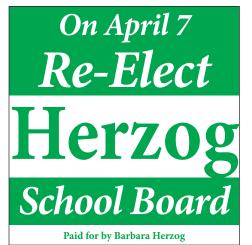


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A 175-foot-tall smokestack at the UW Oshkosh Heating Plant will stay as a landmark while coal heating sources officially end at the campus.

Campus moves on from coal as energy source

Oshkosh Herald

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh stopped ordering coal to its campus and will begin to phase out that energy source. Thursday marked the last day a truck would carry coal from Green Bay to UWO's heating plant on the corner of High and Woodland Avenue.

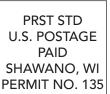
"This is an extremely historic moment for campus," said Brad Spanbauer, lecturer and campus sustainability officer. "We are ending our run with coal and bridging our move to renewable energy with a cleaner natural gas option."

Spanbauer said that while UWO is moving to a cleaner energy source, natural gas produces methane, and methane is a greenhouse gas about 25 times more powerful at trapping heat in the atmosphere than carbon dioxide. Still, methane gas contains 50 percent fewer CO2 emissions using natural gas versus coal, he said.

Previously, miles of underground tunnels delivered steam produced by the heating plant to various buildings on campus during cold months. UWO burned an average of 2,000 tons of coal and 90 tons of paper pellets a year. The use of pellets is also being discontinued.

Starting this spring, the five-story Heating Plant will be cleared of unneeded coaland ash-related equipment, including conveyors that were used to haul it. The

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Prevention measures escalate

Schools, facilities close to curb outbreak

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh schools and government offices have adopted state and federal health recommendations to fight against the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus, including the postponement of classes at all city schools and the university, while

businesses and other organizations

Learn more have Resources and either canceled or restricted social gatherings

into April. March activities of any size

information for the public, schools and health care facilities are at www.co.winnebago.wi.us/health.

are mostly off the books as the community

tries to absorb evolving restriction advice in hopes of curbing the spread of the virus, which arrived in Winnebago County with Saturday's announcement of the first case of COVID-19. The county Health Department and state Department of Health Services (DHS) said the case has been under quarantine and public health staff are investigating contacts while two more cases have been reported with more tests pending.

With Gov. Tony Evers' order to the DHS to prohibit the size of social gatherings to 50 people, more public and private facilities joined the shutdown ranks. Local

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State of City event an open house for community

By Dan Roherty **Oshkosh Herald**

developments led by the Brio Building and its anticipated Food Co-op, and ongoing Sawdust District and Oshkosh Avenue developments.

and projects, some overlapping with Winnebago County.

City Manager Mark Rohloff used his annual State of the City address to highlight goals for the coming decade while looking back on how the past 10 years of progress have helped set up new priorities for community development.

In summarizing the city's 10-year strategic plan, Rohloff keyed on ongoing capital improvement and stormwater projects ---namely in the Sawyer Creek area — public building replacement needs, Marion Road

Rohloff said the state of the city is "strong, it's vibrant and it's poised for a wonderful next-decade and many decades as we go forward." The backdrop for his address was the City Exhibit Expo, an open house of agencies, departments and other public partners that featured displays with representatives ready to explain and educate visitors to city services

In promoting the need to set priorities for building replacement, Rohloff pointed to the new Public Works garage and the measurable efficiencies it has created for workflow compared to its previous home. He singled out the Safety Building and some Fire Department locations as needing new structures, while other upgrade and repair needs were referenced at City

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Lori Renning (right) presents a check on behalf of the Oshkosh Rotary to Parks Director Ray Mauer (second from left) from money raised during last summer's Fourth of July celebration.







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Community honors Oshkosh educators

More than \$53,000 was awarded March 9 during the Celebrate Education event to 31 educators from public and private schools who were recognized with classroom and professional development grants. Other leaders and volunteers were recognized for their innovative contributions.

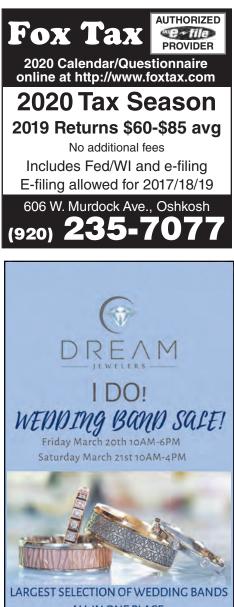
Catalpa Health was given the Spirit of Education Award presented by the Oshkosh Area School District.

The Lasky Family received the Dr. Stanley Spanbauer Education and Leadership Award presented by Lourdes Academy.

Mercy Health Foundation was given the Educational Leadership Award presented by the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce.

Rudoy Awards for Teaching Excellence focused on high school teachers: Brian Davis of Valley Christian School for science and math, Brett Hartman of Oshkosh West for English, Keith Ruff of Oshkosh North for math, and Krissy Seeley of Oshkosh North for special education.

Lourdes Academy High School received the Edward and Belle Rudoy Fund Technology Grant to renovate and update



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Oshkosh public and private school educators were honored recently at the annual Celebrate Education event.

the school lab into a facility to explore cutting-edge science concepts and apply it to real-world scientific research.

Celebrate Education Grants that assist teachers in bringing new programs to their classrooms are funded by the Mid-Morning Kiwanis Club of Oshkosh, Mildred M. & Edward W. Baar Youth & Education Fund, Elizabeth J. Rasmussen School Program Fund and the Oshkosh Area School District Education Foundation.

Recipients were Jen Cardinal and Jackie Trebiatowski, both at Carl Traeger Elementary School; Summer Bjarnarson of Valley Christian School; Jeanne Gutierrez, Allison Hardy, Nicole Jonas, Peggy Kehoe, Robert Kramer, Beckie Lehman, Nadine Mohline and Jessica Sims, all at Valley Christian School; Luke Spanbauer and Susan Trofka of Lourdes Academy; Matthew Callahan, Roosevelt Elementary; Nick Robarge, Washington Elementary; Robin Goedderz, Oaklawn Elementary; Amanda Stachowicz, Merrill Middle School; and Kore Kleinhans, Oshkosh Area School District Adapted Sports League.

Education Foundation grant winners in the school district were Kristin Bartelt and



Ashley Druecke at Carl Traeger Elementary School; Laury Krause at Oshkosh North; and Katie Tennessen at Franklin

Elementary. The Clarence Jungwirth History Grant went to Sue Dolan of Lourdes Academy for her History of Oshkosh Research Project, and Maya Song-Goede of Carl Traeger Elementary School for her work on Hmong history and culture.

