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Fun on the 4th

Beanbag toss and other games were made available for family activities at Riverside Park downtown during Fourth of July festivities Thursday. The holiday celebration moved south this year for a daylong party in the Riverside and Leach Amphitheater area climaxed by fireworks across the water on Pioneer Island.

Regional influences can steer gas prices

Wholesaler pumps seen as markup factor

By Jack Tierney Oshkosh Herald

Drivers who bought fuel in Oshkosh have paid 8 to 20 cents more per gallon in the previous four weeks than those in Fond du Lac, Appleton and Green Bay based on prices shown on GasBuddy.com.

Appleton and Green Bay had the cheapest fuel in the state at times during that stretch and it was sold at either Costco Gasoline or Woodman's Market.

A former gas station owner in Oshkosh who asked to remain anonymous said those prices are not comparable to the actual market value and that several court cases about Costco and Woodman's selling gas at undermarket prices have been disputed. A case settled May 18 in Alabama supports that contention.

The former owner said Costco and Woodman's can do what other gas stations cannot: take a hit at the pumps because they will make it up from those customers when they go shopping at their locations.

"A loss of \$14 at the pump is OK when you sell \$60 worth of stuff inside," the source said. "You're still coming out \$46

But local fuel prices are still currently

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Single mothers face unrelenting income challenges



By Samantha Strong

Single mothers are the most likely group of women out of all types of households in northeast Wisconsin to have earnings below the federal poverty line (FPL) at 38 percent – more than 7,000 households - according to the 2017 Report on the Status of Women in Northeast Wisconsin by the Women's Fund.

This group is only second to fe-



male-headed households without children as the largest poverty demographic statewide.

It may seem obvious why a single mom may fall below the poverty line, but its effects are serious and more likely to carry on through generations. Women in gener-

al are paid less; and considering the costs of raising children with one income — if she is able to work — it's easy to see how quickly costs can exceed income.

The rising costs of diapers, food and clothes are commonly referenced when discussing costs associated with raising children, but transportation, housing and child care costs create additional barriers specifically for Oshkosh mothers in pov-

One of the places where the effects of not supporting single moms in poverty

About the series

This series explores the complex issue of poverty in Oshkosh, how poverty specifically affects women here, available resources and how the rest of the community can help. Prior week's stories are available at oshkoshherald.com.

are seen is in the schools, according to Julie Dumke, Oshkosh Area School District

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Aviation Plaza district plan advances

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Oshkosh Plan Commission unanimously recommended approval of the Aviation Plaza Redevelopment project through a tax increment finance (TIF) district, which would bring a new Mineshaft Restaurant and Entertainment Center into the community.

The proposed district includes 27 acres in the vicinity of W. South Park Avenue and S. Koeller Street abutting Interstate 41 The city is projecting that new land and improvements valued at \$12.4 million will result from redevelopment activity within the TIF district.

The Mineshaft Restaurant includes a 34,423-square-foot building with another 30,000 square feet available for future expansion. Tom Masters, who is an owner of the Mineshaft in Hartford, said he expects the business to be profitable, noting his 44-year success in that community. The property will be situated on land that used

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to be Walmart.

Other businesses include the present Rogan's shoe store and a planned auto parts business.

Extreme Customs is an automotive customization company specializing in aftermarket tires and wheels. The company is presently at 3420 Jackson St. and has outgrown that location.

The project requires the property owners to bring their lands into compliance with water, stormwater and sewer infrastructure code requirements.

The TIF district was recommended for approval by the Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corp. Executive Director Jason White said the redevelopment enhances the area as a gateway into Oshkosh, adding that the project would not be feasible without creating the TIF

district

Commissioners also recommended approval of a right-of-way vacation of Rath Lane east of North Koeller Street and a zoning change from Institutional District to Institutional District with a Planned Development Overlay for the parking area adjacent to the Oshkosh Police Department building. The zoning change is required to install a metal fence that is 6 feet in height as compared with the present limitation of 4 feet.

Planning staff said the parking lot has experienced vandalism and that previous plans to install fencing were deleted for cost reasons.

The Plan Commission also re-elected its officers at the July 2 meeting with Tom Fojtik continuing as chairman and Kathleen Propp serving as vice chairman.

Longtime grocer honored

Marlin Greenfield, recently retired from Skogen's Festival Foods, has been selected 2019 Grocer of the Year, the Wisconsin

Grocers Association's (WGA) highest honor.

The surprise presentation is being made at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday (today) at the Darboy Festival Foods in Appleton. Marlin was nominated by Mark Maloney of Russ Davis Wholesale.



Greenfield

Greenfield retired in 2018 after more than 28 years of service with Festival.

Mark Skogen, president and CEO, said "much of what we now know as hallmarks of Festival Foods began with Marlin." For most of his Festival career, he was chief operations officer and in 2015, he transitioned to senior operations leader.

He served on the WGA board of directors for eight years and was also honored in 2015 with the Wisconsin Grocers Care Political Action Award, which recognized his many efforts to advance the grocery industry in the state.

Greenfield began his grocery career at age 15 at a small store in his hometown of Waupun. After college, he joined the Copps Corp. and spent 10 years working and managing six locations in Wisconsin. Marlin then joined newcomer Cub Foods, managing stores in Madison, Milwaukee and St. Cloud, Minn.

In 1990, he joined the Festival team at their first store in Onalaska. Skogen noted several ways that Greenfield helped shape the company and the Festival Foods culture, including mentoring three generations of Skogens.

Among Greenfield's community service commitments have been serving on the board of the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh, and being instrumental in building the partnership between the club and Festival.





