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Commencement at UWO online

By Joseph Schulz
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh will host a virtual commencement program May 16, Chancellor Andrew Leavitt announced Friday.

“We plan to include as much of the pomp and circumstance that would mark an in-person ceremony,” Leavitt wrote.

Graduates are invited to walk in the midyear commencement ceremony after the fall semester, which is set for Dec. 19 at UWO, Leavitt said.

He wrote that the decision to cancel the in-person commencement ceremony for the spring semester was “painful.”

“We arrived at these options based on feedback we received from students, both in emails they sent to me personally and their responses to the survey that our commencement team created,” Leavitt wrote. “We look forward to ‘seeing’ our graduates and university community on May 16 as we participate from far and wide through the marvel of technology in this important moment.”

Council adds 2 new members

Erickson, Ford gain seats with Mugerauer

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh voters navigated through the obstacles created by coronavirus precautions to choose their new Common Council and school district’s Board of Ed-

ucation in the state primary election.

Unofficial results for three seats on the Common Council showed challenger Lynnsey Erickson leading all vote-getters with 5,890, followed by incumbent Matt Mugerauer with 5,637 and UW Oshkosh professor Michael Ford taking the third open seat with 4,670 votes to edge out incumbent Bill Miller, who had 4,548.

For two seats on the Oshkosh Area School District’s board, incumbents Barb

Herzog and Bob Poeschl were easily re-elected over challenger Jen Sullivan.

In the only contested race for a Winnebago County supervisor representing Oshkosh, Julie Gordon retained her seat against challenger Joe Stephenson.

Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Daniel Kelly also was losing to challenger Jill Karofsky in an election that went to the

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Photo by April Lee

Workers continue to perform essential duties at places such as at this local convenience store.

Employees meet special challenges

Essential services put many in anxious position

By Joseph Schulz
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Thousands of workers in Wisconsin are coping with a heightened sense of anxiety as they risk exposure to COVID-19 to provide residents with essential goods and services.

Some of the businesses still open are stores selling groceries or medicine, restaurants offering carryout or delivery, and others providing the “necessities of life,” according to Gov. Tony Evers’ Safer at Home order.

Many of the jobs providing necessities such as cashiers, fast-food workers and retail staff face an elevated risk for COVID-19 exposure due to their proximity to others. Many earn less than the national median income and lack paid sick leave.

Oshkosh resident Grant Hunter, who works at a local grocery store, said the pandemic is “worrisome” because he’s

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School district leads expanded free meal effort

Oshkosh Herald

More than 50,000 meals were distributed by the end of last week through the Oshkosh Area School District’s Free Grab-and-Go Meal Program since it launched March 17 as an expanded effort to serve a community in need during the ongoing pandemic.

Meal packages ramped up from 5,448 in the first week to 20,267 given out in the fourth week that closed Thursday ahead of a Good Friday break, when four days’ worth of items were provided to cover the longer weekend.

More than two-thirds of the meals are going to students, for which the district is reimbursed, while the larger need to feed families in general required outside funding that included notable donors such as

Dynamic Drinkware (\$25,000), Humanity First USA (\$4,800), JEK Foundation (\$5,000) and Service League of Oshkosh (\$1,000) among others.

“We are so grateful to continue to be able to meet this growing need in our community,” the school district’s website states. “And we are so grateful for the many incredible individuals that are making it all happen.”

A letter received by food staff members from a student while distributing meals was shared by Superintendent Vickie Cartwright as an example of the appreciation expressed to those making it happen.

“Thank you for being a hero during this time and for helping the community. You’re awesome,” part of the letter read.

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Photo from Oshkosh Area School District

School Superintendent Vickie Cartwright (second from left) and other members of the food distribution crew work the Tipler Middle School pickup location on South Eagle Street last week.



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Local news coverage keeps us informed

An article titled “The Coronavirus Is Killing Local News” was published in The Atlantic magazine’s March 25 issue by Steven Waldman and Charles Sennott that starts, “Among the important steps you should take during this crisis: Wash your hands. Don’t touch your face. And buy a subscription to your local newspaper.”

We are fortunate to have a weekly community newspaper reaching the majority of Oshkosh and a daily newspaper that is a part of a larger media company whose network provides regional and national news as well as investigative journalism. Around the country too many communities are a news desert with no local media covering schools, government or community events.

Local newspapers engage readers and create momentum. In last week’s Herald we shared the story of Ken Osmond, owner of Planet Perk, and how he is providing meals to those in need. Osmond posted on Planet Perk’s Facebook page Thursday afternoon, “After the Oshkosh Herald article appeared, everyday angels started appearing. People with cards, donations, food and offers to volunteer came at us in huge waves.”

Earlier this month we collaborated with the Oshkosh Area United Way and Mercy Health Foundation on “Together Oshkosh”— a poster to put in a window to join proverbial hands with neighbors. We launched a letter-writing campaign for those isolated from friends and families in assisted living and nursing homes.

Lana Teisberg, a program specialist for Evergreen skilled nursing, shared, “... residents were so happy and excited to



Karen Schneider
Oshkosh Herald publisher

read the letters. ... They couldn’t believe someone would go out of their way to write them such a kind letter, so thank you for getting these to them!”

The local daily and its Gannett Wisconsin Media group have been instrumental in bringing statewide attention to teen suicide and children’s mental health in the Kids In Crisis series, raised awareness to the mental health of farmers, and of course keep us in the know of our beloved Packers and Brewers.

They are also the recipient of a grant from Report for America, a national service program that places journalists

in local newsrooms and helps pay up to half their salaries. The four positions will cover important issues facing people of Wisconsin: people in rural communities, the state’s Native American communities, and African American and Latino communities, as well as other ethnic groups.

The partnering newsrooms are raising money to pay the other half of a reporter’s salary; information on how to help is at www.greenbaypressgazette.com.

The coronavirus has put heavy weight on many in this industry where furloughs and pay decreases have already been implemented. The businesses that are closing are our customers, those who make the Herald and Gannett able to provide a valued product that requires community support.

If able, can we count on your support? To support the Oshkosh Herald check the first column on this page.



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Easter bunny service

Local Veterans of Foreign Wars members helped gather and distribute Easter baskets for children Saturday at Planet Perk.

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Pass/fail system in place for UW Oshkosh semester

By Joseph Schulz
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh will switch to an optional pass/fail grading system for the spring semester, according to John Koker, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Koker announced Thursday that students will still receive letter grades, but at the end of the semester they will have the option to receive either a pass credit, a pass other or a no count grade.

The new grading system will not affect students' GPAs and the deadline to apply is June 3, he said.

For undergraduate students, a letter grade of a C or better will count for a pass credit; a grade of a C minus, D plus, D or

D minus will count as a pass other; and an F would count as a no count grade.

For graduate students, a letter grade of a B or higher will count for a pass credit; a grade of a C, C plus, or B minus will count as a pass other; and an F will be a no count.

Requests by undergraduates with a declared major will be reviewed by an adviser and determined by the college office of their major.

Undeclared undergraduate requests will be reviewed by the Undergraduate Advising Resource Center and other student support offices determined by the registrar. Graduate student requests will be reviewed by program advisers or coordinators.

"All requests and changes made will be

communicated to you no later than June 26, 2020," Koker said. "We expect requests to be approved unless there is a negative impact on a student's academic progress or programmatic accreditation."

The university will not be placing students on academic probation or suspension due to poor grades during this semester, he said.

"We will put some support mechanisms in for those students who return in the fall and maybe would have been suspended or put on probation," Koker said.