UW Oshkosh College of Education and Human Services Teacher Excellence Awards were awarded to elementary school teachers nominated by their principals to receive a grant for classroom enhancement or professional development. Recipients were Tracy Nyman at Carl Traeger Elementary and Whitney Stenbroten at Oakwood Elementary.

The event is sponsored by the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, Oshkosh Area School District, Chamber of Commerce, Mid-Morning Kiwanis Club, the Edward and Bell Rudoy Endowment Fund, Wisconsin Public Service and UWO College of Education and Human Services.



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Indoor vaping ban approved by council

No exemption for sellers of products

By Tom Ekvall HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Vaping indoors will no longer be allowed in Oshkosh, including restaurants, bars, places of employment and even vape shops as a result of Common Council action March 10 when it voted unanimously to prohibit electronic cigarettes as well as traditional cigarettes indoors.

Oshkosh's adoption of the Wisconsin Clean Indoor Air Act expanded the reach of the 10-year-old statute to include banning use of vaping products inside public spaces, which will prevent local e-cigarette shops from demonstrating and testing the products for customers.

Other communities have added similar ordinances to include an indoor vaping ban under their adoption of the state law while some have made an exemption for vape shops that sell and demonstrate the products sold to those 21 or older. A bipartisan state bill introduced in October but yet to pass would add the indoor vaping ban to the Indoor Air Act while leaving exemptions to local government.

Speaking in the public forum ahead of the unanimous approval of the Indoor Air Act, vape shop owner Michael Dix told the council that the lack of an exemption for his two locations here would put a financial stress on its operations.

"This boils down to keeping two businesses open in this town. We at A-Z (Tobacco & Vapor) understand the desire to keep vaping out of public areas, if for no other reason than as a courtesy to others around us," Dix said.

"Being able to vape in a store is an integral part of doing our jobs. Demonstrating the devices in the store is critical to customer safety and properly using their new products."

He said that since customers are users of the products they would not be unwillingly exposed to the product, as are the employees who need to demonstrate and sample new products while being trained to prevent sales to anyone under 21.

Dr. Eric Smiltneek, a family physician in Oshkosh, spoke after Dix to express support for the indoor smoking without any exemptions, saying that underage vaping use was too important of a public health problem to allow exceptions that created the potential for underage users to acquire the products.

Council members asked for clarification from city attorney Lynn Lorenson on the resolution and connection to current state regulation but had no other discussion before approval.

The adopted ordinance does not provide any regulations dealing with juvenile possession of electronic cigarettes.

The council also unanimously approved allowing the Oshkosh Redevelopment Authority to purchase the former Lueck's Hardware store at 706 S. Main St. at a cost of \$908,000 plus an additional \$25,000 for possible environmental actions. The property between East 7th and 8th avenues will complete the final parcel needed for the city to request proposals from developers for renovation of the site in accordance with concepts approved in the

recently approved Sawdust District Plan. The Redevelopment Authority approved purchase of the site at its March 9 meeting from Art Dumke, who had earlier purchased the site for \$790,000 to generate redevelopment in the Pioneer Island area.

Community Development Director Allen Davis supported the purchase, noting the city has spent more than a decade trying to acquire land in the area to encourage residential developments and eliminate blighting influences. Davis said demolition could begin in spring with the city then issuing a Request for Proposals to developers for a bid. He said developers had refused to bid on previous requests because of a lack of certainty about the property.

Davis told the council that the land purchase, assessed at \$249,000 in 2019, was comparable to similar acquisitions in the area that have existing buildings. He said the city's purchase price above what Dumke bought it for covered his acquisition costs and expected cost savings for the city by having control of that space and making it more attractive for development.

"We've been acquiring parcels in that south-shore redevelopment area and this area specifically since (2003)," Davis told the council.

"I think we're getting a bargain actually, based on our previous history with acquisition in that area and how long it would take to acquire properties."

In other action:

· Council members ratified a revised Sustainability Plan, originally created in 2012, that represents the efforts of city staff, organizational representatives and other civic leaders on practices that

change or conserve their community. The Sustainability Advisory Board's update had been approved by the Plan Commission the previous week.

· City Manager Mark Rohloff set a March 31 workshop to discuss transitional living arrangements for people recently released from prison. Rohloff met with members of the State Corrections Department about the meeting, especially as it relates to a house at 1105 Jefferson St. that neighbors have complained about because of residents there who had served time for sexually related offenses involving children. He said the state will have representatives at the meeting.

 Councilman Bob Poeschl said he intends to propose a city ordinance banning conversion therapy, defined as "any service, practice or treatment designed to change a person's sexual orientation to heterosexual, gender identity to one that matches the sex assigned at birth, or to repress or reduce non-heterosexual attraction or sexual behaviors." Poeschl said he has received calls from residents on the topic and wanted to hear from others while forming a proposal to prohibit the controversial practice in the city.

In 2007, a task force of the American Psychological Association reviewed existing research on the efficacy of conversion therapy. Their report said there was little methodologically sound research on sexual orientation change efforts (SOCEs) and that the "results of scientifically valid research indicate that it is unlikely that individuals will be able to reduce same-sex attractions or increase other-sex sexual attractions through SOCE," the Human Rights Campaign website read.



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Council backs Hmong residents on repatriation move

By Jack Tierney Oshkosh Herald

The Common Council took a public position at its regular meeting last week in opposition to the Trump administration's plans to fund a reintegration program that would expand repatriation and deportation of Hmong and Laotian residents.

The resolution that passed unanimously comes after U.S. Rep. Betty McCollum of Minnesota, where the Hmong population is largest, sent a letter Feb. 3 to Secretary of State Mike Pompeo calling the negotiations with the Lao People's Democratic Republic "unconscionable." McCollum has since introduced a bill that would stop the administration from deporting individuals to the Lao People's Democratic Republic for 72 months.

Appleton Common Council member Maiyoua Thao told the Oshkosh council ahead of the vote that noncitizen Hmong are the people most susceptible to deportation. She said noncitizens are typically those who committed a felony that could

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cost them their citizenship or green card status, but who have served their time.

Thao said many of the crimes were influenced by cultural shock from being in a new country and not understanding either American norms or language.

Oshkosh has about 2,000 Hmong residents, according to the U.S. census, and Wisconsin has an estimated one-eighth of the U.S. Hmong population. Gov. Tony Evers, in a letter to Pompeo discouraging his negotiations, said, "The potential deportation of Hmong Wisconsinites is yet another example of your administration's problematic disposition and policies toward refugee and immigrant populations."

