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Council seeks to adjust programs, operations

By Tom Ekvall Herald Contributor

Oshkosh city officials expressed appreciation last week for the community's efforts to limit the impact of COVID-19

during their regular Common Council meeting.

"It is overwhelming to see how the community has pulled together," City Manager Mark Rohloff told council members.

Fire Chief Michael Stanley, who coordinates the city response efforts, said call volumes in response to the virus are the same or lower than in other parts of the state.

Much of the meeting dealt with the city's response in keeping people and the community safe amid reports that the United States now has the highest number of cases among any country.

Rohloff noted in his weekly newsletter that council-approved special events scheduled through April have been can-

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Sign of support

Mercy Health Foundation recognized the efforts of those working at Ascension Mercy Hospital with a message on the grounds of the Oshkosh facility. Aurora Health Center has similar signs posted praising their health care team.

Primary election draws near amid obstacles

Absentee voting option encouraged

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

Ahead of Tuesday's statewide primary election, city officials are encouraging the absentee ballot option while suggesting that completed forms be dropped off directly at City Hall amid a slowdown in standard mail service.

Early voting ballots and registration are available in the City Clerk's Office, Room 108, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own pen.

For any form of voting or registration, including on election day at one's designated polling location, voters must have proof they have lived at their present location for 10 days before April 7. Any type of identification needs to show acceptable proof of residence — current name with current city address.

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Registered voters are encouraged to get an absentee ballot through https://myvote. wi.gov but the deadline for that request to be received by the clerk's office is near — 5 p.m. Thursday. The deadline for registering by mail in this election has passed.

City officials want voters to consider bypassing the U.S. mail system, which is being slowed by the pandemic impact, and bring absentee ballots directly to the dropoff box at City Hall no later than 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Health concerns for poll workers and in-person voters have put more last-minute pressure on the absentee option and its ability to ease crowding at traditional voting stations.

Gov. Tony Evers has called for expanding election access by sending every registered voter in Wisconsin an absentee bal-

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Hand sanitizer effort is Pure Class

Oshkosh Herald

A vodka distiller west of Oshkosh has been converting and donating some of its prime product toward the fight against the pandemic in what it calls its small part in helping the first responders, medical workers and others they want to make priority recipients.

Hendricks Family Distillery near Omro has been producing 80 percent alcohol hand sanitizer bottled from its 194 proof

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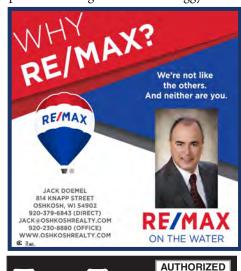
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distilled spirits used in its Pure Class Vod-

The recipe drawn from a World Health Organization recommendation is in limited supply as the company tries to obtain enough bottles, labels and ingredients to maintain production.

The Hendricks, who started the family business in 2013, have shifted their focus from making liquor to killing microorganisms in the wake of the ongoing personal protection surge. Co-owner Peggy Hen-





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Hendricks has joined other liquor makers nationwide, such as Chicago's CH Distillery, in producing and donating bottles of hand sanitizer to those in need.

They said with the help of cash donations they have been able to order thousands of bottles and labels, but also said that shipping opportunities have slowed down. They credited Nancy Jo and Russ Dietzen with providing many of the bottles and a sanitizer ingredient to keep the production

The 80 percent alcohol sanitizer — not consumable — is only available by pickup at the distillery at 3570 County K. They ask that people call or send a text message to 920-379-4515 or email peggyhendricks@ gmail.com before coming to the distillery, and welcome donations toward the effort.





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RETURN: Mailed ballots must be received, not postmarked, by 4:30 PM on Tuesday, April 7. It is recommended to use the City Hall drop box for in-person drop off. The deadline for drop off is also 4:30 PM on Tuesday, April 7.



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Abuse shelter steps up amid isolation

Christine Ann expects to see more in need

By Jack Tierney Oshkosh Herald

There are some unsung heroes in this novel coronavirus epidemic, Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services executive director Beth Oswald said. They are the people at the shelter providing services to victims of abuse at a time when individuals are being told to isolate.

"We have our frontline staff that works with crisis and shelter clients who are still working out of the shelter," Oswald said. "They are seeing an increase in calls from individuals. Isolation, manipulation and

control is at the premise of domestic abuse and everybody is feeling isolated now."

Oswald said she is hoping the shelter does not go over capacity — though she said they are used to running at near ca-



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pacity throughout the year. She said children being out of school have added to the demands and needs of the shelter, which she said is accepting donations.

Oswald said legal help has become increasingly difficult in

isolation because courts have suspended jury trials, leaving more potential abusers awaiting their court dates. She said that ei-

Johnson, Fred Buehring, game

ther keeps the abused with the abuser or at the shelter location — adding to the demands and needs at the shelter where the social distancing trend is harder to apply.

The Department of Justice reported 609 domestic violence incidents in Winnebago County in 2017, the most recent data available. Of those, 470 were female. Translating that data to today results in 1.6 incidents a day. If the same statistics are carried over, since March 13 — when a national emergency was declared — that's at least 32 instances of domestic violence in the county since the epidemic started.

The national domestic violence hotline defines domestic violence (also called intimate partner violence, domestic abuse or relationship abuse) as a pattern of behaviors used by one partner to maintain power and control over another partner in an intimate relationship. Domestic violence is not limited to age, gender, ethnicity or economic class, the website read.

The national coalition against domestic violence recommended that people who know someone in a violent relationship establish a safety plan with the individual. A safety plan is a way to exit the individual from a relationship in a way that would not put further harm to the individual such as having enough time to comfortably move all essential belongings out of the apartment or house without the threat of an abuser nearby. Situations could escalate if not planned correctly. The coalition also recommend that people keep an eye out for marks of abuse like bruises or cuts that aren't normally present. They recommend to people wanting to help that they understand they cannot always "rescue" an individual because domestic violence

is difficult for everyone involved. They said to keep lines of communication open and make it clear that judgment is never an issue.

"A lot of people don't think about what we do every day," Oswald said, "which is great if they don't have to. But we're a critical need. So if it comes to everything shutting down — law enforcement, hospitals — we'll still be open.

"I want to make sure our staff members know how appreciated they are."

Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services operates a 37-bed emergency shelter for those needing safety and shelter from a violent relationship. They are the only agency providing comprehensive domestic violence programs and services in Winnebago and Green Lake counties, their website read. Visit the Programs and Services link at christineann.net for more information about their legal advice and various ways they can assist.

"Those in abusive relationships may be at more risk while in isolation," Oswald said. "Work, errands, school pickup – these daily activities may have been the only respite for some victims to escape abuse. Without them, we can anticipate an increase in abusive incidents.

"Other advocates are available for emotional support and safety planning via secure phone and video channels. Community members who are able to and wish to support our essential services during this time can donate securely at www.christineann.net."

