmussen of Oshkosh, WI, many grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and life-long friends.

The family requests, in lieu of flowers, those who wish to express sympathy to consider making a donation to the Good Samaritan Hospital COVID-19 Relief Fund in William Rasmussen's name.

Thomas J. Otto

Thomas J. Otto passed on Nov 16th. He is survived by a sister Nancy Ochoa (Manuel Ochoa) of Tucson AZ and six nieces and nephews with families. He was preceded in death by his parents Jerrald and June Otto, and brothers Micheal, James, William and Robert.





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William A. Ehmke

On November 11, 2020, 9 days after his 78th birthday, William Alfred Ehmke passed peacefully, diagnosed with Covid, at Edenbrook on Bowen St. in Oshkosh, listening to his favorite music. He was content there, thankful for meat, hot food, and plenty to eat. As he was "actively dying", his friend since 1958, Nancy Mary (Henell) Ellefson, was able to spend 5 precious hours with him, singing, praying, and slipping him sips of his own crafted cranberry wine. From 2000, Bill had proudly refrained from all alcohol.

He was born in Milwaukee, baptized



Presbyterian, moving to Winneconne, attending Winneconne schools from 6th grade until graduating in 1961. Bill was the president of the school rifle club, was the yearbook and school photographer, and was involved in lighting, music, and unique entertainment for school and other events. During hunting season, it was not unusual for guns, rifles and cartridges to be in school lockers for trading during class breaks. He was famous for the Egyptian Funeral Barge that opened the Winneconne bridge during peak fishing season, and the coffin he slept in equipped with light and sound. Bill enjoyed using his skills at The Exclusive Company for Mr. G. He attended college at Fox River Valley Extension Center, the University of Wisconsin, and UW-Oshkosh.

On December 21, 1966, he married

Norma Jean Stein, and Bassett Hounds were an important part of their family. Bill and Norma Jean made their home in West Bend until her death on May 8, 2002. After Norma Jean's death, Bill returned to his third-generation home on Lasley Shores on Lake Winneconne. Neighbors loved to see Bill walk with his cigar and walking stick; he was always friendly and loved to converse and share stories of a sustainable life on the lake.

Bill worked as a Senior Computer Analyst for Kohl's Department Stores in West Bend. He was a professional photographer, fisherman, ice fisherman, carp spearer, turtle hooker, raccoon hunter, preparer of smoked fish, and an avid gardener, processing the food he harvested. Bill was a Reiki Master, Tai Chai teacher and crystal expert. His heart, mind and soul were al-

ways open to spirituality beyond limits. His collection of 800 catalogued science fiction editions disappeared under the care of the county, as well as other valuable possessions.

He is survived by cousins of his deceased mother, Viola (Fauske) Ehmke, who reside in northern Wisconsin.

In Bill's memory, light the incense and set out some libation upon the altar of life and let the star winds carry us on until dawn.

No formal services will be held. Burial will be in the family plot at Wisconsin Memorial Park, Brookfield, Lot 446, Block 18. Mueller Funeral Home, Winneconne is assisting with arrangements.

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Marilyn Hart

Marilyn Hart, 92, of Oshkosh passed away at Park View Health Center on November 20, 2020. Marilyn was born on August 22, 1928 to the late Carl Buehlow and Eleanora Heisler in Oshkosh. She married Ted Hart on August 31, 1946. He preceded her in death in 2010.

Marilyn was a homemaker for most of her life and enjoyed camping, spending time with her family, watching old mov-



ies, and travelling with her husband and youngest son. She was also an active member of Al-Anon. She was a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church of Oshkosh Ladies Society. Marilyn always enjoyed taking a ride down "Memory Lane", 7th Street in Oshkosh. She would want to go very slowly as she pointed out everyone who lived on either side of the road in the 1930s and 40s.