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Zoo programs announced with inside expedition

The Menominee Park Zoo has announced educational opportunities for the community this summer, including the new Close Encounters behind-thescenes tours of the wolf and elk or otter exhibits where guests accompany a zoo-keeper to areas normally inaccessible to the general public.

"We are able to give the participants an inside look and understanding of what zookeepers really do every day, which is really something special," said Morgan Beisbier, animal specialist.

Funds raised from the tours go the Oshkosh Zoo Society, a nonprofit organization that supports educational activities. Free programs this summer include "We Need Each Other Wednesdays," which features other wildlife organizations, and at 4 p.m. today (Wednesday) Pine View

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Wildlife Rehabilitation Center will offer a program with live animal demonstrations.

The zoo also has smaller free programs hosted by education coordinator Makayla Wiedenhoeft several times per week for children and adults. One program was Enrichment Day at the Zoo, where visitors created items such as bird feeders, a paper mache ball for bobcats to play with and suet feeders filled with fruit for the lemurs.

"Enrichment Day was definitely a success," Wiedenhoeft said. "People enjoyed watching the animals receive the items they had made for them, and the animals really enjoyed it too."

Reservations and more information about the Close Encounters tours can be found at www.oshkoshzoo.org/close-encounters. The website also has a complete events schedule

and check them out



Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

June 6, 1938

Tom Mix Circus arrives in Oshkosh: Tom Mix, the favorite cowboy movie star of every red-blooded American boy, came to Oshkosh today along with his 22-year-old daughter Ruth as part of a three-ring circus. The

200-vehicle motorized outfit arrived in Oshkosh this morning at the break of dawn from Fond du Lac. Performances will be held today at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tom and his daughter mingled among the crowds signing autographs. Mix's performance includes a sharpshooting demonstration with a rifle and revolver. He also has a "thrill" number of twirling his six-shooter, firing it as it turns. This is Tom Mix's first visit into this section of the United States and he is favorably impressed by Wisconsin. He thinks the people are "swell" and also they're great circus fans. Mix plans to film another movie this winter – "The Life of Sam Houston."

> Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, July 6, 1938



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Grand announces 2019-2020 season

The Grand Oshkosh unveiled its 2019-2020 lineup that includes music from a multitude of genres, along with theater, comedy and other entertainment programs. Tickets go on sale today (July 10).

The season's opening weekend kicks off Sept. 26-28 with the return of the Four Phantoms. Composed of four former leads from the Tony Award-winning "The



Comedian Tom Papa takes the stage Nov. 16.

Phantom of the Opera," the concert will be the only 2019 appearance in Wisconsin. Brent Barrett, Ciaran Sheehan, Franc D'Ambrosio and John Cudia have performed the role more than 6,000 times collectively, and again will be joined by

special guest Kaley Ann Voorhees, who is currently playing the role of Christine in the Broadway production.

The Grand will present a special event April 4 at Menominee Nation Arena with returning resident artist and pianist Alpin Hong. FanFAIRE, starring Hong and 300 students, will celebrate the video games, programs, movies and superheroes that young people know and love.

Along with a pre-event convention, the



Photos from The Grand

Farewell Angelina, an all-female four-piece band, will perform March 20 at The Grand.



Moscato

concert will highlight the musical and artistic talents of more than 300 area students. Teen singer Franki Moscato, who recently won a Golden Ticket on ABC's "American Idol," will make her debut at The Grand on Nov. 2 alongside other

area musicians.

During the holiday season, Christmas with the Celts will return after a sold-out performance in 2017. Other performances will include comedian Tom Papa, folkrock trio The Sweet Remains and James Garner's Tribute to Johnny Cash.

The new season also has performances by Oshkosh Community Players, Hysterical Productions and the Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra.

"As always, choosing the season at The Grand is a process of finding a little of everything for our audience," Joseph Ferlo, director of The Grand, said. "There should be something in the season for anyone, regardless of what their entertainment tastes may be."

Season packages start at five shows and feature a discount of up to 15 percent for subscription shows.

Tickets are available through The Grand box office at 100 High Ave., calling 920-424-2350 or visiting thegrandoshkosh. org.

Grand event lineup

Subscription events

Oshkosh Community Players: "Sylvia" – Oct. 17-19

Franki Moscato and Friends – Nov. 2 Comedian Tom Papa – Nov. 16 Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra Holiday Celebration – Dec. 7

Christmas with the Celts – Dec. 8 The Sweet Remains – Jan. 17 Jeff Allen's "The America I Grew Up In" Tour – Feb. 1

Oshkosh Community Players:
"Someplace Different" – Feb. 28-March 7
Farewell Angelina – March 20
James Garner's musical tribute
to Johnny Cash – April 18
Oshkosh Symphony: "Celebrating
Women and Beethoven" – May 2
Oshkosh Community Players: "The
Music Man" – May 15-23
Vivace – May 30

Hysterical Productions: "A Midsummer Night's Dream" – June 4-7

Guest presenter events

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Transportation utility fee not best option for city

The City of Oshkosh has proposed creation of a transportation utility fee (TUF) program designed to eliminate special assessment charges for street and sidewalk repair projects. All property owners within the city limits will be subjected to this new tax. As an organization, we do have concern about this proposed tax policy.

First, as we have stated numerous times in statements issued to members of the City Council and the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce, "We appreciate the City Council's desire to eliminate this special assessment for property owners. We also are aware and recognize the considerable financial burden that special assessments place on property owners, both residential and nonresidential."