Oswald said they are continuing to accept donations of supplies but ask for a call ahead before dropping them off. Their help line is 920-235-5998 or 800-261-5998.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

April 1, 1957

Local Hunting Group Works to Improve Pheasant Hunting by Bagging Predators: A local group of hunters has organized a plan to improve pheasant hunting in Winnebago County through habitat improvement. Controlling the predatory fox is an effective plan, according to this group that includes Ken Petersen, John

warden A.C. Chase, Frank Zelhofer, Jim Clausing, Leo Zarling, Merlynn Lovell, Franklin Zelhofer, William Behm and Jerry Kraus. The group bagged 35 foxes this past winter, all of them taken in Winnebago County between Oshkosh and Omro. This years' bag was shy of last year's total of 52 red foxes. A bounty of \$2.50 per fox is paid by Winnebago County and an additional \$2.50 is paid by the state bringing the total to \$5 a fox. The group says the bounty doesn't even cover the expenditures of gas, oil and shells but the goal is to reduce the number of predators that prey upon the locally scant pheasant population

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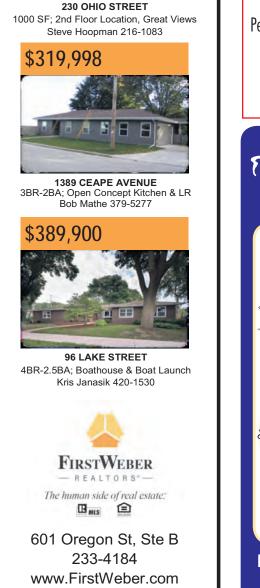
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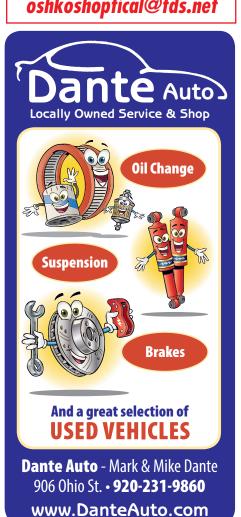
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Area congregations work to keep faith online

By Dan Roherty OSHKOSH HERALD

Faith congregations have gone to online services and remote communication in recent weeks similar to other organizations that otherwise thrive on human contact and support. For Christian church services the social distancing rules have landed in the middle of the Lenten season that culminates April 12 with Easter Sunday.

Alternative services and other connections are keeping congregations engaged and united in prayer, with standard public Easter services not likely to be promoted or advised by any health official.

"The pandemic has forced much of the country to live through Lent in a way most of us haven't experienced," said the Rev. Michael J. Goodwin at Memorial Presbyterian Church, which like many is putting its worship services on Facebook live. "When we can come back together for worship that will be Easter Sunday — no matter what the date is it will be Resurrection Sunday."

Facebook Live, YouTube, Zoom and congregation websites that have been used by houses of worship in varying degrees to reach homebound members have become the central viewing venue for all.

"In the meantime, we continue to find ways to reach out to parish members through telephone calls, cards, our parish website, Facebook and emails," the Rev. Tom Long at St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church said in an email. "Our church remains open for private personal prayer, no more than 10 people at a time, following social distancing guidelines."

Smaller congregations such as The

Oakhaven Church on Witzel Avenue have had to scramble to get help with video editing and service assistance. Minister Larry Mudd is grateful for technical expertise from his former youth minister in New York City and his teenage children, who also help with readings and communion services.

"I hope to carefully include others on a very limited basis soon, if only to spare people the incessant drone of my voice!" Mudd

"Across the millenia, God's people have found a way to meet and connect in far more trying times than these," he added. "In a way, we are deeply blessed to be able to press a few buttons and be nearly as close to one another as if we were seated side by side in our barn sanctuary here."

Brad Dokken, pastor at Peace Lutheran Church, said his congregration combines live and taped material to provide church services on its website and YouTube channel while doing Sunday services on Facebook Live. For this Palm Sunday he said a group of area pastors teamed up on a Zoom reading of the Passion story that will be shared, and a Maundy Thursday "virtual meal" is in the works.

"We will plan on celebrating Easter together whenever we are able to be back in our building," Dokken said. "We are already starting to think about ways to celebrate together when that day comes."

After Lenten season faith organizations-ESTHER will be hosting a virtual service of "Building Community, Restoring Hope and Standing for Justice in a Time of Chaos" from 7 to 8:30 p.m. April 27 open to anyone who can get on the Zoom call. Lo-

cal faith leaders will share messages of hope based upon their traditions.

A sampling of online Easter and regular service options from community worship

- Christ Lutheran Church broadcasts its 9:30 a.m. Sunday services on Facebook Live, followed by Zoom meetings at 10:30 a.m. with members able to join its On-Line Coffee Hour. The Rev. Connie Weiss will be sharing Palm Sunday worship, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Worship on Zoom as prerecordings so it can allow musicians and readers to participate from their safe sites.
- Wesley United Methodist Church is streaming services on its FaceBook page and on YouTube (Wesley UMC Oshkosh). Sunday morning services are at 9 a.m., Maundy Thursday service is at 6:30 p.m. April 9 and Good Friday service is noon April 10.
- Community Church services will be livestreamed on community-church.comat 10:45 a.m Palm Sunday and Easter, and using other social media platforms throughout the week to connect to the congrega-
- · Calvary Lutheran Church posts services on its YouTube channel and makes them viewable the evening before they are regularly scheduled for flexible viewing options.
- Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church has services on Facebook Live at 10 a.m. Sundays and posted later on
- All Saints Lutheran Church puts its Holy Week service on YouTube (subscribe to All Saints Oshkosh) and available on its

Facebook page.

- Fox Valley Anglican Church will have Easter service at 10 a.m. on its Facebook Live page.
- Living Stone Church audio-records and posts services, including Easter services, on www.livingstoneoshkosh.org/sermons Saturday evenings, with congregants accessing them as a PDF to follow along.
- St. Jude the Apostle Parish will stream Holy Week liturgies on Facebook Live and make them available on its website and YouTube channel.
- St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church broadcasts its 9 a.m. Sunday Mass on 1490 WOSH-AM radio and Facebook Live, later posted on YouTube.
- Fox Valley UU Fellowship services, including Easter, hosts its services and some other weekday gathering on Zoom (bit.ly/ UUFellowship).
- St. Andrew's Lutheran Church services can be found on Facebook Live at 9 a.m. Easter Sunday while the church works on alternatives for those who do not have that platform or online connections.
- Emmaus Ecumenical Catholic Community conducts Sunday services at 11 a.m. through Zoom (zoom.us/j/165582932). A YouTube channel is planned in coming
- The Oakhaven Church streams its services on its YouTube channel and its website at 10:30 a.m. Sundays.
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and its Oshkosh ward implemented home-centered worship starting March 15 with no electronic versions of worship services planned.