Lao, Hmong and other Laotian ethnic groups fled the Southeast Asian country during a nine-year period amid a civil war in the Vietnam War era that ended in 1973. The U.S. dropped an estimated 2 million bombs and artillery in the country as part of a conflict called the Secret War and made Laos the most heavily bombed nation per capita in history.

Pompeo's negotiations marked oppo-

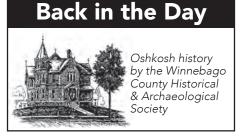
sition from the Common Council "quite simply because the Hmong people asked us to," Mayor Lori Palmeri said.

The cities of Madison, Wausau and Eau Claire, and Madison, Sun Prairie and Milwaukee public schools have passed similar resolutions. Outagamie County has a resolution pending, as does the Appleton Common Council this week.

Thao, who obtained graduate and postgraduate degrees from UW Oshkosh, said she was 3 years old when her family and the people she traveled with fled their country. She said they walked through jungles and had to stay quiet at night to avoid detection by guard patrols. She said one night she could not help but cry, which forced an ultimatum on her father.

"It's either she dies or we all die," Thao said the group told him. Not wanting to use opium to quiet her, her father smothered her unconscious but she survived.

Thao eventually made it the U.S. and



March 2, 1948 He Sleeps at Post as Thief Pays a Visit: It was either a practical joke or thievery, but all Frank Dillman, operator of a gasoline station at 14th and Oregon streets, can say is that he is missing merchandise and cash valued at \$35. after college was elected to the Appleton council while rallying support among the Hmong community there and in Oshkosh. Other members of the community also spoke in support of the resolution.

Hmong Service Center board president Mee Yang detailed the progress made by Hmong people since they began arriving in the U.S., saying thousands have received college degrees and entered the professional workforce while coming from a culture that did not have a written language until the early 1950s. She said those who have retained their nationality and are at risk of deportation would be sent to an unfamiliar country that would put them at risk of death.

Council member Bill Miller said he has contacted U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson about the repatriation measure and said there are a lot of details he is hoping to find out. Palmeri and council member Bob Poeschl initiated the resolution.

He reported to police that while he dozed in the station office, between 3 and 5 a.m. this morning, someone entered the station and took a peanut vending machine and drank two bottles of pop. The office door of the 24-hour station was open and Dillman said he was sleeping in the chair. When he awakened he noticed two empty soft drink bottles on the case and the vending machine missing. The vending machine was valued at \$27 and contained about \$8 in nickels in addition to the peanuts.

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Longtime community advocate dies at 84

Blassingame was UWO professor, local volunteer

Oshkosh Herald

Lurton W. Blassingame, a former professor and dean at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh who served on numerous municipal and service groups in the city, died Friday at age 84.

Participants at last Monday's State of the City event mourned the news of his loss amid the celebration of community progress.

Common Council member Debra Allison-Aasby praised Blassingame's contributions before a moment of silence in his honor at last week's council meeting. Blassingame most recently served on the city's Sustainability Advisory Board that had its update of the city's original 2012 plan unanimously approved later in the meeting.

Blassingame and his wife, Carolyn, moved to Oshkosh in 1967 where he taught history at UW Oshkosh and became the first assistant to the dean of the College of Letters and Science. The New York native and Harvard graduate earned a doctorate in American studies from New York University, which studies United States society in national, hemispheric, and global frameworks.

An obituary on www.konrad-behlman. com detailed his early involvement in community affairs, serving on the city's Plan Commission for 23 years, 15 as chairman, in addition to the Oshkosh River Beautification Committee, Fox River Development Committee that led to development of the Riverwalk, Environmental Advisory Committee, Advisory Parks

Committee, and as a board member and secretary of the Oshkosh Symphony.

He was a member of Leadership Oshkosh and Winnebagoland Focus, served on committees of the East Central Regional Planning Commission, boards of the Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust and SOAR, past president of the Evergreen Residents Council, and a longtime board member with the Oshkosh Public Library and Winnefox Library System.

"Lurton was the kind of volunteer every nonprofit director hopes for," former United Way president Sue Panek said. "His knowledge and expertise in the areas of program development and program outcomes made him the right fit to review and evaluate community programs and grant applications.

"He was a supporter and advocate for those who were marginalized as he and (his wife) Carolyn worked to help refugees who were resettled here in Oshkosh."

Panek said his commitment to community also carried through his work in Rotary. "He was an educator, leader, mentor, planner, and consummate volunteer. Lurton certainly embodied the Rotary motto: 'Service Above Self," she said.

Blassingame was awarded the city's Community Partner Award in 2013, the Oshkosh Committee on Aging's Lifetime Volunteer Award in 2015 and the Chamber of Commerce's Lynne Webster Leadership Award. The obituary notes that he was an active member of Trout Unlimited and the Ruffed Grouse Society.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, two sons, Wyatt and Curtis; and five grandsons.





Submitted photo

A hedge removal project on 8th Street within the Sacred Heart Neighborhood was one of the undertakings of Rock the Block volunteers last year at a ranch home where the hedge was impeding sunlight from entering the windows.

Volunteers needed for 2020 Rock the Block

Rock the Block Oshkosh Habitat is seeking volunteers for a neighborhood revitalization within the established Congress Field Neighborhood Association boundaries using volunteers, residents and partners.

The program's largest need for volunteers will be the second week of May. Volunteer check-in and event kick-off will begin at the American Legion Hall at Congress Avenue and Spruce Street at 8:30 a.m. May 12. Volunteers can register for available project dates at www.habitatoshkosh.org/take-action or call 920-235-3535.

Rock the Block Oshkosh is presented by Habitat for Humanity of Oshkosh in partnership with Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods and the city. Local grant funding will provide residents and volunteers with tools and supplies needed for exterior maintenance and repairs to homes.

Habitat for Humanity of Oshkosh kicked off its first-ever Rock the Block in 2019 within the Sacred Heart Neighborhood Association between Knapp and Dakota streets and Fourth and Ninth avenues. More than 140 volunteers completed more than 700 hours of work.



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Hall, The Grand, the public museum and the Convention Center where the expo and address were held March 9.

"The city has a lot of hand-me-downs when it comes to buildings," Rohloff said, noting that City Hall was a former high school before housing many city departments at 215 Church Ave., along with structures like Seniors Center North, GO Transit center, the Parks office and Safety Building that weren't built for their current occupants. He said refurbishing makes sense in some cases but facilities built for their intended use are more productive for those working in them.