However, we do not support the proposed approach of the City Council to address this issue. We do view this proposal as a scheme to impose a new tax on all property owners, a tax that disproportionately impacts nonresidential (business and institutional) property owners. The so-called proposed fee has no reasonable



Dennis Lewandowski Oshkosh Chamber chairman

relationship between the fee that will be imposed and the services in which the fee is being imposed.

For instance, in a true fee-for-service program, the payer would actually receive a service in return for the fee that is paid. A good example of this would be the city's Water and Sanitary Utility. The user turns on the faucet, the meter starts and the user is charged for the amount of water usage. In the case of the TUF program, it may take decades for the payer to receive any benefit from their payment.

The city paves about 2 miles of street per year of the more than 300 miles of streets in the city. By paving less than 1 percent of the city's street per year, most payers will not see a benefit in a lifetime. They

are paying for some benefit that will never be directly realized. The proposed TUF program is more similar to a Ponzi scheme than a user fee program and is truly a tax.

Second, there has been a lack of transparency on the part of the city as it relates to direct outreach and input by the nonresidential property owners. The city has not made one attempt to reach out directly to the group of property owners that will be paying over 52 percent of the \$3.25 million tax. We believe this class of property owners should and deserves to be made aware on the new tax policy that the city is proposing. Don't you?

The city could have done something as simple as enclosing a flier in the monthly water bills. This would be a simple, easy first step to informing property owners.

The city's recent press release of June 19 speaks of a \$4.50 monthly charge. There is no mention of impervious surface (parking lots and roof space), Developmental Area Units (DAU), or charges of \$54 per DAU. In some cases, property owners will be charged tens of thousands of dollars,

not the \$4.50 per month charge that the city likes to lead you to believe.

Unfortunately, the lack of any attempt by the city to directly inform nonresidential property owners is a serious lack of transparency on the part of the City of Oshkosh. Consequently, we can only conclude that the city does not want this class of property owner aware of this new tax.

Lastly, we call on members of the City Council to take a step back, scrap this proposal and start over. We would ask the Council to introduce the vehicle registration fee (VRF) or "wheel tax" that was previously under consideration. Many Wisconsin communities have effectively enacted a VRF as a means to eliminate special assessments for street improvements.

This approach is truly more fair and equitable to the driving public and more directly ties the fee that is being imposed to the service that is being provided. After all, vehicles cause street deterioration, not rooftops and parking lots.

Dennis Lewandowski is chairman of the board of directors of the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce.

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FVTC flies high with aviation partnerships

By Dan Flannery HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Growth is one of the most coveted and loved concepts for successful businesses and organizations.

When growth is achieved, it says positive things about a mission, a model, a philosophy and an understanding of the market. It speaks to the ability to be thoroughly planned and the flexibility to adapt. It says the company's leadership creates strong partnerships, correctly assesses the competition and navigates a successful path forward.

And when accomplished in a not-toofast, reputation-building and deliberate manner, growth helps not only the business, but the partners who depend on the

That's the clear outcome of the aviation program on the Oshkosh campus of the Fox Valley Technical College.

Led by Jared Huss, chief instructor and department chair of aeronautics, the FVTC program is prepared over the next few years to send an exponential number of

> students - pilots and mechanics — into the aviation world.

> > "This year, we experienced significant growth," said Huss, named to his leadership position in 2007.

"Historically, the program has had 15 to 20 total pilots in the sys-

tem, and this year we had 47 or 48, and next year, we're going to have over 60.

"We're experiencing some rapid growth, and the maintenance side of the house is in the same situation. They just started up a night section. So, they've doubled their capacity, up from 36 to 72 total mechanics in training."

Huss sought to make a "systemic" change in the learning schedule for aviation students over the past few years, suggesting that a traditional semester-driven academic year wasn't best for his students.

"We've been able to break out of the typical semester timeframe and timeline, which has always been a challenge," Huss said. "In flight training, we've got weather to work with. We've got aircraft maintenance delays to work with — all of that good stuff —so it's not like your typical accounting class.

"And it's a learning pace (issue), too. It's a difficult thing to learn and the learning pace for some is different than for others. We've always had to stay in the box and follow the rules — semesters are semesters, and classes need to start and end within the semes-



FVTC student Ashley Haase is shown with instructor Thomas Sieracki right after Ashley's first solo flight May 26. Haase is a mechanic at Basler Turbo Conversions. Sieracki is an EAA Air Academy alumni and also went through the aviation program.

that mold and be more of a free-flowing flight-training system."

That change in learning structure fits the subject matter best. Aviation, a vocation with high stakes and almost invisible error margins, demands repetition.

"Piloting is definitely a perishable skill," said Huss, a graduate of the program he now leads and a former commercial pilot for Air Wisconsin and Mesaba Airlines.

"Let's say someone will start in August and they'll finish up their first flight-training course in October. Well, rather than having to wait until January to start their spring flight training, they can start that training right away and keep on moving rather than sit for two months."

That doesn't mean the program rushes training, said Dennis Dunbar, director of flight operations for the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) in Oshkosh. It means the instruction is better paced.

"The quality is such that you're able to do things in an accelerated manner because you're teaching to the highest standards," Dunbar said. "I've seen that the students there are very passionate about what they're doing. And that means you're getting high-quality students who are able to work at that pace that Fox Valley Tech is able to provide."

FVTC's aviation growth also is seen in job-creating connections with Air Wisconsin and Gulfstream at Appleton International Airport, and in the neighbor-to-neighbor partnership with EAA.