Students have until May 15 to drop classes without affecting their GPA, he said.

"This has been a very anxious time for many of our students," Koker said. "Some of our students are worried and this would relieve some of that anxiety, (and) allow them to concentrate on their learning outcomes in their coursework."

He added that UWO has not yet decided whether to hold in person classes this summer but will make a decision "very soon."

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Source – The Oshkosh Northwestern
April 13, 1984

NOTICE OF CITY OF OSHKOSH GRASS CUTTING REQUIREMENTS

Residents are reminded that blowing or placing grass clippings, leaves, or other debris onto the street is prohibited. Storm water runoff carries grass clippings and other debris on the street pavement surfaces into the storm sewer system. The City of Oshkosh's storm water runoff drains directly to local lakes, rivers, and streams. Storm water runoff is not treated at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Debris carried by storm water runoff can cause inlets and storm sewers to plug and this can lead to flooding. Additionally, grass clippings and leaves contain nutrients that help feed algae blooms on adjoining waterways.

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Five Keys to Navigating Market Pullback

As an investor, you constantly want to see your portfolio move just one way – up. But that's not possible, because the financial markets will always fluctuate. So, if you're going to invest for many decades, you need to be prepared for many ups and downs. Still, the recent market pullback from record highs, caused largely by the coronavirus, may have you particularly concerned. How can you navigate this environment?

Here are five suggestions:

- **Avoid the temptation to panic.** This pullback, while unsettling and unprecedented because of its speed, won't last forever. And when it ends, you'll still want to be invested in the financial markets, because the biggest gains usually occur in the earliest stages of a market rally. Of course, there are no guarantees in the investment world, but we've seen many examples of this pullback/rebound pattern throughout history.

- **Measure your progress against your goals.** In the midst of a market downturn, it's tempting to look back longingly at the peak value of your portfolio, and that's especially true these days, when that high point may well have been just a couple of months ago. But this isn't a good "measuring stick" of your financial situation. Instead, consider the overall progress you've made toward your long-term goals since you first started investing. If you've been at it for quite some time – at least a decade – you'll probably see that you've actually come a long way, despite what's happened lately. So, if your goals haven't changed, your strategy to achieve them shouldn't either.

- **Put time on your side.** If you are investing for goals that may be two or three decades away, you have the advantage of time to overcome market downturns, even severe ones. After all, you weren't going to be cashing in long-term investments now, anyway. That's not to say this pullback is irrelevant, of course – it may indeed slow your progress toward your goals, but it still shouldn't stop you from achieving them. Here's another point: If you need money from your portfolio for short-term goals, such as a wedding or a long vacation, you should keep those funds in investments that offer greater protection of principal – such as high-quality bonds and government securities – and are far less susceptible to fluctuating financial markets.

- **Benefit from diversification.** The headlines show how much the major stock market indexes, such as the Dow Jones Industrial Average, have fallen. But if you've built a diversified portfolio, containing a mix of stocks, bonds and other investments, your own results, while not great, are probably much better. Although diversification can't always prevent losses or guarantee profits, it can help reduce the impact of volatility on your holdings and smooth out returns.

- **Go "against the crowd."** When prices are falling, it's not hard to join the crowd and start selling, in an attempt to "cut losses." But cutting losses really means locking them in. Right now, prices of quality investments are lower than they've been in years, which can make for compelling buying opportunities for those investors willing to go against the crowd.

Even by following these moves, you can't eliminate all the effects of the market drop – but you may be able to create a softer landing for yourself.

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Van Dyne Lionesses in transition with merger

Local organizations had to decide on status

By Samantha Strong
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

After receiving an order from Lions Club International, the Van Dyne Lionesses service club will no longer be recognized by the international group as a sanctioned organization.

Nationwide, Lioness clubs have three options: continue to operate as normal but lose all funding, support and backing of the overall organization; merge with the local Lions club and all Lioness members become Lions members; or continue to operate as normal but change their name to a Lions Lioness club and become a Lions club.

“Ending the Lioness clubs was a decision made by the Lions Clubs International board of directors in April 2018 because we feel that men and women should have equal opportunity to be full-fledged Lions members,” Shauna Schuda, Lions Club International senior media relations specialist, said. “We recognize that many Lioness clubs have a strong sense of fellowship and may want to keep their identity as a Lioness in their Lions club name. In these cases, we recommend that the club apply for an official club charter and take advantage of the incentives we’ve put in place to make this transition easier.”

Schuda said Lions International created a bridge program to encourage Lionesses and Lioness clubs to join and continue receiving the benefits of membership. Incentives include:

- No minimum number of members (typically need 20).
- Charter fee for existing clubs waived.
- Years as a Lioness carry over to Lions membership.
- Half international dues credit from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021.

The Van Dyne chapter has until next year to decide what they want to do, but tensions are already running high among both Van Dyne Lions and the Lionesses.

Some Lionesses have already become members of the Van Dyne Lions, but not all Lioness members agree this is the right step to take. One of the main concerns is that their group does a lot of hands-on volunteer work that might be lost if the groups merge.

Bonnie Hughes, former Lioness president, said that over the years the group has done projects as diverse as sewing blankets for community members receiving an organ transplant to hosting community bingo.

“I was just heartsick when I found out we couldn’t continue doing what we’ve always been doing,” Hughes said, referencing the Lionesses working in concert with the Van Dyne Lions. “We work well together, we do our fundraisers together, we split the profits. We’re reaching twice as many people. There’s going to be a change and unfortunately we can’t do anything about it.”

Holly Niemeyer is a member of the Van Dyne Lionesses and the Van Dyne Lions, one of the first three women who joined both organizations. She sits on the board of both clubs and said she joined the Lions because she wanted to be involved in the community, and is taking a large role in bringing change to one of the communi-



Submitted photo

Holly Niemeyer was one of the first women to join the Van Dyne Lions and Lionesses.

ty’s largest events: Van Dyne Small Town USA Day, which takes place in August.

“We don’t want to lose what we already have, we just want to re-energize it and put a new spin on it,” Niemeyer said. “We want to attract more people. We have some exciting ideas. There hasn’t really been anything new done in 10 years.”

If the Safer at Home regulations are no longer in place, this year’s event will include a parade, music from the 1980s and ’90s, and, of course, food.

Niemeyer said she will continue to be in the Lioness club in any case.

Tom Wendt, incoming governor of the Van Dyne Lions, said the club will gladly welcome any Van Dyne Lioness who wants to join.

“I would definitely support them if they wanted to keep their own club,” Wendt said. “It’s definitely strengthened our organization to have included women. On

the local level, women bring the diversity and new ideas. We want more female input into our organization.”

Some service organizations in Oshkosh have already integrated their clubs to include men and women, such as Elks Lodge No. 262. In 1995, an amendment to the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Elks was made allowing women to join the previously all-male organization. The amendment came just after a lawsuit was filed involving the New York Civil Liberties Union and Women’s Rights Project of the ACLU.

While there are currently more men than women in Lodge 262, there are more women than men on the governance board, including the Exalted Ruler, which is the equivalent of organization president.

Jeannie Lange just wrapped up her one-year term as Exalted Ruler of the Oshkosh lodge and said the lodge does not have any issues with women’s involvement and serving in leadership positions.

She said it wasn’t always like that and there were challenges she needed to overcome specifically because she is a woman.

“I think any woman coming into an all-male or majority male organization has to have a very strong personality and beliefs,” Lange said. “You have to have the guts to stand up and stand behind your beliefs.”