Rohloff said continued economic development in areas such as Marion Road, Oshkosh Avenue and Sawdust District will

determine whether debt management and financial growth provides for the public funding of new buildings and other projects on the city's needs list.

Progress and growth of neighborhood associations — there are 18 citywide received special praise for the role they play in strengthening the community and helping draw the skilled workforce needed by employers. Pointing to a color-coded neighborhood scorecard map, Rohloff said all areas of the city can benefit from the associations either in or near where they live.

"People expect our infrastructure to be good; they want to take those things for granted," Rohloff said. "But quality of life is what attracts people to a community."

Mayor Lori Palmeri opened the presentation portion of the program to give awards to residents that provided the leadership to get community projects off the ground and completed.

Ken Osmond of Planet Perk was given the city's Environmental Leadership Award for his efforts to keep his business and others plastic-free and eco-friendly, while River East, Fox Chase, Menominee North and Midtown neighborhood associations were cited for their organizational efforts in the past year.

Community Partnership Awards went to North High graduate and Northwestern University softball player Sydney Supple for her dedication in fundraising that led to construction of a softball diamond at Rainbow Park, River East Neighborhood Association for its work on William Waters Plaza, and the Oshkosh Rotary and Fourth of July committee that quickly and successfully organized the American Made holiday celebration downtown in Riverside Park.

Lori Renning, one of the chief organizers for the Fourth and July event when the longtime Menominee Park location became unworkable, accepted the Partnership Award and praised the swift volunteer effort that brought together a full day of entertainment inside and outside Leach Amphitheater. The one-time celebration's success benefited the city in the form of a \$5,663 check from the Rotary presented to Parks Director Ray Mauer.

Hospital volunteers sought

Students nearing age 16 or older can apply for year-round volunteer opportunities through Ascension Mercy Volunteer Services. Those who serve can find mentors, career interests, boost resumes and improve chances of being accepted into competitive colleges.

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Chamber cited by national federation

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce recently awarded the Oshkosh Chamber with 5-Star Accreditation for its sound policies, effective organizational procedures and positive impact on the community.

"Accreditation validates a chamber as having programs that benefit its local economy and positively influence its community," said Raymond P. Towle, U.S. Chamber vice president of federation relations and Institute for Organization Management.

Accreditation is the only national pro-

gram that recognizes chambers for their organizational procedures and community involvement. A chamber must meet minimum standards in their operations and programs, including governance, government affairs and technology.

The Oshkosh Chamber plans to enhance economic development by focusing on public advocacy to advance business interests, membership services, programs and events, according to their mission statement.

Regional projects detailed on DOT site

The state Department of Transportation's Northeast Region is providing a listing of state highway construction projects scheduled this calendar year, including State 76 reconstruction work and the

State 21 bridge project.

The annual advisory is available at https://projects.511wi.gov. This is a tentative listing, and additional projects may be added based on funding levels.

UWO energy

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175-foot-tall smokestack will stay as a historic landmark.

There is a cost savings associated with the switch. About \$400,000 is spent per year on 2,000 tons of coal; an additional 90 tons of paper pellets cost nearly \$5,000. The savings from not purchasing solid energy fuel sources was estimated at \$404,950.

UW Oshkosh joins four other UW System schools in their switch: Platteville, Stevens Point, Stout and Superior. UWO has been recognized for its sustainable practices multiple times, including in 2018 when it won the EPEAT 2-Star Purchaser Award for the third consecutive year — an award resulting from more than

OSHKOSHHERALD.COM | PAGE 7 \$16.8 million in energy savings.

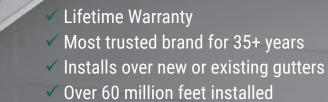
A ceremony that had been set for Thursday with Wisconsin Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes and UWO officials and students at Fredric March Theatre to mark the event was canceled due to public health concerns.

Free caregiver class offered

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is a sixweek class that will be offered from 4 to 5:30 p.m. beginning April 16 at the Oshkosh Public Library pending any further scheduling changes due to safety concerns.

The class focuses on the caregiver and walks through methods to reduce stress, guilt, anger and depression. Contact Rebecca Groleau by April 2 at 920-236-1227 or rgroleau@co.winnebago.wi.us to register.







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United Way award nominees sought

Nominations are being sought for the Sue Panek Community Impact Award through Oshkosh Area United Way. The community award is named in honor of the United Way's executive director who retired in 2018 after 25 years of identifying needs, bringing together partners and engaging the community on social issues.

The award goes to an individual or

group from the area with a record of impactful work in one of the local United Way's three initiatives: financial stability, early education and mental health. The award includes a \$1,000 donation to a nonprofit group of the recipient's choice.

Nominations must be submitted through the United Way's website by April 17. The winner will be announced May 20.

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Residents, students, families and em-

ployees who can spend a half-day vol-

unteering are asked to register by May 8.

Registrants will get additional informa-

tion about where and what they will be

doing. Questions can be sent to volun-

and assembling centerpieces.

United Way Day of Caring returns May 20

Day of Caring, one of the largest organized volunteer events in the area, returns May 20 hosted by the Oshkosh Area United Way. The community-wide service day has hundreds of volunteers working on projects throughout Oshkosh.

Projects from past years include basic gardening/landscaping, installing smoke detectors, packing recipe bags, writing let-



B&G Club member named to state hall

Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh employee Jamie Wilcox was inducted into the Wisconsin Boys & Girls Club Hall of Fame during the annual Wisconsin Area Council meeting in Madison on March 10. Wilcox spent most



of his 40-year working career with the Boys & Girl Club of Oshkosh and another eight years as a club member, one of the first to sign up when it opened 50 years ago and later named Youth of the Year as a teenager.

Wilcox has served as athletics director, program director and club director, and lead executive for the Boy & Girls Club of Fond du Lac during a brief tenure there before returning to Oshkosh as its current facilities director. He supervises the transportation program, oversees safety and improvements of the facilities, general management of Camp Radford property, and day-to-day information technology needs.

Wilcox was instrumental in forming the club's Alumni Association 38 years ago after experiencing the lack of funds to buy sports program equipment for house leagues. The alumni group supports fundraisers, the annual Christmas party and maintenance of the summer day camp. The group now has a roster of more than 125. "The Club has given me much more than I have given to the Club," Wilcox said.

UWO cited for its clinical nurse leader program

The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh has been named the third best Clinical Nurse Leader Program in the nation this year by RegisteredNursing.org.

The organization states that this type of specialty nurse has knowledge in general medicine and acts as a resource to an interdisciplinary team. Programs are compared by accreditation, program costs and lengths, internship options and online/ campus offerings.