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Homeless agencies cope with space limits

By Joseph Schulz HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Local homeless shelters, forced to limit their use of volunteers while enforcing social distancing, are struggling to meet the needs of their guests, who are dealing with heightened instability now that public spaces have been closed in the face of the coronavirus pandemic.

"With public spaces closing, businesses restricted and local charities unable to bend any further, the opportunities for resources and support are disappearing every day," local homeless people said in an open letter to the community.

The Day by Day Warming Shelter sent the letter, signed by "The Homeless of Oshkosh," to local media outlets to raise awareness of the circumstances.

"With public spaces closing, businesses restricted, and local charities unable to bend any further, the opportunities for resources and support are disappearing every day, every hour. We need your help," the letter said.

Local homeless shelters are doing what they can but the virus has caused them to lose personnel.

At the Day by Day Warming Shelter on High Avenue, executive director Matt Johnson said it had to suspend all volunteers from coming there to reduce the risk of someone bringing the virus into the facility. Volunteers typically assist the staff with general operations in the evening and morning.

The shelter has also lost staff. Some were college students and had to leave because UW Oshkosh sent them home, some left because of a lack of child care and others left because they were in contact with people potentially infected with COVID-19,

"Our staff go through about 40 hours of training each season to work with our guests, and unfortunately that's not a staff that we can replace fairly quickly," he said.

Day by Day continues to serve the

Shelter services

Day by Day Warming Shelter: 920-203-4536, www.warmingshelter.com Father Carr's Place 2B: 920-231-2378, www.fathercarrs.org

homeless as best it can, giving shelter from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m. every day, Johnson noted. At 6 p.m. each night, the shelter randomly hands out poker chips to the people waiting in line. Those who receive one of the 25 marked chips can spend the night.

The shelter only has 25 beds available, and the lottery system is "the fairest possible solution available," he said.

The shelter has placed beds in its gym space to ensure 6 feet of space, while eating spaces and social spaces are similarly

It also has hand sanitizer throughout the facility for guests and shelter staff, Johnson said, adding that staff use gloves when serving meals and providing other

For Johnson, it's essential to keep the shelter open because it's one of the few resources left for the city's homeless.

"We are the only resource that some of our guests have available to them for a form of immediate shelter," he said. "I wish that we could be operational 24

Mayor Lori Palmeri said the city has had conversations with Day by Day and that the shelter has been in contact with the city's emergency operations center.

The shelter has permission to stay open beyond its normal closing date of April 15, but "there's only so much the city can do,"

Johnson would like to keep the shelter open beyond that date but he said at this point there isn't enough staff.

An option that's open year-round is Father Carr's Place 2B on North Koeller



Guests seeking help at the Day by Day Warming Shelter line up hoping to be among those able to stay overnight.

Street, which has one shelter for men and another for women and children.

Those seeking shelter must fill out an application, have a valid form of ID and fill out a background check, all of which is reviewed by staff. John Nieman, Father Carr's executive director, said the facility does not accept applicants who have violent crimes in their background.

He said the facility normally houses about 20 people, but it varies depending on the day and the number of volunteers

Despite the increased need for shelter among the homeless population, Nieman said Father Carr's doesn't currently have plans to relax its application process.

"The rules are there for a reason, like no smoking, no drinking, things like that," he said. "We only have two paid staff here, so if two of our volunteers got sick or did not feel like coming in because of their immune system, we wouldn't have the manpower."

Palmeri said Father Carr's has a reputation for strict requirements.

"It seems to me that this has been a chronic barrier," she said. "Father Carr's, I believe, was reported to only be at (about) 40 percent capacity."

Nieman said the pandemic has limited Father Carr's as many of its volunteers are elderly, and those over 65 or with immune disorders have been advised to stay home.

Because the shelter has rooms similar to a hotel, staff and volunteers ensure social distance is maintained in "shared spaces," such as the dining rooms, the laundry room and family lounge, he said.

The shelter has also switched to all paper products during meals to ensure that germs aren't spread through dishes, Nieman added.

In terms of the facility's Friday food pantry, volunteers are now directing traffic and loading groceries into people's cars to reduce close contact, he said.

"There are people out there in need of food, and there are people that need a place to stay," Nieman said. "I think it's important for agencies such as Day by Day, such as our agency, to be open as much as possible so we can care for all the needs."

Another organization working to help the homeless population in the Fox Valley is Pillars Inc., formed in 2018.

To take on the increased need for shelter spurred by the pandemic, Pillars h opened its adult shelter on College Avenue in Appleton 24 hours a day, according to donor engagement manager Ryne Lodl.

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City, school races on primary election ballot

Oshkosh Herald

Amid the tumult of the COVID-19 outbreak, there's an election ballot out there trying to hold its place for voters on local, state and national contests.

Six people are seeking three positions on the Oshkosh Common Council and three are running for two open seats on the Oshkosh Area School District's Board of Education that will be decided Tuesday along with the U.S. presidential primary and a Wisconsin Supreme Court race between incumbent Justice Daniel Kelly and Dane County Judge Jill Karofsky.

The only contested race for Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that represents the city has incumbent Julie Gordon being challenged by Joe Stephenson.

A statewide referendum seeks a constitutional amendment on a measure called Marsy's Law, which would give victims more legal backing to enforce their rights during the criminal justice process. Proponents say victims would be able to attend all proceedings and allow them to refuse to sit for some depositions. Some say the amendment would draw out the legal process and costs while interfering with the Sixth Amendment rights of the accused.

The pandemic's pressure on public activities has led election officials to promote more absentee voting, which in turn has limited the number of available ballot envelopes and prompted calls for the state Legislature to postpone the election.

In the race for Oshkosh Common Council seats are incumbents Matt Mugerauer and Bill Miller; and challengers Lynnsey Erickson, Michael Ford, Danny Garcia and Robert Wilcox. Deputy Mayor Steve Herman is not seeking re-election.

School board hopefuls include incumbents Barb Herzog and Bob Poeschl, and challenger Jen Sullivan. Neither of the races required a Feb. 18 primary runoff.

Here are some details on the candidates, including what they believe are the city's top issues in a question posed by the League of Women Voters Winnebago County through the national group's voter guide project. Candidates were invited to participate by entering contact information and responding to that and other questions.

Residents can search the guide by going to Vote411.org and entering their address to see the information and responses.

Common Council

Ford, an associate professor at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, teaches postgraduate courses in public budgeting and financial management, state and local government, and public-private partner-

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ships. He has a doctorate in urban studies, a master's in political science and bachelor's in political science.

He is a member of the city's Plan Commission and Long-Range Finance Committee, president of the Millers Bay Neighborhood Association, a Clarity Care board member, on the United Way Financial Health Committee and on the Oshkosh Food Co-Op site selection and store design team.

"Issue one is getting the development of Oshkosh Avenue, Jackson Street and the Sawdust District right. We must make smart decisions that balance the need to attract development with the long-term needs of residents. I will push for a government performance dashboard that gives all residents up-to-date information about our progress so they may have a voice, and hold us accountable," Ford stated.