Lange said the Elks women are a strong group but there are still women and men who refer to the lodge as “the men.”

“It’s that mindset that for so many years it was strictly men,” Lange said. “So I guess as a woman, you have to be a little more savvy, you have to know your stuff. That’s what it boils down to. Women are being more accepted, but it’s taken longer.”

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Residents may also take yard waste and brush to the City Yard Waste drop-off center located on West 3rd Avenue, between Ohio Street and Idaho Street. **Note: A PERMIT IS REQUIRED TO ACCESS THE DROP-OFF CENTER AND THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF OSKOSH PROHIBITS COMMERCIAL ENTITIES FROM USING THE SITE.** Permits can be purchased at the Collections counter at City Hall, located at 215 Church Avenue; or at Kitz & Pfeil Ace Hardware, located at 427 North Main Street.

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AirVenture hopes to stay on course for July dates

The Experimental Aircraft Association is continuing to plan for AirVenture Oshkosh on July 20-26 while preparing for scenarios that could alter or delay the current schedule.

Jack Pelton, EAA chief executive and chairman, noted that its headquarters have been closed with all staff working from home while continuing production of the monthly magazine, digital offerings

and AirVenture planning. He said onsite preparation for the annual convention doesn't happen until May when volunteer work parties start the work to prepare the grounds.

"We have already identified those tasks that could be deferred until June, while still enabling us to have a safe and successful event in late July," Pelton wrote in an online message. "Currently our timetable

for our next major decision point is not until May. In the meantime, we are continually preparing and in planning mode, which includes a variety of 'what-if' scenarios.

"The choices are stay the course, delay or cancel. Of course, the ability to delay would be dependent on volunteer support and exhibitor commitment and probably could not be later than late August."

Demonstration teams with three of the top fighters in the U.S. military fleet are planned to be featured this year during the fly-in at Wittman Regional Airport.

The F-16 Fighting Falcon, F-22 Raptor and F-35 Lightning II will be flown and on display throughout the week for EAA's 68th event.

"As we continue to plan for a full AirVenture event this summer, EAA members and other attendees overwhelmingly tell us that they love to see the speed and power of modern military aircraft on display," said Dennis Dunbar, director of AirVenture air show operations. "The pilots of these aircraft love flying at Oshkosh as well, as they know they are performing

in front of one of the most knowledgeable and appreciative air show audiences they'll find anywhere."

The F-16 Viper Demonstration Team will fly its own performances and participate as part of the Air Force Heritage Flight program, which matches current military aircraft with warbirds from previous eras. It comes to Oshkosh from Shaw Air Force Base in South Carolina.

The F-22 Raptor Demonstration Team demonstrates the abilities of the Lockheed Martin F-22, which was introduced by the Air Force in 1997 and is one of the premier air superiority fighter jets. The team's headquarters is at Joint Base Langley-Eustis in Virginia.

The F-35A Lightning II Demonstration Team will also fly both solo and Heritage Flight performances with Capt. Kristin "Beo" Wolfe piloting. She is the Air Force's first female F-35A team pilot and commander. It is based at Hill Air Force Base in Utah.

Exact dates and times of each team performance will be announced as they are finalized.

Jefferson school honored by state

Jefferson Elementary was among 107 schools to receive Wisconsin Title 1 Schools of Recognition honors for the 2019-2020 school year by the state Department of Public Instruction. This is the third consecutive year that Jefferson has received this award.

The school earned the "Beating the Odds" Award, which recognizes the top 25 percent of high-poverty schools that have above-average student achievement in reading and mathematics. The award recognizes efforts of students, families, teachers and staff to break the link be-

tween poverty and low academic achievement. Details on the awards are at <https://dpi.wi.gov>.

"Our educators are incredibly committed to the success of every child, and our schools are places where all children, regardless of their background, are supported and able to thrive," Superintendent Vickie Cartwright said. "This is a well-deserved recognition for the staff, students and families at Jefferson Elementary School."

All Schools of Recognition receive Title I funding for services to high percentages of economically disadvantaged families.

Spring Hearings offer online input option

While the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) canceled the in-person portion of the statewide Spring Hearings that were set for this week, the public has the opportunity to provide input on the natural resources advisory questions through an online survey.

Online input will be accepted through a link on the Spring Hearing page of dnr.wi.gov that went live Monday and is open

until 7 p.m. Thursday.

"We look forward to hearing from the public on these many natural resource issues," said Larry Bonde, chairman of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress.

"We are doing our best to adjust to the current situation and protect the health of our communities while continuing to provide an opportunity for the public to weigh in."

Man drives into lake, dies after hit-run on Main

A 47-year-old man died last Tuesday after driving his vehicle into Lake Winnebago following a hit-and-run incident on South Main Street.

The Oshkosh Fire Department removed the man from his SUV and transported him to a local hospital, where he was pronounced dead from an injury he sustained. Police said no foul play is suspected.

At about 10:39 a.m. police were notified of an accident on South Main at 6th

Avenue involving a passenger car and the SUV, which reportedly rear ended the other vehicle. The driver of the passenger car pulled to the side of the road and told police the driver of the SUV fled the scene. The driver of the passenger car followed the SUV, which continued south on Main before going to the 24th Avenue boat launch and entering the lake. Police said occupants of the passenger car did not know the other driver.



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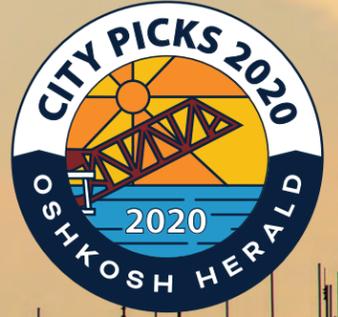
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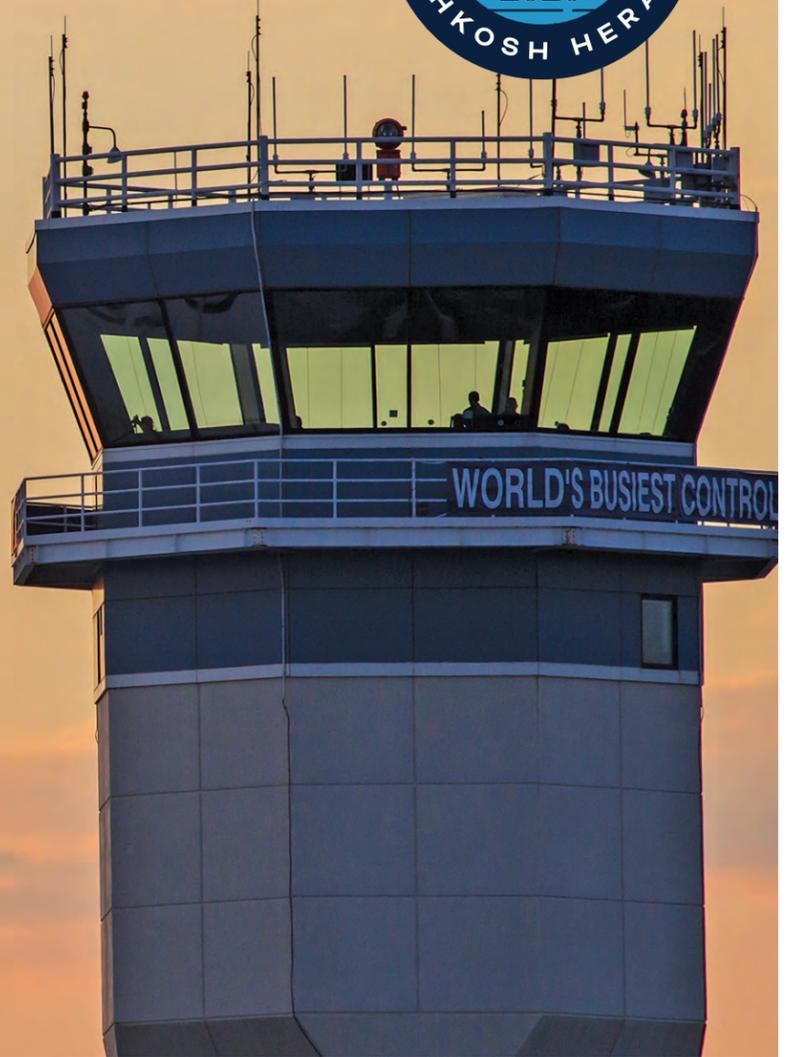
CITY PICKS 2020



Congratulations to the Oshkosh Herald's 2020 City Picks winners and finalists!