The Registered Nursing ranking for UW Oshkosh notes "numerous quality online MSN program tracks, including one with a CNL emphasis. This 37-credit program can be completed in two years of full-time study or three years of part-time study."

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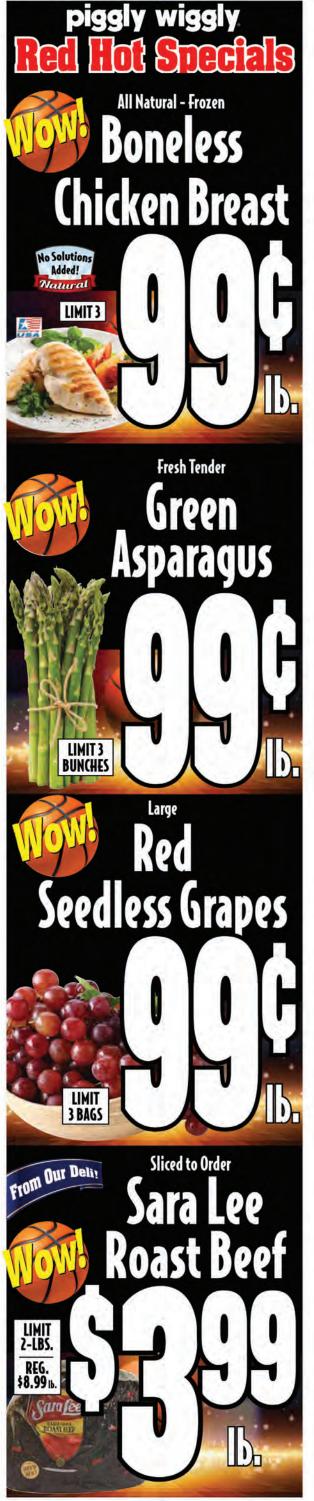
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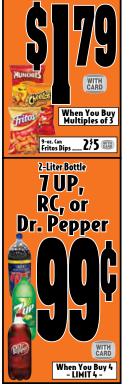
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Precautions

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hospitals have implemented temporary restrictions on visitors, City Hall and the Public Library have closed and suspended public programs and meetings, and the Oshkosh Seniors Center began a self-imposed 30-day closing Friday. Senior Services manager Jean Wollerman said programs and services will be rescheduled.

Residents should check before they go to events and locations in the coming week to confirm accessibility with the swiftly changing schedules. As of Monday, GO Transit bus services were continuing but other municipalities such as Green Bay have suspended their regular service while still offering para-transit options.

Families continue to scramble to meet day care needs with school and other business closures. The city is providing free care to its current staff for their children ages 5-12 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the 20th Avenue YMCA, while both YMCA facilities keep its child care centers open while its buildings are otherwise closed.

The state of emergency declared by the city and state allow an exception by the Wisconsin Division of Early Care and Education to expand child care options to meet the expected surge of baby-sitting needs.

City schools

Oshkosh area schools had their last classes Friday until April 6 at the earliest after administrators evaluated current conditions, including the proximity to COVID-19 cases in Fond du Lac County, and after Ever's statewide mandate to close K-12 public and private schools no later than Wednesday. Staff members continue to report to work and the district's Free and Reduced Breakfast and Lunch Program will be administered at six school locations detailed at www.oshkosh.k12.wi.us.

District families were sent information regarding proactive plans for At-Home Learning programs. The district also canceled after-school and evening events, athletics practices and competitions, and extracurriculars until further notice. This includes Recreation Department activities, including private groups using district facilities.

Besides the Coronavirus Awareness and Information page on its website that will continue to be updated, the district is communicating through its social media platforms and letters to parents and guardians. The district recommends visiting the DHS's COVID-19 webpage (www.dhs. wisconsin.gov/disease/covid-19.htm) and CDC's COVID-19 webpage (www. cdc.gov/coronavirus).

With seasonal flu and other respiratory

viruses common at this time of year, parents are encouraged to talk to their children about ways to stay healthy in general, including hand washing to stop the spread of germs. School and health officials further encourage teaching children positive preventive measures, talking with them about their fears, and giving them a sense of some control over their risk of infection.

UW Oshkosh

The university suspended classes at all three of its campuses a week ahead of its spring break, which was set to begin Sunday, in response to the pandemic. The university is preparing to present courses either online or through other alternative methods starting March 30, campus officials announced.

Residence halls remain open while students are encouraged to return to their permanent residences if possible to continue their school work.

At a press conference Thursday, Chancellor Andrew Leavitt said the university has the infrastructure in place to move classes online and that work areas will be set up on campus for those who can't go home this week or next. He said the majority of classes should shift online easily, but hands-on classes and labs will be harder to move.

"About 80 percent of our classes will move quite nicely because there's already a lot of hybrid teaching going on," Leavitt said. "We have some classes that just have no online analog and we're going to have to work on those to figure out how to deliver them."

Shelves for personal care items such as toilet paper were in high demand at stores such as this Festival Foods in Oshkosh.

For students without web access, the chancellor said campuses will remain open and areas will be set up for students to work without congregating.

"This is all about social distancing," he said. "We want to put as much distance as we can between individuals."

The university is considering consolidating students remaining on campus into a single residence hall for hygiene purposes, he said. Faculty and instructional staff are receiving details on the transition to alternative instruction, and campus employees will continue to report to work unless directed otherwise.

UW Oshkosh also suspended on-campus events and all sponsored domestic and international travel. Within the detailed information provided on the campus website's Student Health page at uwosh.edu, students were advised to take essential belongings, academic materials, laptops and medications with them from now through spring break.

Travel alerts, particularly in Level 2 and 3 affected areas, have been posted and have noted a student recalled from Italy and a trip to South Korea canceled. Campus community members may be required to self-isolate for 14 days depending on where they have traveled to and from, regardless of exhibiting symptoms.

Photo by Michael Cooney

Municipal services

In accordance with the statewide public health emergency, City Manager Mark Rohloff declared a state of emergency on the local level that follows recommendations for preemptive measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

"This declaration is a precautionary measure to enable the city to most effectively respond as needed," Rohloff said. "As we begin to feel the impact of COVID-19, the City of Oshkosh's top priority is the health, safety and welfare of our community."

All fire stations will be closed for walkins and the Police Department also is strongly discouraging walk-ins to its stations. Those needing assistance are asked to use non-emergency numbers for both agencies.