"The work that they've done here, particularly as of late, and how they've been growing the programs and professionalizing their operation, we're lucky to have them here on the same airport," Dunbar said. "We look forward to growing that relationship with them as we plan to expand our flight training operations that we're doing here."

Both EAA and FVTC are commercial tenants at Wittman Regional Airport and benefit from the proximity to each other. Recent graduates of the FVTC in-flight program, according to Huss, often accumulate the needed flight hours by doing instruction at EAA's Sport Pilot Academy in the year after they graduate.

"They're basically private contractors," said Joe Norris, EAA's flight training manager. "We have a flat fee that we pay for the three weeks of instruction, and they come and stay here with the students."

The Sport Pilot Academy serves an important segment of the aviation public, Norris said.

"We basically take someone who may or may not have had any flight training experience previously, and we would give them all the training to get them to a basic sport pilot's license," he said.



Norris

That license restricts pilots to clear-weather, daytime flying in a light aircraft with no more than two seats.

"Keep the cost down, it's a daytime-only pilot certificate — you know, nice weather, daytime only, just for the pure recreational-type flyers.

It's a stepping stone if the pilots want to get that, and then move up to a private pilot certificate, which is kind of the next broader-range certificate."

Huss said some graduates in the inflight program are hired by Air Wisconsin between their first and second year in the

program and assigned to a mentor pilot at

'We've had a steady stream of pilots going there and that's about to ratchet up here in the very near future," Huss said. "There's some pretty good numbers going to them."

Some FVTC flight instructors in the Sport Pilot Academy began their training as a student in the EAA's Air Academy youth program, Norris said.

Meanwhile, airplanes need the professional care of mechanics to stay flight worthy. FVTC graduates hold three of the eight positions in the EAA aircraft maintenance team, said Dunbar, adding that he's looking to fill two more position soon.

'This is going to be our 50th AirVenture in a row here in Oshkosh (July 22-28), and we're celebrating that this year. And obviously when we're able, we like to look to the local community for support, and employees and all that," Dunbar said. "But it's not just trying to support the local community. We're getting some of the best guys out there from Fox Valley Tech."

FVTC's program expansion is happening while EAA is experiencing its own growth spurt, and that's a happy coincidence, Dunbar said.

"With our increased flight activity, as a whole, we're increasing our maintenance staff," Dunbar said. "And so, we've actually hired some of the mechanics that have come out of their program.

"We've found that the Fox Valley Tech grads ... have the book knowledge and all that you expect from someone going through a collegiate-level program. But they also have the common sense and the street smarts at this school that you don't always see until folks have been out in the world for a while. And I think that's one of the big strengths of Fox Valley Tech, that practical knowledge."

Today's synchronicity of growth for FVTC's aviation program and their EAA neighbors hasn't always been the case, so building a partnership has endured ebbs and flows over the years.

"We've had relationships in the past and we've done things together in the past," Huss said. "I just don't know that maybe we didn't recognize the full potential of what we could do together. So this past fall we've been having a lot of fun conversation about what else we can do together, looking to put those pieces of the puzzle together."

"If they don't have a good product," Dunbar said, "it doesn't matter what their aviation history is at that airport; people aren't going to come. They (FVTC) have the product there. They're doing a great job and they've been recruiting, and the success is really out there."

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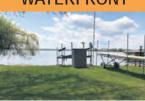


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City will review its use of weed killer

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The city's use of weed killers is being reviewed by the Sustainability Advisory Board based on actions at its July 1 meeting where concerns over health risks were brought up. The board plans to bring up the topic again at its August meeting.

City departments interviewed said they used products such as Roundup in its weed prevention programs. Roundup has been found to be carcinogenic to humans in some studies but in others has been deemed a safe herbicide to use; glyphosate is its key ingredient.

Board members said they plan to discuss the topic with others interested in weed prevention, such as the University of Wisconsin-Extension office.

Steve Wiley, assistant planner with the Planning Department, said the city plans to discuss the topic at upcoming meetings.

The board also approved an Urban Beekeeping Brochure that Wiley had drafted that will be handed out to people interested in keeping beehives at single-family residences in Oshkosh.

Wiley said the brochure is based on new regulations approved by the Common Council this year — the number of beehives per lot, permit fee schedules and maintenance requirements for the hives.

Public library calendar mons. Details at oshkoshpubliclibrary.

July 10

Outerspace STEAM Lab Series: Jump to Jupiter, 10 a.m. Grades 4K - 5. LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oshkosh Memory Cafe: Summer Fun, 1 p.m. Discovering Oshkosh's City Directories, 6 p.m. What's Cooking Book Club: Strawberry Faves, 6:30 p.m.

July 11

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 & 10:15 a.m. Ages 1 - 4. Siblings welcome. Afternoon Book Club: Books by Susan McNeal, 1:30 p.m. Adults. Entertainer Stuart Stotts, 6 p.m. Kids and families.

July 12

#Instaworthy, 1 p.m. Teens. Flash Fridays: Brush Racers, 1 p.m. Grades K – 5. Tech Open Lab, 1 to 4 p.m.

July 15

Family Storytime, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Monday Movie Matinee, 12:30 p.m. Adults. Read to a Dog, 4 to 5:15 p.m. Registration required. Call 236-5208.

Tour UW0-Oshkosh's Edible Gardens, 8:30 a.m. Meet outside Blackhawk Comorg. Girls Who Code, 2 p.m. Grades 4 -9. Registration required. Call 236-5208. Free Legal Assistance Clinic, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Techy Tuesdays: Personalized Ringtone, 6 p.m. Adults. Registration required. Call 236-5208. Stories by Starlight, 6:30 p.m. Preschoolers and families.