"Issue two are our racial and socioeconomic achievement gaps. Some will say this is a school district issue; no, this is an issue impacting all of us. No one actor can solve the problem, and I will push for the city to coordinate activities, and measure the collective impact of our private, public and nonprofit sectors. Together we can do this for all of Oshkosh."

Erickson is back on the ballot after seeking a council seat in 2018. She has a master's degree in public administration from UW Oshkosh and a bachelor's degree from UW Madison. She works at the Winnebago County Health Department where she is responsible for community health strategies.

She serves on the city's Plan Commis-

sion and Transit Advisory Board, has worked at the Wisconsin's Women's Network, InterCorps Council of Wisconsin, AmeriCorps and Wisconsin Area Health Education center, and volunteered with the Oshkosh Food Co-op and Boys and Girls Club.

"I've been hearing two major concerns from people in Oshkosh during my campaign: safety and affordability," she told the Herald. "People are looking for more sense of community in Oshkosh where they feel safe and welcomed and they know their neighbors. I'm supportive of the city continuing to work with the growing number of neighborhood associations to better connect neighbors, including renters and businesses, and listening to their concerns.

"Related to affordability, not only do we need to increase the supply of affordable housing, it's also about quality jobs, access to transportation, and helping people thrive. We need to do more to make Oshkosh be a great city for everyone to live in."

Garcia is an attorney at Petit & Dommershausen Law Office and has served on local nonprofit boards and commissions. He has a degree in political science and government from UW Madison and a doctorate from UW Law School.

He was chair of the LGBTQ+ caucus of the Wisconsin Democratic Party, chairman of the Fond du Lac County Democratic Party and secretary of the Fond du Lac Pride Alliance. He is fluent in Spanish.

"The two most important issues, in my view, are very similar, and they are the development of the Sawdust District and the Oshkosh Avenue area. These areas have a lot of potential and need to be carefully fostered if they are to succeed. While some people would like to use large projects (like the arena or Oshkosh Corp. offices) as a catalyst for development—- and that does have the potential to work — I would rather see small, local businesses cultivated in that area, placing money directly back into the local Oshkosh economy."

Absentee deadline

Registered voters can request an absentee ballot no later than 5 p.m. Thursday by going to https://myvote.wi.gov and providing a digital copy of their photo ID. Mailed ballots must be received by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday. The City Hall dropbox is available for in-person submissions at 215 Church Ave.

Miller is president of Northern Telephone & Data Corp., where he has been employed for the past 26 years. A longtime supporter of the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh, he has served on the group's board of directors as well as those of AD-VOCAP and the YMCA. He was voted into the council in 2019.

"Economic development and debt reduction foster a we-are-open-for-business attitude, along with targeted TIFs (tax increment financing) and working closely with the chamber, GO EDC and our own economic development staff.

"The Long Range Finance Committee is doing a great job and we must continue to follow their formula."

Mugerauer is a customer service team manager at 4imprint, a promotional products corporation in Oshkosh with global operations. He studied organizational administration at UW Oshkosh and is a West High School alumni. He serves on the city's Long Range Finance Committee and Landmarks Commission, and previously on the Rental Housing Advisory Board. He is a member of the Oshkosh Mid-Morning Kiwanis.

"The most important issue facing the City of Oshkosh is our financials, our budget," Mugerauer stated. "Anything we want to do in terms of improvements to our infrastructure, parks, public safety and tran-

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sit all come back to our budget and how we pay for them. We have to find a way to support our needs and growth, while balancing the need to lower our debt, and not exceed limits placed on us by the state. It is a balancing act, one that I enjoy and am effectively helping lead us through.

"Just as important to the City of Oshkosh is our economic development. Oshkosh is a great place to live, work, play and invest, and we must maintain that. If re-elected I will work to continue our strong track record of economic development."

Wilcox, from Oshkosh, also previously ran for a council position. He has stated his opposition to the wheel tax as well as the renter's inspection service that requires a city inspection of tenant housing every five years. He and his father work together as landlords, and he is finance chairman for his church congregation.

'The two most important issues facing the City of Oshkosh are special assessments and the city overspending," Wilcox stated. "I would vote to stop borrowing

Voting District 15 -

and vote for ways to decrease unneeded spending."

Board of Education

Herzog is the district's board president and on the board since 2013. She was an academic staff member at UW Oshkosh and holds a doctorate in educational administration from UW Madison, and graduate and postgraduate degrees in education, history and social science from UWO. She is board president of SOAR (Special Opportunities for Artist Residence).

Her board experience has focused on the Policy & Governance, Education, and Facilities & Finance Committees.

"The most immediate short-term issues are a successful student at-home learning program and providing food for students and families in need.

"Beyond the current pandemic, the most important issues are facilities and meeting the needs of all students. Implementation of the Facilities Advisory Committee Plan may be addressed through the district budget and referendum. Meeting the needs of all students with diverse needs may be addressed through professional development and reallocation of resources."

Poeschl, who is also on the Common Council, has a bachelor's degree in religion/religious studies from UW Oshkosh, and has been a property/program manager at the Oshkosh Winnebago County Housing Authority for eight years.

Poeschl said in the LWV survey that his experience as a member of two city government branches has allowed him to help create city-school partnerships. He said he would abstain on votes when there is a clear legal conflict between those entities.

"The OASD needs to continue to be the most formidable resource in our community to instill children to become and remain educated, so that poverty can be eradicated in our community," Poeschl stated. "A strong foundation of education is the most essential tool to this task. We do this by being innovative with our educational partnerships or tools and finding ways to keep the best staff here in the district. So there is a lot that goes into this that is more supportive in nature, i.e. mental health services, transportation and food."

Sullivan, the lone challenger to the school board members, owns her own business, Independent Norwex, which sells cleaning products. She spoke before the board ahead of the Smith Elementary School closure decision, saying that the process

Corrections

MARCH 25, PAGE 2: In a story about local election races, school board president Barb Herzog's education background should have stated her doctorate from UW Madison is in educational administration. She retired from UW Oshkosh as an academic staff member in October. Council candidate and UW Oshkosh professor Michael Ford's

was done too quickly. She had children at the school and was a volunteer there. She is a Cub Scout den leader and with her husband has coached baseball teams.

doctorate should have been

listed as urban studies.

She was previously a senior member at U.S. Bank in Oshkosh and a supervisor of store operations at Cost Plus World Mar-

Regarding what she believes are the two most important issues facing the district:

"Behavioral issues: We need to support our staff and students.

"Staff support: Our teachers need to know that they are supported with additional help if they need a sick or personal

Election

lot, which would need legislative support

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"Poll workers, clerks and local leaders around are looking for answers from state government on how to hold the upcoming elections in a safe, fair manner," Evers said last week. "While delaying the election until the state can move to mail-only balloting would be my preference, I understand that even that action has consequences and lacks the immediate support necessary to happen in time for the April 7 election."