Other initial steps taken by the city:

• Posting of signs and information regarding preventive measures from the CDC in and around city facilities.

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Knights' season ends in competitive fashion

Iola-Scandinavia avenges last season's tourney loss

By Dustin Riese HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

KIMBERLY - After uncontrollable circumstances made life difficult for not only the WIAA but both Lourdes and Iola-Scandinavia, a game needed to be played with a trip to the sectional finals on the line. Seeded No. 1 and No. 2 in their brackets, the two Division 4 teams have been ranked in the top 10 all season.

Knowing that one of these great program's season would come to an end, fans were treated to what was expected as neither team could shake their opponent from start to finish. Despite a rough shooting night from deep, the Knights were able to hang with the Thunderbirds only to find themselves down four with less than 15 seconds to go.

A George Muench layup with six seconds left cut the lead to two, but the Knights were out of timeouts as the clock expired to give the Thunderbirds a 65-63 win.

"Tonight was just a well-fought game by both sides," head coach Dennis Ruedinger said. "Both teams came out ready to go and played hard for the entire 36 minutes. This is not the way we wanted it to end as we wanted to do something special, but that is just how it goes sometimes."

Preston Ruedinger, who became Lourdes' all-time leading scorer last Saturday, received the Thunderbirds' attention early with a good defensive effort, but the combination of Jack McKellips and Jack



Preston Ruedinger drives against Iola-Scandinavia in Thursday's sectional contest at Kimberly before a restricted crowd. The Knights' season ended at 22-3 overall and 14-0 in conference.

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Accident of Evolution or Child of God? That is the question. What does protein synthesis say? (part 1 of 2)

My name is George, and I am a protein that works in a recycle plant in my home cell. I would like to tell you how I was made because I value your opinion as to why I exist. Some say it was serendipity; others say design for a purpose. Whatever you conclude about me will also apply to other proteins that are the scaffolding in cells, the oxygen transporters, muscles, motors, mechanized gates, the builders and facilitators in every bodily process.

It began when my gene (the recipe for making me) was copied. It was in my cell's library on two chains that form a helix. I heard it called DNA and each chain had four different links named with single letters.

How was it copied? The library's workers did it, uncoiling and separating the two chains of the section of helix that contained my gene. Other workers straddled the lower chain of my gene, slid along it and assembled a copy of the letters on the upper chain. The new copy was not named George (sigh!), but rather mRNA. It was detached from the DNA, threaded through a pore in the library's wall and guided to a place that assembles proteins.

a protein, I was merely a polypeptide. (Peptide is glue that holds amino acids together.)

A curious thing is my mRNA has about three times more links (nucleotides) than me and my links (amino acids) are not the same as his. RNA has four different links and I have twenty. So how is the mRNA's information, written with four letters, translated into the twenty letter alphabet of proteins? The answer is incredibly neat and simple.

The answer is called the genetic code. The genetic code uses triplets of RNA nucleotides called codons to designate the amino acids of proteins. RNA's nucleotides, designated by the first letter of their names, are A, U, C, and G. Amino acids have names like proline, valine and lysine. Two examples are: CCG is a codon for a proline amino acid and GUA is a codon for a valine. One codon

Huizenga helped the Knights race to an early 11-4 lead.

Given Lourdes' scoring potential, Iola couldn't fall too much more behind and began taking on the Knights defense with Connor Kurki and Brye Hardel scoring to make it 11-9. Back up four after Ruedinger's first two points of the night, the Knights' McKellips pushed the lead back to seven as he drilled one of their few threes of the night.

Needing offense in a hurry, the Thunderbirds turned to leading scorer Justin Sivertson as he picked up a tough bucket in the paint before Parker Prahl and Kurki gave Iola their first lead at 17-16. Huizenga continued his big first half with five quick points and the Thunderbirds answered to keep things tied 21-21.

Down by two late in the half after a Prahl three-pointer, McKellips hit a floater in the lane with just under a minute to go. Time expired after a missed Lourdes shot to keep it at 24-24.

Lourdes found immediate offense in the second half as Josh Bauer scored on a foul and completed the three-point play to retake the lead. Another Bauer layup and a pair of Muench baskets down low gave the Knights their largest lead at 34-26 on a 10-2 run.

As Iola cranked up its defense, Will Cady earned a pair of free throws down low before Sivertson and Prahl brought things to within two. Another Muench bucket put an end to that brief run, but a pair of deep three's from Hardel gave the Thunderbirds a 40-38 lead.

McKellips continued to play well in the lane, getting another runner to fall, but cold shooting from the outside allowed Iola to take their largest lead at 49-44.

"We are who we are," coach Ruedinger said. "Shooting from the outside has been a big key for us this season and you don't change when you get this far into a season. You live and die by the three and tonight it just wasn't there for us."

Not going down without a fight, Bauer scored inside ahead of a Caden Chier layup to get within two at 50-48. But the fouls for Lourdes began to pile up, sending a very good free throw shooting team to the line.

Ruedinger was hurt on a drive to the basket and temporarily left the game. As Iola continued to hold the lead, he returned with the same aggressive offense to score the Knights' next eight points from the line. But Iola matched those free throws led by Sivertson.

Ruedinger connected on his first three of the night to close the gap to 60-59 and make it 11 straight points for his team.

The machine that built me (a ribosome) looked like an open clam. Several workers positioned my mRNA on the base, and lowered the lid. The lid had a slit which exposed nine of mRNA's links (nucleotides). The slit's purpose was not to relieve mRNA's claustrophobia but to let savvy workers read the links.

Floating around nearby were many L-shaped fellows, who would pop into and out of the slit. (I'll explain later what they were doing.) They were called tRNAs. Each had one of my amino acids attached to his head. When the clam was done with my mRNA, I would exist as a chain of about 500 amino acids. At that stage of my life instead of being

marks the start of the mRNA and three are end markers.

This is what the tRNA's were doing - darting into and out of the clam's slit. They read the codons on the mRNA in the order in which they appear and make a chain of amino acids with the same order. If the order is lysine, proline, serine and tyrosine, lysine's tRNA arrives first followed by proline's tRNA, next serine's and tyrosine's.

As each tRNA arrives, workers detach the polypeptide from the preceding tRNA and attach it to the new arrival's amino acid. This continues until a stop codon appears.

Over a hundred assembly workers so far. Does that sound like serendipity OR design for a purpose? (to be continued)

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Down by three, Ruedinger pulled up in hopes of hitting another clutch shot as he has frequently this season. It looked good off his hand, but as Ruedinger said, it wasn't his team's night from deep as it went long to Sivertson, who iced the game from line.