July 17

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Drop in and Learn Stop Motion Animation, 2 to 4 p.m. Local Author Spotlight: Winnebago County Beer: A Heady History, 6 p.m. Adults.

July 18

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 & 10:15 a.m. Ages 1 – 4. Siblings welcome. Morning Book Club: The Women in the Castle, 10 a.m. Adults. Oshkosh Masonic Center Tour, 10 a.m. Meet at the library.

July 19

Teen DIY: Nebula Crystal Ball, 1 p.m.

Sci-Fi Saturday Movie, 10 a.m. All ages. Oshkosh Area Writers Club, 10 a.m. Adults.

State budget to fund UWO center update

The 2019-2021 budget signed last week by Gov. Tony Evers will help the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh begin renovations of the Clow Social Science Center/ Nursing-Education building.

"I am pleased with the investment in higher education being made by our governor and legislators," said UW-Oshkosh Chancellor Andrew Leavitt. "I particularly would like to thank state Sen. Dan Feyen, R-Fond du Lac, state Rep. Gordon Hintz, D-Oshkosh, and state Rep. Michael Schraa, R-Oshkosh, for their efforts to advance this worthy project."

School officials said the Clow renovations will help UW-Oshkosh create innovative instructional environments for teachers, particularly those in the STEM area. The \$500,000 in the state budget allows design work to begin with construction to launch in 2021-2023.







PoP Spirit Bluegrass Sunday, July 14 at 9:00am

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Eommunity events

Ongoing

Maker and Muse: Women and Early Twentieth Century Art Jewelry, 11 a.m., Paine Art Center and Gardens, 1410 Algoma Blvd., through Sept. 22

Wednesday, July 10

We Need Each Other Wednesday, 4 p.m., Menominee Park Zoo

On the Loos Cruise: On Wisconsin Wednesday, 6 p.m., Riverwalk at 1 N. Main St.

Thursday, July 11

Lifest, Sunnyview Expo Center and

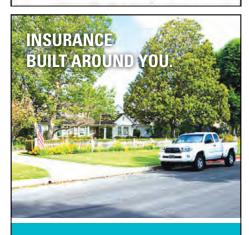
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Professional Women's Connection, 11:30 a.m., La Sure's Banquet Hall, 3125 S. Washburn St.

Christmas in July, 1 p.m., Pollock Community Water Park, 1550 Taft Ave.

Waterfest: Joan Jett & the Blackhearts, 5:45 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Brian James, 6 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co., 1501 Arboretum Drive

Friday, July 12

Waupaca Boatride Volleyball Tournament, Brighton Acres, 4057 Fisk Ave.

Lifest, Sunnyview Expo Center and Grounds

Soccer Saturday, 8 a.m., Winnebago County Community Park

11th Annual Park Dance, 5 p.m., South Park

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

On the Loos Cruise: Happy Hour Cruise, 5:30 p.m.; Sunset Cruise, 8 p.m.; Riverwalk at 1 N. Main St.

Fork in the Road, 6 p.m., Fifth Ward Brewing Co., 1009 S. Main St.





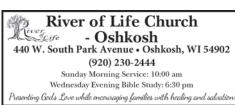
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Saturday, July 13

Tammy Road

Waupaca Boatride Volleyball Tournament, Brighton Acres, 4057 Fisk Ave.

Lifest, Sunnyview Expo Center and Grounds

Soccer Saturday, 8 a.m., Winnebago County Community Park

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

Sawdust City Classic, 9 a.m., UW-Oshkosh Recreation Center, 735 Pearl Ave.

Historic Morgan House tours, 234 Church Ave., 10 a.m., 234 Church Ave. Incredible Insects, 9:30 a.m., Sheldon Nature Area at Oakwood School, 1319

Overture's Rising Star Auditions, 10 a.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave. Cemetery Tales Walking Tour, 10

Cemetery Tales Walking Tour, 10 a.m., Riverside Cemetery, 1901 Algoma Blvd.

On the Loos Cruise: Fun in the Sun, 3 p.m.; Evening Cruise, 5:30 p.m.; Sunset Cruise, 8 p.m., Riverwalk at 1 N. Main St.

Kitty Corona, 3 p.m., Fifth Ward Brewing Co., 1009 S. Main St.

Wisconsin Glo vs. Flint Monarchs, 7 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

"Caddyshack," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

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

Sunday, July 14

Waupaca Boatride Volleyball Tournament, Brighton Acres, 4057 Fisk Ave.

Lifest, Sunnyview Expo Center and Grounds

Sawdust City Classic, 9 a.m., UW-Oshkosh Recreation Center, 735 Pearl Ave.

Faire on the Green, 9 a.m., Paine Art Center and Gardens, 1410 Algoma Blvd. Saving Sully Dog Rescue Fundraiser, 11 a.m., TJ's Harbor Restaurant, 7098 U.S. 45

On the Loos Cruise: Sunday Funday, 1 p.m., Riverwalk at 1 N. Main St.

Oshkosh Summer Fun Run, 6 p.m., Winnebago County Community Park Shelter No. 3

Monday, July 15

Oshkosh Xtreme Sailing Regatta, The Waters, 1393 Washington Ave.

Military Mondays, 11:30 a.m., Pollock Community Water Park, 1550 Taft Ave.

Tuesday, July 16

Oshkosh Xtreme Sailing Regatta, The Waters, 1393 Washington Ave.