A lawsuit filed last week in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin is seeking to protect the rights of self-quarantining voters who cannot obtain a witness signature on their mail-in ballot. The suit from the Wisconsin Alliance for Retired Americans, League of Women Voters of Wisconsin and others contends it will prevent certain eligible voters who live alone or without an adult U.S. citizen in the household from casting a vote.

Polling location changes this year included District 4, which moved from Webster Stanley School to the lower level of the Oshkosh Public Library, 106 Washington Ave.; and District 15, which moved from Wittman Regional Airport to the Hilton Garden Inn, 1355 W. 20th Ave. (south-side conference room entrance).

District 2 (wards 3 and 4) voters who normally go to Reeve Union at UW Oshkosh will be voting at St. John's Church, 808 N. Main St. District 16, which includes wards 30, 31 and 32, moved its polling place from Sunnyview Expo Center to the Elks Lodge, 175 W. Fernau Ave.

Go to the national League of Women Voters's www.vote411.org for details on candidates, polling locations and other election information.

Winnebago County to test warning sirens

Winnebago County's outdoor warning sirens will be tested every Saturday at noon starting this week and will continue at least through September. Tests will be canceled if severe weather or other serious conditions are imminent.

The county's Office of Emergency Management reminds residents that the sirens

situations, at which time shelter should be sought immediately inside a sturdy build-

County officials also noted that residents can enhance their severe-weather readiness by purchasing a NOAA Weather Radio. They are available at the records window in the Sheriff's Office during regular business hours for \$26.15 (cash or



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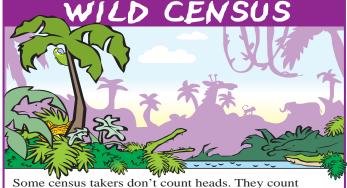
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Companies, residents deal with sudden job disruptions

By Joseph Schulz
Herald Contributor

The coronavirus pandemic has left workers in a state of disarray as steps to slow the spread of the virus have led to mass layoffs and a spike in unemployment applications.

As schools switch to remote learning, nonessential businesses closed, and dinein services and mass gatherings were banned, claims in the state continued to mount.

Between March 15 and March 26, there were roughly 160,000 jobless claims filed in Wisconsin, according to preliminary counts from the state Department of Workforce Development. By comparison, there were only about 10,000 unemployment claims filed over that same period last year, according to the DWD.

When the Oshkosh Area School District announced it was closing its buildings to students beginning March 16, Kobussen Buses was forced to lay off about 100 workers, according to Bronson Enli, terminal manager for Kobussen in Oshkosh

Kobussen laid off bus drivers and bus

attendants to keep the company solvent as it has loans that need to be paid, Enli said.

With buses not running, a lack of cash flow is hurting Kobussen as about half of the school districts the company serves are still paying them, he said.

The company is compensating workers with one and a half hours' worth of pay for each morning and afternoon route, which Enli said is less than employees were making.

"As soon as school opens back up again, whether it's this year or next year, all of our current employees will be welcomed back," he said, adding that until then, employees are encouraged to file for unemployment

Another business impacted by school closures is A'viands, the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh's food supplier. After the campus announced it would send students home and switch to online classes, A'viands furloughed about 150 workers, according to company spokesperson Debbie Albert.

A'viands employees are compensated with accrued vacation pay and sick time, and if enrolled in the company's benefits program they will remain on the rolls through April, she said.

Benefits might be extended beyond April as the company continues to monitor the situation and will update employees when the time comes, Albert said.

While companies scramble to save their bottom line, workers have been left with overwhelming uncertainty.

Oshkosh resident Rachel Bays lost her job doing clerical work at a tax office in Menasha due to the pandemic.

"The impact now is trying to figure out how I'm going to pay for necessities," she said. "How am I going to pay for rent now? What about my cellphone bill? What about my car payment?"

Bays plans to apply for unemployment only if she is unable to find work.

Another Oshkosh resident out of work is Chad Bauldry, who works for a local manufacturer. Bauldry found out a week ago that his company would be enforcing a "quarantine layoff" until April 13.

The company is offering financial assistance to workers temporarily laid off; if anyone contracts COVID-19, the company will pay them while they stay home, he said.

Bauldry said the company told employ-

ees that they qualify for unemployment during the layoff and that all employees have been given compensation. Bauldry doesn't feel under too much financial pressure.

"I feel like by the end of the (temporary layoff), my wife and I will have the cleanest house in Winnebago County," Bauldry said. "But so far, so good; I'm not going batty or anything."

Forward Service Corp. (FSC), a nonprofit with offices in 46 counties in Wisconsin, is looking to support workers through various programs, director of operations Brian Covey said.

FSC is working with an array of partners across Winnebago County to connect workers to resources, Covey said. Since the coronavirus crisis started, the organization has seen an uptick in the number of people looking for services.

One program offered is Wisconsin Works, which provides cash assistance payments to adults with children under age 18, Covey said.

Another is Emergency Assistance, which helps adults with children who have eviction or utility notices keep the lights on and a roof over their heads.

Pandemic response briefs

As of Monday, Winnebago County health officials reported 10 positive cases of COVID-19. Statewide the number has surpassed 1,200 positive cases and 20 deaths have been reported.

On the Social Distancing Scorecard (www.unacast.com) that measure how communities are doing at staying #SaferAtHome the State of Wisconsin scores a "B" while Winnebago County went from a "B" last Wednesday night to an "A" Thursday.

Municipal measures

On the home page of www.ci.oshkosh. wi.us there is a City Response to Coronavirus link for information on city issues related to helping other agencies prevent spread of the virus, as well as the city's response to continuity of services.

The city has suspended late fees for nonpayment of utility bills but encourages customers to continue to pay their utility bills by the due dates if possible.

Online limitations

With a natural push toward more online meeting coverage to deal with safety issues and offer the convenience of access, a recent analysis of expanding Oshkosh Media to be at all or most regular board and commission meetings found that not to be

feasible at this time. It was determined that expanding coverage by about 10 meetings a month would diminish the quality and objectivity of current coverage.

Oshkosh Media already offers more televised and online meeting coverage than most other cities in the state. The expanded coverage request precedes the current public health situation and was made in a Common Council budget workshop in October.

Protection donations

Health care systems need donations of personal protective equipment (PPE) including masks, hand sanitizer and related items. Ascension and ThedaCare foundations are accepting contributions to support their associates and other key priority areas for their hospitals and clinics. The Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region is accepting financial donations on behalf of these and other groups.

Meanwhile, health care facilities are setting up drive-through testing in Oshkosh for individuals who must be prescreened by a group provider. When test sites are in place the screening will involve questions about symptoms, travel history and potential contact with COVID-19 patients.