With the loss, the Knights finished a perfect 14-0 in Trailways East play and 22-3 overall. After stepping away from coaching before returning this season, Ruedinger knows he had a special group of senior leaders.

"I think when you look at every great team, they all have one thing in common," Ruedinger said. "That thing is great senior leadership and we certainly had that this season. We had a group of guys who loved Lourdes basketball. They have had a great career here and it was fun to coach them this season."

Athletic directors attempt to adjust to cancellations, spring strategy

By Dustin Riese Herald contributor

These last few weeks were supposed to be special – especially for high school and college seniors – as winter sports were wrapping up. That included the WIAA Girls State Championship, boys sectional basketball and NCAA Tournaments.

When teams should be cutting down nets and holding up trophies, the recent spread of the global COVID-19 pandemic forced a tough decision to pull the plug on all winter sports.

Besides the teams who worked so hard to get to this part of the season, the unpredictability of spring sports becomes the next issue. When April 1 hits, the plan would be to pick spring sports back up with the goal of finishing out the season despite the NCAA cancelling all spring championships for this season.

Nothing has been determined for high school spring sports beyond the initial suspension of activities until April 6, such as whether the season can be pushed back, as the WIAA convenes in coming weeks.

With no long-term decision in place, lo-

cal athletic directors are planning to have a spring season until they hear otherwise. Craig Lieder, Oshkosh North athletic director and baseball coach, is trying to put the kids first knowing how much they deserve to play.

"Right now I am operating like everything will be a full go for the spring sports season," Lieder said. "That is until I am told otherwise. As coaches and athletic directors, we owe it to the student-athletes, coaches, officials, game workers and fans to go about business as usual given the amount of time we all invest in our student athletes."

Some athletic directors are taking more of a long-term approach in hopes of making the best decision possible for everyone involved. Lourdes Athletic Director Kevin Wopat made the tough decision to suspend all athletic activities until further notice, including practices and competitions.

"We are not fully cancelling the season," he said. "We are just putting things on hold for now to let this play out and then we will reassess things from there."

Oshkosh West Athletic Director Brad Jordarski has been following this situation as close as everyone else but knows change can happen in the blink of an eye.

"Things are changing daily regarding COVID-19 and sometimes even hourly," Jordarski said. "I can only hope that the many steps that are being taken now will allow us to get back to some resemblance of normal as soon as possible. I really feel for the students and I hope we are able to have some sort of spring season for them if we even have one at all.

"However, I do understand there are more important factors at play here than high school sports itself," he added. "Hopefully we can get this virus under control in the near future."

Travis Wilson, general manager and contact editor for Wissports.net and someone who works closely with the WIAA, did not have a timeline as to when to expect high school sports to resume.

"I don't have say or much authority to determine if or when spring sports would be played," he said. "I do think it is foolish to expect no impacts to spring sports, however. The question now is more about how long they will be impacted, not if."







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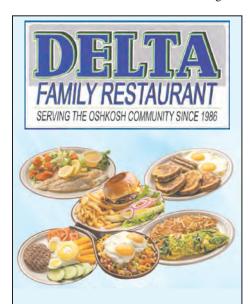
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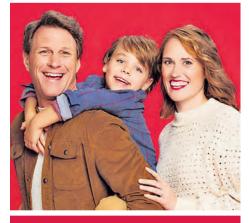
Three UW Oshkosh track standouts get regional honors

Senior Hannah Lohrenz and freshmen Libby Geisness and Emma Warr were the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh's three selections to the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association's NCAA Division III All-Midwest Region Women's Indoor Track & Field Team.

A total of 790 all-region awards were distributed among the nation's eight Division III regions. The top five individuals and top three relay squads in each event from each region earned all-region distinction. Lohrenz received all-region mention in the mile run, Geisness in the 800-meter run and Warr in the pole vault. All three competed in the NCAA Division III Indoor Track & Field Championship in Winston-Salem, N.C., last weekend.



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

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

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

Vote on as many categories as you'd like, but your ballot must include a minimum of 30 category nominations for your ballot to register.

Totals registered by our analyst will be considered final. This is a paper ballot contest. No funny stuff can happen online nor will photocopied or downloaded ballots be accepted. Please find a paper issue of the Herald with a ballot.

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

Walleye limits reduced to 3 beginning in April

As the open water season approaches, the daily walleye bag limit will be reduced to three of any size for all Winnebago System waters effective April 1.

The state Department of Natural Resources is working to inform Winnebago System walleye anglers of bag limit changes on Winnebago System waters including Poygan, Winneconne, Butte des Morts and Winnebago and their tributaries from their mouths upstream to the first dam.

The department evaluates the Winnebago walleye population annually to sustain a strong population and provide good recreational fishing opportunities.

Average annual adult female walleye exploitation is estimated at 32.2 percent and surpassed 40 percent in eight of the last 27 years, well above the 35 percent threshold often suggested for maintaining walleye populations.

The department began discussing the potential for regulation changes in 2016 and solicited input from local clubs and stakeholders, and attained additional input from three public meetings in March 2018. The department then asked the walleye bag limit reduction question at the 2018 and 2019 Wisconsin Conservation Congress Spring Hearings and received positive public feedback both years.

The walleye bag limit reduction to three fish for the Winnebago System is expected to remain in place indefinitely. Department fisheries staff will continue to evaluate the Winnebago walleye population annually to ensure that the proper regulations are in place by working with local volunteers to conduct annual core surveys that include the spring spawning stock assessment and Lake Winnebago bottom trawl assessment.

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Karnitz named WIAC gymnastics coach of year

The Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference named University of Wisconsin Oshkosh's Lauren Karnitz as its 2020 Women's Gymnastics Coach of the Year. Karnitz received the



time after guiding the Titans to a first-place finish at the WIAC

Wild Ones Fox Valley schedules annual plant sale

Wild Ones Fox Valley Area is holding its annual Native Plant Sale. The nursery plants are in 4-inch pots with 1 to 2 years' growth.

Grasses, sedges and forbs for all types of habitat are available, along with a variety of native trees and shrubs from Johnson's Championship held March 7 in Eau Claire. The league title was the 15th for the Titans and first since 1996.

UW Oshkosh, which compiled an 8-1 record against its seven WIAC rivals during the regular season, defeated all challengers at the league championship with a score of 189.675. The Titans accumulated their second-highest score of the season by earning counts of 47.55 on the vault, 47.60 in the floor exercise, 47.275 on the vault and 47.25 on the balance beam.