Marilyn is survived by her sons James (Pamela) Hart, Robert Hart, Ted Hart Jr.; her daughter Anna Marie Hart; her brother Dennis F. Kinderman; grandchildren, Melissa (Phillip Kundiger) Hart, Justun (Julie) Hart, Britni (Tom) Adams, Danielle (

Christopher Will) Hart, Courtney (Tyler) Fredrickson, Samantha (Paul Rasper) Hart; great-grandchildren, Faith Will, Evangeline Frederickson, Olivia Hart, Emelia Adams, Anna Adams, Lauren Adams as well as one great-granddaughter on the way. In addition to her parents and husband, Marilyn was preceded in death by her daughter Letty M. Evenson, infant son John Hart, and daughter-in-law Dawn Hart.

Memorial services for Marilyn will be held at a later date. A memorial has been established.

The family would like to thank the nursing and Administrative staff at Park View Health Center and Lori and Kelly at Community Care.

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Meet the WAMPANOAG

In the 1600s, the Wampanoag Nation had about seventy thousand people living in 67 villages. This map shows some of them. The large print shows the Wampanoag name of a village. The small print gives the modern name.

When the Pilgrims arrived at what is now Plymouth, Massachusetts, they met native peoples who had lived in the area for thousands of years. Their name, Wampanoag, means "People of the First Light." This name was chosen because they lived on the east coast and they received the light of dawn before anyone to the west.



MAP CHALLENGE
Can you find the region shown on the map at right on a U.S. map?

Standards Link: History: Students understand the reasons that Americans celebrate certain holidays.

Based on map developed by Nanepashemet for the Plimoth Plantation Wampanoag Program. Recreated with permission of Plimoth Plantation, Inc.

This trouble-making turkey has taken some words out of these paragraphs. Can you find where each word belongs?



When did Thanksgiving begin?

Celebrations of thanksgiving in North America did not _____ with the Pilgrims at _____ in 1621. Gratefulness was (and is) a very important part of _____ life.

The Wampanoag have held _____ to give thanks since _____ times. And not just for a good _____. The Wampanoag give thanks for the birth of a child and other good fortune. In fact, giving thanks was the _____ reason for Wampanoag celebrations.

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PRIMARY **BEGIN**

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Find It!
Give each person at your Thanksgiving feast a page of the newspaper. See who can find each of the following in his or her paper:

- An odd number
- The word "thanks"
- Something to be thankful for
- A delicious food
- A Thanksgiving event
- A good place to visit

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Corn Confusion

The arrival of colonists from Europe was seen differently by different groups of people. The Wampanoag were cautious and unsure about these new people. The colonists were relieved to be done with their long voyage, but afraid of what might lie ahead.

In November of 1620, exploring colonists found corn buried in the ground. They called corn "Indian wheat." Here are two viewpoints on this same event:

The Wampanoag Viewpoint

"What kind of people would steal what isn't theirs? The corn was a family's seed for planting next spring, as well as food to carry them through until harvest."

The Colonial Viewpoint

"While exploring, we discovered many places where Indian wheat was buried. We dug it up and took away as much as we could carry. We saw none of the Indians, but we will pay the owners if we can find them."

Standards Link: History: Students understand the history of how communities in North America varied long ago.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

WAMPANOAG RIDDLE

I am the shape of all things given by The Creator.
I have no end and no beginning.
I am the shape of life itself.

What am I?

16 9 6 15 9 13 17

21 - 5 = A 11 + 6 = E 21 - 8 = L
18 - 9 = C 14 - 8 = I 24 - 9 = R

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

WAMPANOAG VOYAGE HARVEST COAST PILGRIMS CREATOR PLYMOUTH NATIVE PLENTY CORN DAWN FORTUNE SEED LIFE

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?



Standards Link: Letter sequencing: Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Think About It!

Today's *Kid Scoop* provides two different points of view about the coming of the Pilgrims to North America.

Use the newspaper to understand different points of view.

Select one article from today's newspaper and identify two people or groups of people affected by the news in the article.

Write one or more sentences telling each person or group's point of view about the news.

Main topic of article:

Person or group #1:

Point of view:

Person or group #2:

Point of view:

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Use strategies (e.g., point of view) to write for a variety of purposes.

What a Character!

Friendship is ...

Thanks for always being such a great friend, Chris!



... telling a friend you're thankful they're your friend!

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Thanksgiving

I am thankful for ...
Complete this sentence.



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