ADRC help available

The Aging and Disability Resource Center is open to help those who need access to information and assistance. An information and assistance specialist, along with a benefit specialist, adult protective services and dementia care specialist, can be reached via phone, email or mail. The department is accepting calls from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, at 877-886-2372 or at adrc@co.winnebago. wi.us.

Small business help

The Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce is encouraging area businesses to apply for a small business loan through the federal Small Business Administration's Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program.

More information and how to apply is available at www.oshkoshchamber. com with loan application forms and also through Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce. Businesses and nonprofits may qualify for up to \$2 million in loans to cover losses resulting from the pandemic. Interest rates on the loans are 3.75 percent for for-profit businesses and 2.75 percent for nonprofits.

Data collection project

New North is partnering with the Wisconsin Economic Development Corp., Wisconsin's eight other regional economic development organizations and UW Oshkosh's Center for Customized Research and Services to create and distribute a data collection tool to businesses experiencing economic hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The survey will be available to businesses statewide and disseminated to local chamber and community partners, and repeated over several observation periods to determine the impact over time. The project will be overseen by New North Executive Director Barb LaMue, Madison Region Economic Partnership President Paul Jadin and Jeffrey Sachse, interim director of the Center for Customized Research and Services at UW Oshkosh.

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Student of the game

Learning and listening pays off for North's Dilling

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Josh Dilling saw just limited game minutes during Oshkosh North's fabulous 2018 boys' basketball state championship

Still, it proved to be an extraordinary experience for Dilling — and a transformational one.

Elevated from the JVs for the tournament, Dilling swapped playing time for learning time and the ambitious sophomore didn't waste a second.

He observed the exemplary work habits of elite senior players like Tyrese Haliburton and Quincy Anderson, and listened to their words.

That apprenticeship helped Dilling take his game to a new level. He was a first-team all-Fox Valley Association selection this season after earning all-FVA second-team honors as a junior.

"When we brought him up for the tournament he got a chance to observe Tyrese Haliburton, probably the best leader we've had in my time here," said North coach Brad Weber. "His job was to study what guys like Tyrese did and learn from the best.

"When a kid isn't playing, it's pretty easy to just be a guy on the bench and happy to be there. But he was like a sponge. He was locked in and engaged in what we were doing." Dilling played in just three varsity games during the 2017-18 season, but agrees the experience was a game-changer for him.

"It was extremely valuable," he said. "Ty was such a great leader for us on and off the court. Whether you are practicing with him or even traveling to a game with him on the bus, you watch what he's doing and hear what he's saying. You pick up little things that make you a leader. I learned a ton.

"I was basically a scout team guy, trying to make those guys better. But it set me up for success my junior and senior years. And it was a good two-year run for me as a starter."

The 6-foot-3 senior point guard was one of the FVA's top scorers with a 19.0 point average. The do-it-all lefty averaged a team-high 4.6 assists and led the Spartans in 3-pointers (47), while finishing second in rebounding with a 5.2 mark.

Dilling's ability to break down defenses with his dribble penetration, drain shots from beyond the arc and create scoring opportunities for teammates made him one of the FVA's best players.

"Josh was tasked with getting us into our offense and the way we play offense — it's like a turbo-driven offense," Weber said. "We asked him to create for himself and others off the bounce, so he was always the instigator with our offense. He was the one we asked to push tempo and pick up guys when they were open."

Dilling averaged 4.2 points more than as a junior starter (14.8) and almost doubled his rebounding average (2.7 as a junior), while sinking three more 3-pointers.



Photo by Emil Vaigrt

North senior Josh Dilling ended his high school basketball career with a strong season and college team opportunities he is considering.

Dilling was satisfied with his individual accomplishments but not the Spartans' ordinary 13-11 record

while sinking three more 3-pointers.
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Accident of Evolution or Child of God? That is the question. An unintended nonentity or designed for a purpose? What do enzymes say?

In my previous submissions I emphasized the importance of cellular "workers". Who or what are they?

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Enzymes are usually paired with a specific partner called a substrate. Substrates are molecules that need to be changed to do their job effectively. That change will be done by the substrate's enzyme. Enzymes join molecules together, cleave molecules into parts, change a molecule's shape and add or remove small appendages. There are thousands of different enzyme-substrate duos in our bodies, and each presents a dilemma to Darwinian Evolution.

How do enzymes change substrates? As the figure below shows, enzymes are much larger than their substrate and have a recessed site (the active site) into which the substrate is drawn. Initially the shapes of the active site and substrate are somewhat complementary but not as much as that of lock and key or jigsaw puzzle pieces.

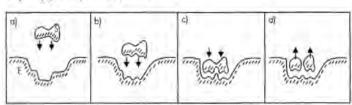


Figure 1.

a) Tick marks on surfaces represent electrical charges. Substrate S
approaches the active site on Enzyme E. Electrical charges exert forces
that give the binding sites complementary shapes.

b) As S gets closer, binding sites become more complementary.

c) S and E approaching perfect fit configurations.

 d) After catalysis, repulsive forces eject S from active site. S and E are no longer complementary in shape and regain their former shapes. The shapes of both change, becoming more complementary as the substrate penetrates deeper into the active site. This is caused by the myriad of small electrical forces that exist between the amino acids lining the active site and those of the substrate The forces strengthen with the substrate's approach.

The change to the substrate is instantaneous (like the snap of a twig) followed by its immediate ejection from the active site. Much about this process is incomprehensible, particularly the lightning-speed ejection. Why did the attractive force between enzyme and substrate instantaneously change into a repulsive force?

Enzyme catalysis is extremely fast in comparison to noncatalyzed reactions – as much as a million-trillion times faster. (That is the number of catalyzed reactions that occur for one non-catalyzed reaction.) Such extraordinary speed and specificity of enzyme catalysis in living things is not duplicated by inorganic catalysts or by man-made catalysts.

An international group, the Enzyme Commission, catalogues the thousands of known enzymes. That is very useful to those studying enzymatic activity for the purpose of curing diseases. For example, the HIV retrovirus was shackled by inhibiting one of its three enzymes. In the process of replicating, the retrovirus produces a polyprotein which is the substrate for a protease enzyme that cleaves it into smaller proteins. Researchers were able to build a molecule similar in shape to the protease's substrate that lodges in the protease's active site preventing it from cleaving the polyprotein and stopping viral replication.

What is the better explanation for the extraordinarily well-matched surfaces of enzyme and substrate? Think of the hundreds of amino acids on each surface resulting from purely random processes and meshing to a degree of perfection well beyond what humans could achieve. Impossible for even one enzyme substrate duo let alone thousands of them? What do you believe? Enzymes AoE or designed for a purpose?

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"I have no regrets — I went out giving it my all," he said. "Record-wise the season wasn't what I wanted it to be, but personally the season was huge, especially in terms of recruiting."

Dilling will take his game to the next level. He hasn't committed to a college but has scholarship offers from two Division 2 schools — William Jewel College (Missouri) and Bethany College (Kansas) — and interest seems to be growing.