Nursery that must be preordered.

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PERMANENT SOLUTION TO CLOGGED GUTTERS

Be the positive energy in current situation

By Karen Schneider HERALD PUBLISHER

By the time you read this it will already be outdated.

The world as we know it is changing by the minute. At this writing Monday morning Oshkosh area schools are closed until at least April 5, the Oshkosh Public Library and Oshkosh Pubic Museum are closed, restaurants are gearing up to be drive-thru or delivery only. Oshkosh Transit is still operating, but it could be a matter of time before they follow Green Bay's lead and suspend public transit.

By now we are ready to expect the unexpected. Social distancing is a term I never heard until last week, but it doesn't mean we need to be socially isolated.

As we adapt to this challenge, let's each be the person we want our neighbor, friend, relative to be and do for someone what you hope someone would do for

Herald office hours could be restricted

Oshkosh Herald offices may close based on health department recommendations. Please contact us via email or our direct lines listed on Page 2 in each issue.

you.

Call those living alone. Post a note on neighborhood social platforms to see if anyone needs something you can provide. Make an extra plate for your neighbor. Or do as Dennis King did: Find a way to make a human connection with someone not allowed visitors during this time.

Dennis and his siblings visited his 97-year-old mom at Park View Health Center where they are in lockdown. He visited with his mom on the phone (see photo) while holding a sign of support for her to see.

There are many small acts of kindness we can do that may not seem significant, but all the small acts build upon our foundation and fill in the gaps and cracks caused by stress of this situation. In the end, Oshkosh will be a better, more grounded community.

City Picks ballots may be dropped off in the lobby at 923 S. Main St. by Friday's deadline.

We apologize for any inconvenience.





Submitted photo

From a distance

With restrictions at local nursing homes, Sallie Porto (from left) and Tom and Dennis King found a different way for a short visit with their 97-year-old mother, Florence King, at Park View Health Center. They were outside of her room while she talked to them on the phone. Dennis said that although his mother was a bit confused at first, she quickly adapted and waved heartily.



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Thursday, March 19

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

Friday, March 20

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

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

Saturday, March 21

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

Correction

MARCH 11, PAGE 4: The Magnet owners Tylor and Tamara Peterson's names were misspelled in a story about the business, and happy hour is 3-6 p.m. Monday through Friday.



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Tuesday, March 24

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

Thursday, March 26

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

Friday, March 27

Marine Corps League Bingo, 5:30 p.m., Marine Corps League

Ian Gould, 8 p.m., O'Marro's Public House, 2211 Oregon St.

Saturday, March 28

Expand Your Garden with Native Perennials, 9 a.m., Coughlin Center, 625 E. County Y

Absentee voting urged

With the end to public health restrictions not clearly in sight, voters are encouraged to vote absentee for the April 7 election.

To request an absentee ballot online, residents can go to myvote.wi.gov or email the city clerk to request the ballot; the request deadline is 5 p.m. April 2.



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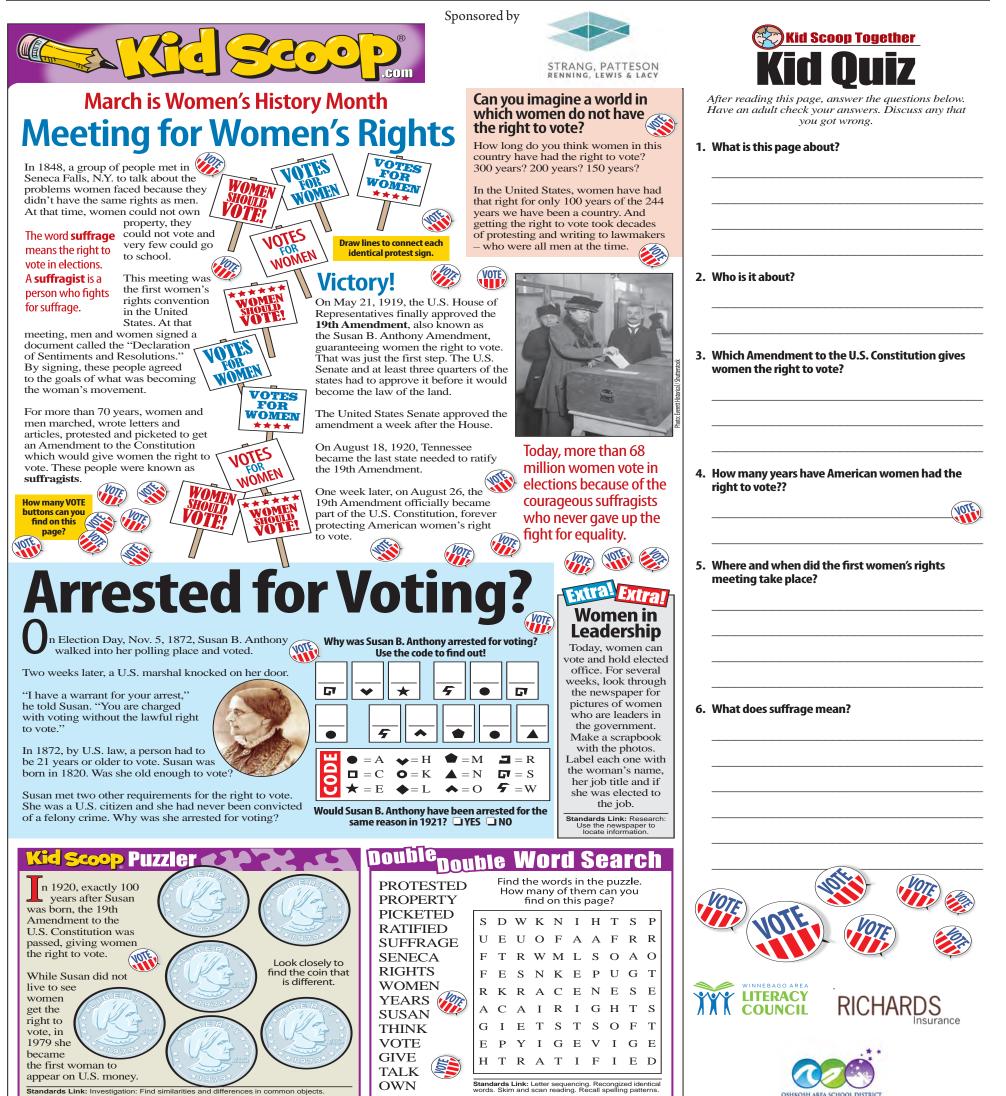
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