On the Loos Cruise: Narrated Sightseeing Tour, 3 p.m.; Tiki Tuesday, 6 p.m., Riverwalk at 1 N. Main St.

Live at the Leach: That 90s Band, 5:30 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Slow Roll, 5:30 p.m., Leach Amphi-

theater

Growing Oshkosh Family Nights, 5:30 p.m., Growing Oshkosh, 530 Bay Shore Drive

Open Mic Comedy Night, 8 p.m., Maple Pub, 1212 S. Main St.

Wednesday, July 17

Summer Concert on the Patio, 5:30 p.m., Bella Vista, 631 Hazel St.

On the Loos Cruise: On Wisconsin Wednesday, 6 p.m., Riverwalk at 1 N. Main St.

Thursday, July 18

Rock USA, Ford Festival Park, 2535 W. Ripple Ave.

Ardy & Ed's Cruise Night, 5 p.m., Ardy & Ed's Drive In, 2413 S. Main St.

Waterfest: Phillip Phillips, 5:45 p.m., Leach Amphitheater, 303 Ceape Ave.

Friday, July 19

Rock USA, Ford Festival Park, 2535 W. Ripple Ave.

Food Truck Friday, 5 p.m., South Park Marine Corps League Bingo, 5:30 p.m., Marine Corps League, 4715 Sherman Road

On the Loos Cruise: Happy Hour Cruise, 5:30 p.m.; Sunset Cruise, 8 p.m., Riverwalk at 1 N. Main St.

Riverwalk at 1 N. Main St. 800LB. Gorilla, 6 p.m., Fifth Ward Brewing Co., 1009 S. Main St.

Ponce, 7 p.m., Bare Bones Brewery, 4362 County S

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

Saturday, July 20

Rock USA, Ford Festival Park, 2535 W. Ripple Ave.

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

WFCA All Star Game, 10 a.m., J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium

History of Sport Fishing, 1 p.m., Oshkosh Public Museum, 1331 Algoma Blvd.

Historic Morgan House tours, 234 Church Ave., 10 a.m.

On the Loos Cruise: Fun in the Sun, 3 p.m.; Evening Cruise, 5:30 p.m.; Sunset Cruise, 8 p.m., Riverwalk at 1 N. Main St.

ALS fundraiser for Sel Micka, 11:30 a.m., Northside Bar N Grill, 2126 Algoma Blvd.

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

Sunday, July 21

Flea Market, 8 a.m., Originals Mall of Antiques, 1475 S. Washburn St.

On the Loos Cruise: Sunday Funday, 1 p.m., Riverwalk at 1 N. Main St.

Cemetery Tales: The Exhibition Exhibit Opening, 1 p.m., Oshkosh Public Museum

Sturgeon, Our Living Dinosaurs, 1:30 p.m., Oshkosh Public Museum

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church anniversary open house, 10 a.m., 2450 W. 9th Ave.

Rodney Atkins with special guest Drew Baldridge, 7:30 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena





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Women in poverty

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education foundation director. She said the lack of school funding combined with the rate of poverty among Oshkosh students is disastrous.

"As a district, we don't have the same funds as other districts," Dumke said. "Oshkosh is the fastest growing city of extreme poverty in the state of Wisconsin, but we're still being funded from numbers from 15 years ago. We need to empower these moms and their kids to help break the cycle of poverty."

How Oshkosh ranks

School district social worker Hannah Dumke said the city's north side -Merrill Middle and Elementary schools, Oaklawn Elementary and North High - has the highest rate of students in poverty, referencing the district's data of how many are receiving free or reduced lunch. Dumke said this is standard to determine a school's rate of poverty because to qualify for the program, parents' income must be at or below 130 percent of the FPL, which equates to \$33,480.20 for a family of four in 2019. The 2019 FPL for a family of four is \$25,750.

Julie Dumke said that in most other districts about one-third of eligible students qualify for free meals and two-thirds for reduced meals; in this district she said schools see the opposite.

There are 41.4 percent of OASD students who come from economically disadvantaged homes, compared with 41.9 percent in Fond du Lac, 18 percent in Winneconne, 26.8 percent in Omro, 25.7 percent in Neenah, 56.5 percent in Menasha, 12.7 percent in Kimberly and 35.8 percent for Appleton.

"We're doing a lot of preventative work building resources to help new single mothers because it's easier to make change before patterns have been formed," Hannah Dumke said. "A lot of single moms don't have a support system or family in the area, so they're truly alone."

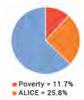
She said a needs assessment of where there are gaps in the community could help support parents.

"We have so many hard-working moms who are just trying to do what's best for their children," she said.

Transit, care, housing

Almost every nonprofit organization contacted for this series agreed that the top three barriers Oshkosh women face revolve around transportation, housing and child care. These obstacles are even higher for a single mother.

Key takeaways from the Wisconsin ALICE research released in 2018:



While the overall economic climate has improved since 2010, the number of ALICE and poverty-level households rose to 37.5 percent, affecting 872,561 households in Wisconsin.



Nearly one-third of Wisconsin families with children have income below the ALICE Threshold.



62 percent of Wisconsin jobs pay less than \$20 an hour, with more than half of those paying less than \$15 per hour.



51 percent of Wisconsin households do not have enough saved to cover expenses for three months.