City Picks is a two-phase contest where readers choose their favorites in dining, entertainment and shopping. Phase One was an open ballot and readers nominated their choice. The top nominees in each category moved on to Phase Two.

Thank you to the hundreds of readers who took time to complete and submit ballots.



Fifth Ward Brewing had the most votes in its category.

WINNERS AND FINALISTS

Museum/Art Gallery

Winner: Paine Art Center
Finalists: EAA Museum
Oshkosh Public Museum

Performance Space/Theatre

Winner: Grand Oshkosh
Finalists: Leach Amphitheater
Time Community Theater

Patio

Winner: Dockside
Finalists: Fletch's
Ground Round

New Restaurant

(opened after Feb. 2019)
Winner: Greene's Pour House
Finalists: Gabe's
Takiza Mexican Cuisine

Chef

Winner: The Roxy - Wolfie
Finalists: Becket's/Wagner Market - Ruben Hernandez
TJ's Highlander - Michael England

Late-Night Food

Winner: Niko's Gyros
Finalists: Perkins
Taco Bell

Brewery

Winner: Fifth Ward Brewing
Finalists: Bare Bones Brewery
Fox River Brewery

Coffee Shop

Winner: New Moon
Finalists: Planet Perk
Starbucks

Breakfast

Winner: Mike's Place
Finalists: Pilora's
Two Brothers

Brunch

Winner: The Roxy
Finalists: Bar 430
Primo

Bakery

Winner: Festival Foods
Finalists: Piggly Wiggly
Tamara's the Cake Guru

Fine Dining

Winner: The Roxy
Finalists: Primo
TJ's Highland Steakhouse

Steak

Winner: The Roxy
Finalists: Mahoney's
TJ's Highland Steakhouse

Vegan/Vegetarian

Winner: Carrot & Kale
Finalists: Gardina's
Mahoney's

Juice/Smoothie

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Winner: West End Pizza
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The YMCA (top photo) had the most votes for Kids Party Place, Summer Camp, Youth Program, Yoga and Gym; Leon's (left) for Ice Cream and Desserts; and Pete's Garage for Burger, Dive Bar, Jukebox and Cheap Date.

Pancakes
Winner: Mike's Place
Finalists: IHOP Perkins

Omelet
Winner: Two Brothers
Finalists: Delta Restaurant Perkins

Burger
Winner: Pete's Garage
Finalists: Culver's Ruby Owl

Tacos
Winner: Cozumel
Finalists: Los Jarapeos Taco Bell

Barbecue
Winner: DD's BBQ
Finalists: Leon's Rodney's Cafe

Fish Fry
Winner: Parnell's
Finalists: Gabe's Mahoney's

Noodles/Ramen
Winner: Noodles & Co.
Finalists: Fuki Mama's Noodle Bar

Sushi
Winner: Sakura
Finalists: Fuki Manila

Italian
Winner: Benvenutos
Finalists: Olive Garden Primo

Mexican
Winner: Cozumel
Finalists: Durango's Los Jarapeos

Chicken
Winner: Parnell's
Finalists: Pizza Ranch Red's Pizza

Wings
Winner: The Bar
Finalists: Players Buffalo Wild Wings

Buffet
Winner: Primo
Finalists: Golden Corral Pizza Ranch

Ice Cream/Frozen Treats
Winner: Leon's
Finalists: Culver's Rhapsody's

Desserts
Winner: Leon's
Finalists: Caramel Crisp Tamara's the Cake Guru

Cheap Date
Winner: Pete's Garage
Finalists: Marcus Theatre Backlot Comedy House

Meat Market/Butcher Shop
Winner: Beck's Meats
Finalists: Festival Wagner Market

Kids Party Place
Winner: YMCA
Finalists: Fire Escape West End Pizza

Kids Clothing
Winner: Klassy Kids
Finalists: Carter's The Children's Place

Summer Camp
Winner: YMCA
Finalists: Fire Escape Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh

Youth Program
Winner: YMCA
Finalists: Jubricosa Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh

Birthday Cakes
Winner: LaSure's
Finalists: Dairy Queen Tamara's the Cake Guru

Family Restaurant
Winner: Two Brothers
Finalists: Delta Restaurant Mike's Place

Playground
Winner: South Park
Finalists: Little Oshkosh Sea & Sailor

Dance Club
Winner: Revs Bowl Bar & Grill
Finalists: French Quarter Molly McGuire's

Large Live Music Venue
Winner: Waterfest
Finalists: Leach Amphitheater Revs Bowl Bar & Grill

Intimate Live Music Venue
Winner: Fletch's
Finalists: Becket's Grand Oshkosh

Outdoor Venue
Winner: Leach Amphitheater
Finalists: Paine Art Center & Gardens Waterfest

DJ
Winners: DJ G-Spot and All American DJ - Kevin McHugh (T)
Finalists: Chuck Lakefield