"It's a decision I have to make, but the thing is that more interest in coming in," Dilling said. "I want to wait as long as I can just to see what kind of opportunities I'll get. My goal is to wait until late April, but we'll see.

"Playing college basketball has been my goal since the beginning. I enjoyed playing high school ball and tried to make the most of it. But when you get a chance to go to college and play a sport you love, that's huge."

Although basketball has been his athletic focus in high school, Dilling hoped to conclude his sports career at North by playing varsity tennis for the first time this spring. But with the uncertainty of spring sports due to the outbreak of COVID-19, he may not get that opportunity. That's something he can live with.

"I had some free time earlier in the school year and started playing tennis, and the tennis coach asked me if I wanted to play this spring," Dilling said. "So that was my goal this spring — to play tennis. It's great for agility and staying in shape.

"But I don't know if that's going to happen. I just feel bad for kids who didn't get to complete the basketball season or were big spring sports guys — guys like Jake Buchanan (of Kimberly) and Max Klesmit (of Neenah). They're good friends of mine and to see their seasons cut short one game of state like that, it's sad. I feel horrible for these guys.

"What's going on right now is something I've never seen and something my parents have never seen. It's just different."

Lourdes kicker will seek spot on Badgers

By Alex Wolf HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

A childhood dream has come true for Lourdes senior Gavin Meyers.

Meyers committed to the University of Wisconsin as a preferred walk-on last Wednesday, announcing his decision via Twitter. Having a couple of walk-on offers already, Meyers said once this opportunity presented itself the decision was easy.

"Growing up in Wisconsin I've always dreamt of playing for the Badgers," he said. "Once I received the offer, I immediately knew that's where I wanted to play."

Meyers – a five-star prospect by Kohl's Kicking and the No. 18 punter in the nation's 2020 class - had preferred walk-on offers from Iowa, Illinois and North Dakota State, as well as a scholarship opportunity at Minnesota Duluth.

Being a UW fan his entire life, Meyers also noted the education program Madison offers and the chance to play immediately.

"I looked into the academic side of things and talked with my counselor about the education program," Meyers said. "Being two hours from home is great, too."

The Badgers lost punters Connor Allen and Anthony Lotti to graduation this year. The program also brought in Neenah's Jack Van Dyke and Andy Vujnovich via transfer from a Division III school. Conor Schlichting also returns after seeing no ac-

Meyers averaged nearly 37 yards in 2019 but only punted 12 times because



Gavin Meyers of Lourdes Academy will take his kicking talents to UW Madison next season

Submitted photo

West's Rochon-Baker will play hoops for Upper Iowa

Oshkosh West senior Callista Rochon-Baker announced last week that she has decided to continue to play basketball at the next level at Upper Iowa University – an NCAA Division II school – this fall.

Rochon-Baker went to Twitter saying, "Excited and blessed to announce that I will be attending Upper Iowa University next year to further my academic and athletic career. A million thank you's to (coaches Justin Weiland and Nate Oakland) for giving me this amazing opportunity, and all the coaches who helped push me along the way.

"Most importantly, thank you to my

parents and grandparents for the countless hours spent supporting me, rebounding for me, and making me the player/person I am today. I am beyond grateful for these people and this opportunity."

Rochon-Baker also announced she has been selected to play for the Division 1 North Team for the WBCA Senior Girls All-Star Game, which is scheduled for June 19 in Wisconsin Dells.

Rochon-Baker was a first-team all Fox Valley Association selection after averaging 14.5 points, 4.5 rebounds and 2.1 assists per game, helping the Wildcats to a 10-13 season.



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earned an invitation to play in

the Blue-Grey All-American

Bowl and was selected to the

all-state team by the WFCA,

earning honorable mention.

It was his second honor on

In that All-Star game, Mey-

ers thought his performance

helped spark more interest

from the Badgers. He punted

eight times, averaging about

"I feel that game helped get my name out there even

more," Meyers said. "It feels great knowing that I'm going to learn from such an amazing

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Former Spartans star declares for NBA Draft

By Alex Wolf HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Tyrese Haliburton is about to make his-

The Oshkosh North graduate recently announced he has declared for the 2020 NBA Draft, forgoing his final two years at Iowa State, trying to become the first-ever player from Oshkosh to make the National Basketball Association.

"It really means a lot to me," Haliburton said on a media teleconference last week. "Obviously a lot of little kids look up to me around this area. I just wanted to show kids to chase their dreams. I hope by me being able to reach my dream and make it to the NBA, other kids who have dreams to do other things keep chasing those things ... I hope I inspire other little kids to do the same thing."

The 6-foot-5 guard is projected to be a lottery pick, according to many experts.

Haliburton is coming off an injury-shortened 2019-20 season, as a broken wrist ended his year. He first suffered the injury in a December practice, but the setback officially put him out of commission during a game Feb. 8.

Haliburton had two successful seasons at Iowa State. As a freshman, he took advantage of playing time after someone had an injury - stepping in and making an im-





Former Spartans star Tyrese Haliburton will declare for the NBA Draft after two years at Iowa State.

pact right away. His freshman season he averaged 6.8 points, 3.4 rebounds and 3.6

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This season, which came to an end because of COVID-19, he averaged 15.2 points, 6.5 assists, 5.9 rebounds and 2.5 steals for the Cyclones before his injury. He is a career 43 percent shooter from 3-point land.

He was also a part of the FIBA U19 World Cup, helping lead Team USA to a gold medal.

According to ESPN, Haliburton is the No. 7 prospect in the top 100 and is projected as high as seven in numerous mock

In high school Haliburton led the Spartans to the 2018 WIAA Division I state championship and was named Wisconsin's Gatorade Player of the Year.









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UW Oshkosh sports roundup

Gymnast early national honors as top senior

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh's Baylee Tkaczuk has been named Outstanding Senior of the Year by the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association for the 2020 season.

Tkaczuk competed on the balance beam and uneven bars during all nine of the Ti-



tans' meets this season. She ranked second in the NCGA West Region and fifth nationally on the uneven bars with her average score of 9.6625 and 17th regionally and 27th nationally on the balance beam with her average score of 9.5563.

She is just the second member of the UW Oshkosh women's gymnastics program to receive the award, joining 2003 winner Jennifer Williams.

Adding to her honors, Tkaczuk and sophomore Emily Gilot were among the 21 selections to the 2020 Women's Collegiate Gymnastics Association Division III All-America Team.

Both were named to the 10-member Second Team, Gilot for her performance on the vault and Tkaczuk for uneven bars.

At the WIAC Championship held March 7 in Eau Claire, Tkaczuk helped UW Oshkosh to its first league title since 1996 by finishing second on the uneven bars and 18th on the balance beam with her scores of 9.675 and 9.375, respectively. Tkaczuk received All-America honors on the uneven bars from the NCGA last week and was scheduled to compete with UWO in the NCGA Championship before the meet was canceled.