Household Survival Budget, WI Average, 2016 2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, SINGLE ADULT Monthly Costs \$492 Housing \$735 Child Care \$1,231 \$-\$158 Food \$525 \$349 Transportation \$698 Health Care \$215 \$802 Technology* \$55 \$75 Miscellaneous \$150 \$467 Taxes \$235 \$602 Monthly Total \$1,654 \$5,135 ANNUAL TOTAL \$19,848 \$61,620 Hourly Wage ** \$9.92

*New to budget in 2016 **Full-time wage required to support this budget Note: The miscellaneous category includes 10 percent of the budget total (including taxes) to cover cost overruns and other essentials (e.g. diapers).

ALICE IN WINNEBAGO COUNTY

2016 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 169.886

Number of Households: 69,943

Median Household Income: \$56,754 (state average: \$56,811)

Unemployment Rate: 4% (state average: 4.1%) ALICE Households: 21% (state average: 25.8%) Households in Poverty: 11% (state average 11.7%)

Household Survival Budget

Single Adult: \$20,400 (or \$10.20 hourly wage)

2 Adults, 1 Infant, 1 Preschooler: \$64,092 (or \$32.05 hourly wage)

Poverty ALICE Above ALICE Threshold

Without a reliable vehicle, a mother can take a bus to work. But with child care she has to stay within the bus schedule of between 6:15 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. If she has a car but needs to be to work before school starts, the children either take the bus or walk if no one else is available to take

A monthly pass for the GO Transit system is \$35 or \$3 for a single ride. There is no discount for students or multiple riders - each must have their own pass.

Hannah Dumke said some students walk up to two miles to school, which can lead to high truancy rates, especially in cold months.

"It's especially hard for single working moms because if they're at work early, they're relying on their kids to get up, get ready and walk themselves to school or get on the bus," Dumke said.

get with day care rates ranging from \$230 to \$275 a week. Annually, that's \$12,000

to \$14,300. If a working mother goes this route rather than finding a home-based option — typically less expensive — she will often make a decision on whether to work, as the majority of her salary will go toward child care if she doesn't qualify for

The Wisconsin Shares child care subsidy program offers some relief, just over \$7,500 a year, about \$625 a month. To be eligible, a family's combined income must be equal to or less than 185 percent of the FPL, which means a mom with two children cannot make more than \$39,460.50 annually. Additionally, the care center needs to meet certain requirements.

Not having a stable, safe place to sleep is the most consequential effect for a child of a woman in poverty, Hannah and Julie Dumke agree. Julie said there were 170 children in the district last year who were homeless; they could be living in a motel, staying with a friend or a parent's friend with multiple people in a room. Both mentioned the potentially traumatic effects of not having a consistent place to call home — anxiety, depression and even suicidal ideation as early as elementary school.

"Poverty can be a traumatizing experience," Hannah Dumke said. "We need to work to end the cycle of poverty with single moms and give them more support."

Next week: Understanding the culture of poverty.



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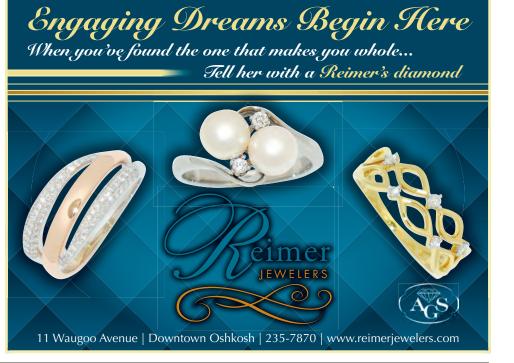
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Gas prices

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below the state average. The average price of gas in Wisconsin as of July 8 was \$2.69 per gallon; in Oshkosh it was \$2.59. The average price in the Fox Valley was \$2.57 with the cheapest in Green Bay.

One basic law of economics is that those who can pay more will do so, and generally supporting that rule is Oshkosh having a higher household income than Green Bay, Fond du Lac or Appleton, according to the previous U.S. Census.

Court documents from cases around the country show, based on quotes from those who own and operate gas stations, that owners will survey competitors' prices, factor in overhead demands and market needs, and set the price. Sometimes those prices will change throughout the day and often, including the holidays, will change throughout the week and season.

Officials from fuel retailers Kwik Trip, BP, Mobil or Shell would not comment



Oshkosh gas prices on average have been higher than in other Fox Valley markets.

on how they set prices, and a customer service employee at a southside Kwik Trip said, "People at our level are not allowed to talk about that."

Those with concerns about pricing practices can notify their congressional representative, U.S. Rep. Glenn Grothman, whose website welcomes constituents' input and will answer inquiries. Grothman's office did not respond to a Herald request for comment on this story.

Mayor Lori Palmeri said there is no city tax affecting local gas prices. "City government has nothing to do with prices of gas," she said. City manager Mark Rohloff echoed the same.

"I wish I could tell you something on this topic, but I am as stumped as you are,"

In 2018, Riiser Energy bought a handful of gas stations in Oshkosh. Riiser Fuels in North Carolina bought them out later. Riiser Fuels purchased 34 convenience store gas stations throughout Wisconsin and said they hope to continue to expand their services.

Setting prices is a part of the competitive market for gas station operators vying for consumers' dollars. While larger wholesale competitors are able to sell fuel at a discount, Oshkosh gas prices may more closely represent the market value.

Boeing 747 to share 50th at AirVenture

UPS is bringing one of the world's most iconic commercial aircraft, the Boeing 747, to EAA AirVenture Oshkosh to celebrate the airplane model's 50th year in flight, the same anniversary EAA is marking this year from July 22-28.

With 16 percent more cargo capacity than the previous largest UPS aircraft, the 747-400, the 747-8F is the largest plane UPS has ever flown.