Cocktail Bar
Winner: Bar 430
Finalists: Gabe's Mahoney's

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Winner: Pete's Garage
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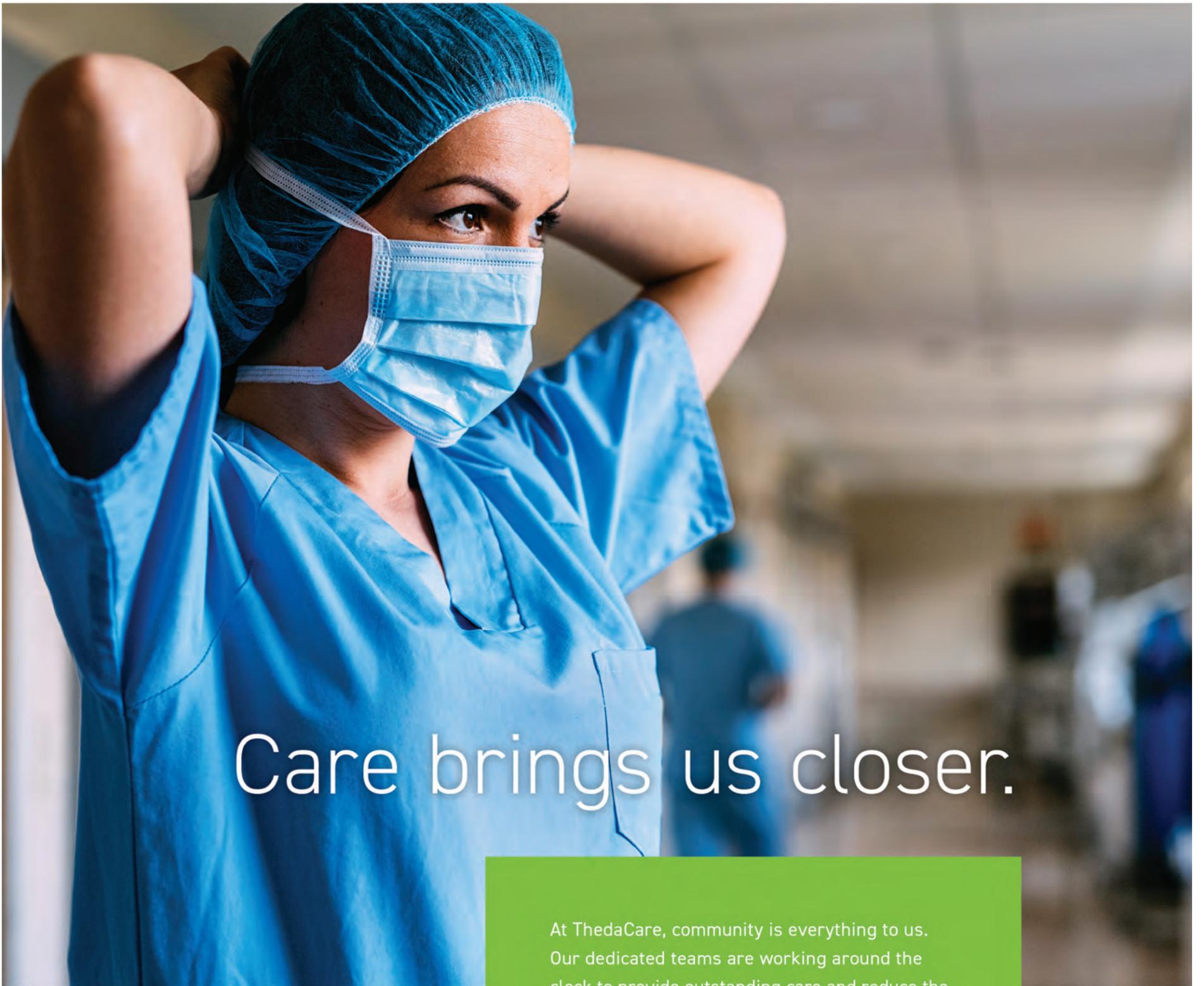
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State prisons deal with virus cases, lawsuit

By Joseph Schulz
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Three inmates at the Oshkosh Correctional Institution were confirmed to have COVID-19, according to the Department of Corrections website last week.

As of Thursday, there have been no confirmed cases among staff with a total of 12 completed tests at the facility, the website stated. Eight tests were reported as negative and one test is pending.

The prison has isolated the inmates confirmed to have the virus and is working to test those they have been in close contact with, according to state Rep. Michael Schraa, a Republican who represents the 53rd District and chairs the Assembly's Committee on Corrections.

COVID-19 has showed up at seven of the state's adult prisons. The only other one where inmates have tested positive is Columbia Correctional Institution, where there have been two positive tests. Staff members have tested positive at Columbia, Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility and Waupun Correctional Institution.

In response to positive tests, the Amer-

ican Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin filed a lawsuit in the state Supreme Court on Friday asking for the release of elderly and vulnerable people from state prisons to avoid an outbreak that could strain Wisconsin's health care capacity, according to a press release.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of two incarcerated individuals with pre-existing conditions by state criminal defense lawyers and Disability Rights Wisconsin.

It asks the court to order Gov. Tony Evers and corrections officials to decrease the prison population "to a level where social distancing is possible," giving priority to those at high risk of COVID-19 complications and death.

ACLU of Wisconsin executive director Chris Ott, in a written statement, described Wisconsin's prisons as a "ticking time bomb" that threatens public health.

"The very modest steps taken so far by state officials are simply not enough to prevent an outbreak that would strain our hospital system, endanger public health and claim thousands of lives," Ott said. "State officials have the power to avert this

catastrophe – and they have to act now."

The Department of Corrections facilities are roughly 30 percent over designed capacity, and the state has only reduced its prison population by 1.3 percent, the ACLU said. The lawsuit says a COVID-19 outbreak could overwhelm available hospital beds and ICU units in communities that have prisons.

In a written statement, ACLU staff attorney Tim Muth said public health experts believe reducing prison populations is necessary to combat the disease.

"Lives are at risk and we simply cannot afford to wait," Muth said. "We're asking the court to intervene and force state officials to take action to prevent state prisons from becoming dangerous powder kegs of this disease."

The ACLU says the number of people over age 50 in state prisons more than tripled between 2000 and 2016. The lawsuit also asks the Supreme Court to ask the circuit courts to take actions to reduce the number of people being held in jails awaiting trial.

Under Wisconsin law, the ACLU said

Evers has the power to issue reprieves for inmates during a health emergency and that after the emergency sentences could be reinstated.

The lawsuit is filed on behalf of two state prison inmates with pre-existing conditions. One of them is Ramond Ninneman, who is 66 and has 16 months remaining on a two-year sentence, the ACLU said. He has been diagnosed with cardiac disease leaving him with only 25-30 percent of heart function.

Ninneman's daughter, Rana, said in a press release that she fears her father's remaining 16 months could turn into a life sentence.

"The Department of Corrections hasn't even been able to provide adequate treatment for his heart condition, let alone put in place the social distancing measures needed to stop the spread of COVID-19," Rana said. "State officials need to act now so that my dad and other people with pre-existing conditions can come home where they can safely practice social distancing and help keep all of us healthy."

UW Oshkosh Head Start program keeps focus on families

Like other educational programs and institutions, the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh's Head Start program has transitioned from its regular in-person operations to helping families from a distance last month.

"We'd done zero teaching remotely, where as some college instructors may have done some remote teaching before. That's just not something you do in early childhood," said Lynn Hammen, director of UW

Oshkosh Head Start.

Head Start programs are free for families at or below the federal poverty level with early childhood programs, classroom curriculum and mental health, nutrition and disability services. UWO Head Start also gives students experience in fields like early childhood education and social work.

UWO Head Start closed its nine sites the week of March 16, impacting about 500 children in Winnebago, Outagamie, Calu-

met and Shawano counties. Children were given at-home learning kits while teachers are reaching out daily with ideas for educational activities through texts, emails, calls or video chats. Some are filming read-alouds, others their own musical numbers.

"One teacher actually made a little teaching corner in her home so that she could start each day by doing some of the same kinds of things she would do in her classroom," Hammen said. "She's videotaping

that. It's just super, super creative."

Family resource specialists are connecting weekly with families to see to it they have adequate support.