Tkaczuk graduated from Minooka High School in Illinois. She has a 3.60 grade point average as a major in psychology and was named the 2020 WIAC Judy Kruckman Women's Gymnastics Scholar-Athlete of the Year. She has donated nearly 200 hours of patient care at the Winnebago Mental Health Institute and been a volunteer with Special Olympics and Feeding America.

Kinseth named indoor national coach of year

UW-Oshkosh head men's track and field coach Justin Kinseth was selected as the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association 2020 NCAA Division III Indoor Coach of the Year.

Kinseth, in his third season, is the third UWO coach to receive this honor.

The Titans were scheduled to compete in the NCAA Division III Indoor Championships on March 13-14 before the coronavirus pandemic forced the cancellation of the event. The Titans had a nation-leading 19 qualifiers for this year's Division III Indoor Championship.

Gymnastics coach repeats NCGA national honors

UW-Oshkosh gymnastics coach repeated as the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association 2020 Coach of the Year.

Lauren Karnitz, who finished her 13th season as UWO head coach, earned the fourth award in school history.

UW-Oshkosh compiled an 8-1 record against its seven WIAC rivals during the regular season and posted a winning score of 189.675 to defeat all of its challengers at the league championship held March 7 in Eau Claire.

The conference title was the 15th for the Titans and first since 1996.

GO-EDC loan program aids business

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The Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corp. has city approval for an emergency response loan program that makes up to \$10,000 available to businesses in the Oshkosh area.

"There is a sense of emergency that everyone recognizes," GO-EDC president Jason White said. "And to be frank, we want to be the region to exit this crisis stronger than we went into it."

The program is being launched with seed funding of \$300,000. Loans will be offered in the amounts of \$1,000, \$2,500, \$5,000 or \$10,000 with a three-year amortization, 2 percent interest, and deferment of principal and interest for six months.

White said focusing on small businesses during the crisis is as important as helping those that do international trade. "We've talked to companies that have lost up to 95 percent of their revenue base," he said. "A lot of these businesses are staple, family-owned businesses."

The funds can be used for basic business needs such as rent/mortgage payments, utilities payments, payroll expenses and pre-existing purchase orders.

"We want to help these companies stay in business," White said. "We want to help them emerge stronger than ever so that our economy emerges stronger than ever."

GO-EDC also met with UW Oshkosh administrators to discuss preliminary results from the coronavirus disruption study that the university conducted with community businesses.

Uncertainty was the No. 1 response to how the virus has impacted them. Restricted spending and adjusted work schedules were close by in the study results while supply chain concerns were low on the impact list.

Area prep sports award nominees named

The Wisconsin Prep Sports Awards Show, an event hosted by USA Today Network-Wisconsin every summer, recently announced its winter nominees and Oshkosh had two local athletes.

Lourdes junior Preston Ruedinger is one of six high school boys basketball

players while Fond du Lac/Oshkosh conounced as one of six for girls hockey.

The event is scheduled for June 12 at the Lambeau Field Atrium in Green Bay and covers the surrounding areas for the 2019-

op team senior Hattie Verstegen was an-

20 school year.

UWO Foundation campaign launched to help students

With many University of Wisconsin Oshkosh students affected by reduced work hours and job loss due to the pandemic, a Titans Rise campaign has been launched by the UW Oshkosh Foundation to help support critical programs, scholarships and emergency funds.

Students have left campuses and are now transitioning to online learning and other alternative methods.

"UWO students have reached out to me personally and shared the hardships they are facing," Chancellor Andrew Leavitt said. "I know our faculty and staff members also are hearing their stories.

"I am grateful to our foundation partners who immediately joined us in answering our students' call for support through the Titans Rise campaign."

One alumnus has offered a \$50,000 matching donation, and other alumni and community members pledged 49 gifts for

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a total of nearly \$7,000 last week. More information is at uwosh.edu/foundation.

"This emergency fund will help sustain our students and keep them on the path toward a degree," Leavitt said. "We are all rising together to help Titans stay strong and get through this extraordinary challenge."



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Council

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celed and organizers have already begun putting off May events. The city will later work to reschedule those events.

City parks and trails are still open with some restrictions and with residents urged to practice social distancing. The state's Safer at Home order forced the closure of park playgrounds, the skate park and sport

The council approved an ordinance that would temporarily limit public comments at meetings. People can send their comments to the city manager on any issue through regular mail, emailing citymgr@ ci.oshkosh.wi.us or in the city's dropbox at the entrance to City Hall. Comments are forwarded to council members.

The council also adopted a motion requested by council member Bill Miller that any proposal requiring the city to expend funds be voted on separately rather than being part of the consent agenda, where a single motion approves all items unless requested for an individual motion. Rohloff said the expenditure measure will be followed for all similar items at future meetings.

After discussing each expenditure in detail, the council approved most items after staff members said that postponing action would likely result in higher costs or delay projects from moving forward to completion this year.

Specific approvals:

- Professional services for a Congress Avenue Tot Lot (\$170,000) to Northland Recreation for playground design and installation. The project is part of Rock the Block for the Congress Field Neighborhood Association, which will tentatively take place in May.
- A bid for \$11,561,617 with PTS Contractors Inc. for Oregon Street reconstruc-

tion, utilities and patching.

· Three spot blight designations and land acquisition recommended by the Oshkosh Redevelopment Authority at 1004 S. Main St. (\$119,000), 1628 Liberty St. (\$26,500) and 422 Otter Ave. (\$15,000).

Special assessment measures will be acted on at a later date due to the financial difficulties facing residents, including those being laid off from their jobs as part of a statewide shutdown of nonessential businesses.

Rohloff said the city is partnering with the Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corp. to provide short-term business loans to help them overcome economic challenges (See story abou the program on Page 17).

"We have a lot of businesses that need our help," he said.

Strong support for absentee voting in this week's primary election was expressed. Rohloff said the city is working with the Oshkosh Herald and other media to promote procedures for obtaining a ballot and casting a vote.

Rohloff said state government is not helping the situation by not allowing communities to hold the election at a later date. The question came up in a discussion about senior citizens going to various sites to cast ballots.

The council also approved submittal of the city's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, its 2020 CDBG Action Plan, 2020 Citizen Participation Plan and 2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing to the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as required to continue receiving CDBG funds.

The council also adopted its 2020-2021 Strategic Plan, which will provide guidance to staff on priorities and action steps during the year.

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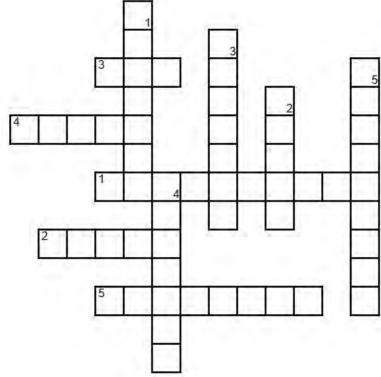
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