The 747-8F will be flying in to AirVenture on July 23 and remain on the grounds through July 25. The nose of the aircraft will be open and tours will be available with UPS staff and flight crew members to educate attendees about the features and functions of Boeing's newest 747 model.

"This is our third year bringing aircraft to AirVenture, and we're very happy to participate and give back to the aviation community that's treated us so well," said Dennis Faulk, director of ground services and airline flight operations at UPS.

The UPS 747-8F will make its grand exit with a high-speed pass over the Wittman Regional Airport flightline.

Medicare session offered

A Welcome to Medicare workshop is being offered at 1 p.m. July 17 at the Oshkosh Senior Center for anyone becoming eligible for Medicare.

The session is presented by the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Winnebago County; Joan Jaworski, elder benefit specialist; and the Oshkosh Social Security office. Reservations can be made at 920-232-5300.

Rec softball results

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Community church def. Michel's Sportswear	12-11
Screwballs I def. Fletch's I	. 11-9
Houge's I def. Dublin's I	12-11
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MONDAY COUNTY PARK

Molly's I def. Mr. and Mrs. Eggroll	Forfeit
Screwballs II def. Christianos Pizza	16-11
Felix Auto and Tire def. Dealerfire	17-5
Evil Roy Slades I def. Oshkosh Trophy	6-5

Evil Roy Slades I def. Wyldewood Baptist Church I 20-2 Standings: Molly's I 9-0 Evil Roy Slades I 8-1 Oshkosh Trophy 5-3 Mr. and Mrs. Eggroll 4-4 Screwballs II 4-4 Christianos Pizza 3-4 Felix Auto and Tire 3-5 Dealerfire 0-7 Wyldewood Baptist Church I 0-8

MONDAY VETERANS

Central WI Storage def. Ratch & Deb's-Bernier. 9-1
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Ratch & Deb's-Ramseier def. Konrad Behlman
Funeral Home 15-12
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TUESDAY COUNTY PARK

Retros I def. Terry's I
Jerry's II def. Oblio's I 12-8
Mabel Murphy's def. Barley & Hops 16-7
Andy's Pub & Grub def. Molly's II 12-7
Trail's End def. Evil Roy Slades III 5-3
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Standings: Jerry's II 10-0 Trail's End 9-1 Retros I 6-4 Oblio's I 6-4 Andy's Pub & Grub 6-4 Mabel Murphy's 4-6 Evil Roy Slades III 3-7 Molly's II 2-8

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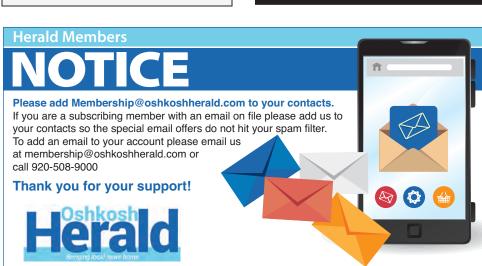




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n a clear night, the sky is filled with sparking lights. Some seem to stay still while others shoot across the sky. Asteroids and meteors are called shooting stars as they move quickly across the sky. Comets often look like fuzzy stars and you have to watch night after night to see their movement.

A comet knocked some of the words out of this article. Can you replace them?

A Visit to a Comet

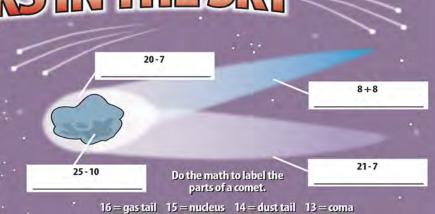
In 2004, the European Space Agency sent a to catch up with and orbit the comet known as Comet 67P.

It took 10 years to the comet and then the spacecraft spent two years it, collecting information and sending it back to on Earth.

This spacecraft has helped scientists better the make-up of comets.

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What is a comet?

A comet is a chunk of ice, rock, and gas flying through space. When they get close to the sun, they heat up. We can see their glow and long tails.

Halley's Comet

Halley's Comet passes around earth about every 75 years. The last time it passed us was in 1986. Scientists think it will pass by Earth again in the year 1986 + 75 =



This is the Comet Hale-Bopp. It passed through our galaxy in 1997. Scientists estimate that it won't pass by again until the year 4380!

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Make a Comet on a Stick

In this activity from the NASA Space Place website, you'll make your own comet that can fly around the room! You'll need:

- chopsticks or a popsicle stick
- 3 different ribbons (gold, silver, red)
- scissors and aluminum foil

If you have three different colors, you can make a very accurate comet. Comets have a nucleus, which is the main body of the comet. They have a coma, which is the glowing part around the nucleus, the red ribbon. Then they have two tails: a dust tail and a gas tail - the gold and silver ribbons

Follow the instuctions below to make your comet.



Cut five pieces of ribbon: two long pieces, two medium-size pieces, and one short red piece



Visit the NASA Space Place at spaceplace.nasa.gov



Cut three pieces of tin foil so they're roughly square shaped. Gather the foil around the end of the stick.



Form the foil into a ball while keeping the ribbon tail off to the side. Repeat with two more sheets of foil.



Hold your comet on a stick and fly it around the room! For more ideas, visit the NASA Space Place online.

Space Search

Look through the newspaper to find: ☐ A word that

describes a comet ☐ A word with three syllables

A number larger than 1,000 Two words that

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Kid Scoop Puzzler

The word comet came from the Greek word kometes. What does it mean? The letters on the correct comet tail spell the answer.

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To discover the name of this book, find the letter on the outer ring, then replace it with the letter below it on the inner ring.

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Comets Don't Last Forever

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