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Finalists: Durango's
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Finalists: Jeff's on Rugby
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Finalists: Pete H. @ Pete's
 Will @ Ruby Owl

Place for Sober Socializing

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Karaoke

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Finalists: The Spot
 Revs Bowl Bar & Grill

Jukebox

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Finalists: Johnny Rocket's
 Evil Roy Slades

Trivia Night

Winner: Ruby Owl
Finalists: Dublin's
 The Hangar

LGBTQ Bar

Winner: Deb's Spare Time
Finalists: Bar 430
 Pete's Garage

Billiards

Winner: The Magnet
Finalists: The Bar
 Varsity Club

Darts

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Finalists: Pixels Arcade
 The Bar

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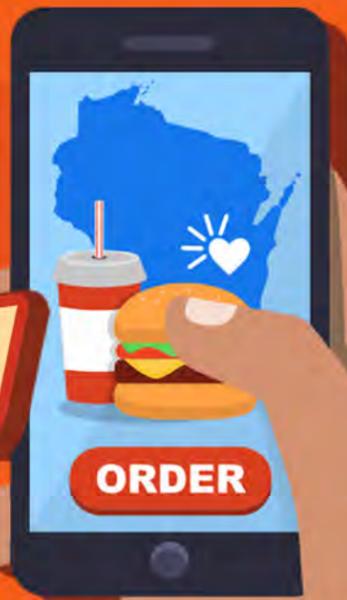
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Big Brothers, Sisters mentoring continues

Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Central Wisconsin (BBBS) is working to fight the effects of social isolation with creative new methods of mentoring.

On a typical day matches from BBBS would meet at schools, workplaces and out in the community. Now working from home, BBBS staff is keeping their Bigs (mentors) and Littles (mentees) in touch through virtual means like video chat, phone calls, emails and letters.

“We find ourselves in a period unlike any that we have experienced,” Lindsay Fenlon, chief executive officer of the agency, said in an email. “We anticipate that the added layer of social isolation that our community is facing will cause and increase in the number of youth and adults seeking positive mentoring friendships. We are continuing to surround those currently in our programs with innovative and creative ways of staying connected while planning to support those looking for greater social connectedness in the future.”

Big Brother Mark was able to write and record a song through video for his Little Brother that’s available through the organization’s social media. Big Sister Cheryl dropped a package full of arts and crafts supplies off at her Little’s front doorstep.

“During this crisis it is very important to stay connected to our Little Brothers and Sisters,” said Mark Richardson, a Big Brother. “A lot of these children have already experienced abandonment in their lives, and they don’t need to re-live bad experiences. A phone call, a letter, even a video are just some of the ways to say Hi and let them know you’re still there for them.”

Recently the first-ever virtual match for the organization was made, with Big Sister Nyesha and Little Sister Hailey look-



Submitted photo

Big sister Cheryl dropped off a package of arts and crafts supplies at her little sister’s front doorstep recently.

ing forward to video chatting, using Kids Messenger, having Netflix Watch Parties together, and writing letters. Their match will remain virtual until the Safer at Home order is lifted.

BBBS is prepared to enroll and engage volunteers in mentoring relationships during this time and expects the demand for mentoring is going to increase once the current health concern has passed. They are looking for volunteers open to starting a virtual mentoring relationship that can transfer to in-person. Contact Amy Niemuth at aniemuth@bbbsecw.org or www.bbbsecw.org/bigs/application.



Photo from Oshkosh Area School District

Residents stand in line at the Tipler Middle School meal pickup location last week.

Meal program

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Six school sites are providing the meals along with assistance from Kobussen Buses to bring meals to five neighborhood locations. Pickup times and other details could change so residents are encouraged to check www.oshkosh.k12.wi.us/families for details and updates.

Parents and guardians can request meals for any children at home by letting workers know how many children they have and the schools they attend. Children may also request meals for their siblings or parents at home.

Meals include a sack lunch for that day and a breakfast for the next day. No identification or proof of enrollment is needed, so the district urges those requesting meals to take only what they need for that day’s lunch and following day’s breakfast. The number of meals for non-present individuals may be limited based on meal availability.

“We are so appreciative of our community members practicing social distancing while waiting to pick up food,” Cartwright said. “I’m so incredibly proud of our food workers, custodians and paraprofessionals who are working during this time so this program can continue. We’re wearing our facemasks and gloves, too.”

Free virtual Earth Day trivia contest set

The Northeast Wisconsin American Chemical Society is sponsoring a virtual Earth Day Trivia Contest that is free to all families with pre-college students.

While supplies last, participating families will receive free print copies of the Earth Day issue of Celebrating Chemistry, which has hands-on activities parents can

do with their children. Top scores will be entered into a drawing for additional prizes.

Families can enter the contest through this Google form: <https://forms.gle/S58LFWoGmFYGtWlb6> and questions can be emailed to acsnortheastwisc@gmail.com.

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Food friends

A friend of the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh is providing a meal for 30 families every week. This Saturday the meal was catered by The Roxy. The donor is using a different restaurant every week.

Warming shelter shifts fundraiser efforts

Day by Day Warming Shelter has canceled its Mile of Style fundraising event that was scheduled for May 13, instead announcing a \$10,000 challenge match to help fund operations. Last year the event raised \$72,000 toward its mission.

Through an anonymous donor and many of the businesses that were sched-

uled to sponsor the Style Show event, direct donations made to Day by Day will be matched to that amount. Those who purchased tickets to the style show are asked to consider donating the money provided toward the match program and can contact info@warmingshelter.com.

Seasonal flood emergency zones declared

A flood emergency was declared last week for specific waters in Winnebago County by the Sheriff's Office that sets a slow-no-wake zone within 500 feet of any permanent structure. The list of no-wake zones can be found at www.co.winnebago.wi.us/sheriff, and include the Fox River in Oshkosh and lakes Poygan, Winneconne, Butte des Morts and Winnebago.

The emergency declaration will remain in effect until water recedes to a non-threatening level. Call 920-236-7488 for the current status and it is encouraged that boaters check frequently as the updates may change.

Local ordinances, DNR regulations and Coast Guard maritime rules remain in effect.

Post office promotes its online services

Post offices in Oshkosh are reminding customers they can access many postal products and services online.

The Postal Store on usps.com offers different stamp denominations that are delivered. Those without a computer can ask their local office or carrier for a Stamps by Mail order form.

For packages, order free Priority Mail and Priority Mail Express boxes, or other package supplies at usps.com. Using Click-N-Ship on the website, mailing labels can be printed with the appropriate postage from home.

Schedule a carrier pickup by letting the post office know where to find the package.

Oregon Street project continues west of 21st

Oregon Street from West 21st Avenue to the Glatz Creek bridge is closed starting this week for reconstruction work along with installation of a sanitary sewer interceptor and street patching from the bridge through the West 28th intersection. The

work will include concrete paving, grading, sidewalk and driveways, storm sewer, sanitary sewer, water main, and laterals. This overall contract with PTS Contractors is expected to last through November.

Food pantries

These resources are among those available to assist with hunger issues during the COVID-19 pandemic. Many schools and community agencies are still providing free meals and groceries for families in the area:

Oshkosh Area School District: Free grab-and-go meals offered Monday through Friday at several schools and neighborhood locations. Updated locations and hours are listed at www.oshkosh.k12.wi.us/families/at-home-learning/free-meals.

Lutheran Food Pantry: (714 Division St., 920-379-4774) Curbside pickup for clients. Call or visit website for its expanded hours and information: www.jerichoroadoshkosh.org.

Oshkosh Area Community Pantry:

(2551 Jackson St., 920-651-9960) Pantry will distribute packaged food near the front door of the St. Vincent de Paul building. Clients will receive drive-up service or be given food if they arrive by public transit. Call or visit website for its expanded hours and information: www.oacptoday.org.

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Essential work

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handling money and doesn't know which customers could be carrying the virus without symptoms. Recently his store installed a plexiglass partition between cashiers and customers.

"It's definitely reassuring to have it there," he said. "The difficult part, though, is encouraging customers to stay in front of it."

Hunter's employer encourages workers to use personal protective equipment (PPE) such as masks and gloves. Hunter also encourages customers to maintain their social distance when in line because some "are not taking it as seriously as they should be."

He's also trying to limit his interactions outside of work, "totally closing off" from face-to-face interaction with friends and family to prevent spreading the virus.

"It's been weird," Hunter said. "I still connect with people through FaceTime, text messages and Snapchat, (but) that's really the only outside interaction I have."

Another grocery store worker is Nick Wielgosz, who works at a different food store in Oshkosh. He said his employer is also encouraging associates to utilize PPE.

About half of the customers who come in wear masks, Wielgosz said, and most wear gloves. For the most part, he said customers have been friendly and appreciative.

"People appreciate the fact that we are

all in this together, and there's not much we can do," he said.

Wielgosz isn't too worried about his safety but is concerned that he may bring the virus home because he lives with his parents.

"My mom is in her 50s, so I'm obviously concerned about her getting it," he said. "But especially my stepdad, he's borderline diabetic and he's over 60. So, when he gets sick, even if it's a little bug or something, he usually gets very sick for a few days."

Fast-food workers have also been deemed essential under the Safer at Home order. For a 21-year-old male at a local fast-food restaurant that means he needs to continue to make food, watch labor costs and wipe down the facility.

The restaurant he works at has taken precautions, such as placing plexiglass barriers over part of the drive-through windows. But he said it isn't enough to ensure safety.

"I feel like the best way to prevent it all would be no exposure at all," he said. "I just feel like, with the amount of contact you have with people there, someone's going to end up catching it."

If a worker contracts the virus, he says the company would send them home for two weeks without pay.

Despite his worries, he said he needs to continue working throughout the pandemic.

"I mean, I still have to pay my bills," he said.

Local resident Emily Togstad works for

a local convenience store as a cashier and is worried about the virus, but said she "can't come to work every day afraid of coming to work."

"You don't want to seem scared or scare the guests because they're just trying to get their stuff and get out of there," she said. "Nobody wants to be out and about catching this thing."

Togstad noted some customers don't appear to be taking the risk seriously enough, but that the majority are friendly and appreciative. "I always appreciate the customers that come up and are very understanding," she said.

Because she works with the public and her boyfriend works in a nursing home, Togstad hasn't been able to see him in weeks. She hasn't been able to visit her grandmother either, out of fear of possibly carrying the virus.

"It's a real bummer that I am working with the public, and I can't see the people that I do want to see," Togstad said. "But I'm taking the best precautions that I can to keep everybody safe."

Another 19-year-old male who works for a retailer in Oshkosh said he isn't too concerned with contracting COVID-19 but the possibility is always in the back of his mind. He lives with his parents, who have been deemed "essential" as well.

"It would definitely be more of a concern for me if they didn't work," he said. "It's why we don't see some of our family members more."

Doug Mittelstaedt works as a stocker at a home improvement store in Oshkosh,

where signs on the floor indicate how far apart customers need to be. He doesn't interact with customers too much but the threat is always present. He said shopping carts are continuously sprayed with disinfectant between uses, and when the store closes at night workers thoroughly clean with bleach water.

Like after 9/11, when airports became more secure, he hopes employers will continue stringent cleaning procedures after the pandemic.

"I think if you close at 10 p.m. you're going to work until like 10:30 p.m. because they're going to have additional cleaning," Mittelstaedt said.

For one 24-year-old female retail worker in Oshkosh, being deemed essential has meant being in close contact with a multitude of people.

When cashiering, she says there are stickers on the ground that tell customers how far away they need to be when waiting in line. But when a customer is at the front of the line getting items scanned, they are only about 2 to 3 feet from an employee.

"The 6-foot rule definitely does not apply," she said.

She wants people to take the virus more seriously and stop shopping for non-essential items until it's safe to do so.

"We're not in quarantine because it's all fun and games," she said. "Essential businesses aren't open so you can come hang out when you're bored."

Election

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polls last Tuesday with results delayed until Monday by absentee ballot counting in a process marred by uncertainty.

Three tubs of absentee ballots for Oshkosh and Appleton discovered at a mail processing center in Milwaukee after polls closed prompted calls for the Wisconsin Elections Commission to investigate.

State Sen. Dan Feyen, a Republican representing the 18th District that includes Oshkosh, filed a complaint with the commission asking it to look into the matter and seek having the ballots counted.

Feyen has since asked the Postal Service to investigate the undelivered ballots after he said the elections commission decided not to take action on the matter.

Of the 11,934 absentee ballots mailed out by the city, 7,930 had been returned by midmorning Monday ahead of the 4 p.m. deadline for receiving them, according to a Wisconsin Elections Commission report that noted that the numbers were likely to go higher as city clerks continued

to add data.

Winnebago County reported that 32,147 of the 38,497 ballots mailed out had been returned as of 7:30 a.m. Monday.

U.S. Sens. Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin have joined in the calls for an inquiry by the Postal Service.

State Rep. Gordon Hintz, Assembly minority leader from Oshkosh, also called for an investigation on the unmailed ballots and any other election irregularities being reported in other Wisconsin communities.

"It's not surprising there would be absentee ballot issues given the surge in demand and chaos of having an election that did not need to, and should not have been held during this public health emergency," Hintz said.

"I'm disappointed that I, and hundreds of my constituents, were unable to vote or were forced to risk their health and the health of others. It will be important to get answers on why and how this happened."

Hintz is one of several Democratic lawmakers promoting a mail-only-ballot voting system for the length of the pandemic that would fund the Elections Commis-

sion and municipal clerks in safely and securely conducting election work similar to what is being done in other states.

"During this public health crisis, it is important that we preserve and protect the fundamentals of our democracy," Hintz said in a statement last week. "We need to act urgently to maximize voter accessibility. Moving to a Vote by Mail system will protect our democracy and keep Wisconsin safe."

The status of polling places was undetermined until the day before Tuesday's vote when the state Supreme Court barred Gov. Tony Evers' late executive order to postpone in-person voting until June while calling for a special session of the state Legislature, which would not approve an election delay.

Andrea Palm, Department of Health Services secretary, warned the day before the election that in-person voting would "without question" increase the number of COVID-19 cases.

Mailed absentee ballots had to be postmarked by election day and received by 4 p.m. Monday to be counted, while ballots without a postmark needed to be in by last

Tuesday. Postal delivery delays were experienced throughout the process amid the general pandemic slowdown and added another challenge to voters if they wanted to switch to an early vote method when walk-in polling was not a guarantee.

Of the more than 1.29 million absentee ballots requested, more than 200,000 had not been returned as of Saturday, according to the Elections Commission.

Mayor Lori Palmeri said she has heard from residents who didn't receive their requested ballots in time to get them submitted either through the mail or at City Hall despite being within the allotted time frame.

"That's the big question mark as to what happened to those and whether they will show up," she said, adding that the unplanned absentee voting surge and overall uncertainty put limits on participation.

"I do believe there are a number of people who had to make a choice" between absentee or in-person voting based on health and work issues, she said, and found themselves without a feasible option.

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Athletes adjusting to new workout regimen

By Dustin Riese
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Spring in Wisconsin is unpredictable and can be downright frustrating. Rarely does the season start on time, let alone go on without some sort of cancellations because of weather.

After years of horrendous weather that often led to the season not getting underway until about mid April, weather has finally been tremendous.

However, COVID-19 has put a stop to this year's spring season. The pandemic has canceled all spring sports and activities until further notice – which included the closing of all schools and gyms.

So for athletes trying to stay in shape in case the season arrives, it has been a challenge to be able to work out properly.

"I am just doing all I can right now," said Lourdes junior Jack McKellips, who plays baseball. "Getting games of catch in and keeping my arm healthy is important right now. Also just trying to get stronger and put on some good weight is a goal of mine but is more difficult now that the facilities are closed."

McKellips is focusing on a lot of running and basic body work that he can do at home.

"I am doing a lot of body weight stuff at home trying to stay on some sort of routine to keep my body in shape," he said. "Lots of push-ups and sit-ups and some running and speed work. As well as going to the cages to get swings in to stay ready and working on some things."

Lourdes head coach Cole Boge has also helped the team by giving them plenty of

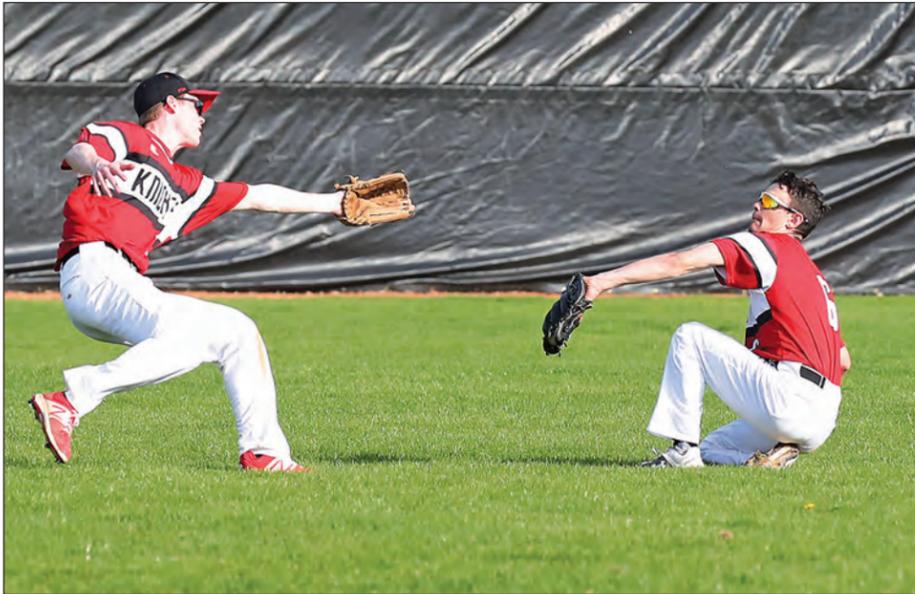


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Jack McKellips (right) makes a catch in the outfield during a game last season for Lourdes.

things to do during the off-season, and now carrying over to where we are.

"My current training regimen right now consists of a lot of at-home workouts," McKellips said. "Our new coach (Boge) has been awesome in helping us stay ready for the season by giving us some good workouts to do at home. At this point baseball is my sole focus, but in the summer when hopefully everything is back to normal, I will definitely be working on my basketball and football skills along with baseball."

For Oshkosh West soccer player and senior Jocelyn Schmidt, this season was supposed to be where she built off her team leadership as a scorer. Instead, she may have to set some different goals.

"It's been pretty tough not being able to get together with my team, but being the team's captain I encourage them to keep active at home and praying we can connect soon," Schmidt said. "I have been doing my best at keeping a positive mindset, doing my schoolwork and getting things done around the house I never had time to do before. I am also doing things such as bike riding with my friends and taking walks with my dog to keep a smile going on my face."

Knowing that school facilities are closed until further notice, most athletes struggle to get consistent workouts in. Schmidt has small advantages at home that many don't.

"I actually have my own 'field' in my backyard with a goal," she said. "I practice

by myself and with my sister, and I also use my weight training machines in my basement to stay in shape. I am also running, and like I said earlier I have my own practice area in my back yard and so I keep my foot on a ball constantly and I continue to run drills to be ready if the season does start."

While the high school season holds on to a glimmer of hope, college athletics suffered the toughest blow. About two weeks after the NCAA spring seasons got underway, all remaining winter and spring championships were canceled. Schools soon followed suit by canceling their seasons, including the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.

Track and field was given the benefit of the doubt to finish its indoor season as outdoor was just getting underway. Despite a great indoor season, UWO's Brant Sanderfoot was devastated by cancellation of the spring season knowing the potential his team had this year.

"Canceling the outdoor season for track and field was an unfortunate event, but it was the necessary decision to make in regard to the COVID-19 pandemic," Sanderfoot said. "Ensuring the health and safety of our society is a priority. However, training for track and field without having our outdoor competitions has had an impact on training. Knowing that the meet we would usually prepare for on Saturday is now no longer an event to look forward to, finding motivation to train can sometimes be a struggle. Also, not having access to a track, weight room, or any type of training facility makes training sub-optimal."

Keeping in shape for track is something many can do on their own without a set schedule. But for field events the training is much more challenging.

"Having facilities being closed does make training somewhat difficult, especially for the field events," Sanderfoot said. "However, staying in shape does not require access to facilities. Personally, my routine is to try to get about one to two hours' worth of exercise every day to stay in shape. My workouts have consisted of hill sprints, short sprints in the road, body weight exercises in my home, or taking bike rides and using hills for added resistance."

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Accident of Evolution or Child of God? That is the question. What is science's answer?

Science cannot answer the questions directly because science is woefully incapable of determining the **origin** of all living things. However, **science does answer indirectly by providing descriptions of the stunning complexity of cellular systems.**

My goal is to describe some cellular systems so that people's answer is an informed one. Ultimately you are making a choice between two incompatible beliefs: Darwinian Evolution, random and purposeless, OR design for a purpose.

Thousands of protein complexes, such as enzymes, consist of two or more polypeptides (chains of amino acids). Interfaces between polypeptides require an intricate matching of the amino acids on adjacent surfaces, which Darwinian Evolution (DE) cannot do. This is why.

Two teams of scientists have calculated the probability that a disulfide bond could be made by DE. (That is a bond commonly found between two proteins or different parts of the same protein.) One team, skeptics of DE, calculated that in a human population of one million, random mutations needed a billion generations to make a single disulfide bond. The other team, evolutionists, using slightly different assumptions, calculated one hundred million generations.

A billion or a hundred million – incredibly long times to produce a single bond. An interface has numerous bonds, disulfide and others, all requiring long times for random mutations to make them. Since the formation of bonds are independent events, meaning the occurrence of one has no effect on the occurrence of others, their probabilities multiply. That means for two bonds to form, one billion times one billion generations are needed. For each additional bond, many more generations are needed. That is why DE cannot make an interface between two proteins.

By extension DE could not have made the thousands of enzymes in our cells that are large protein complexes with several polypeptides. For example, an enzyme in ATP synthesis has 45 polypeptides with many interfaces.

Why did the two teams use generations instead of years to measure time? The time is measured in generations because in reproduction, germ cells (egg and sperm), including their DNA, are replicated imperfectly resulting in random mutations. The shorter the generation time, the more chances DE has to show its stuff. Also large populations with more reproductive events should benefit most from the great innovations that DE can make.

AND YET evolutionists place humans at the top of their mythological tree of life in spite of our long generation times (20 years) and relatively small number, presently about 8 billion. Why should that be? Why not bacteria? Their generation times are typically a few hours and the number I eat in my breakfast yogurt greatly exceeds the human population. I guess it's just serendipity that in spite of our relatively few mutational opportunities, we are the most highly evolved.

I consider the homochirality of our cellular molecules to be a nasty curve ball thrown at Darwinists by our designer. Homochirality means cellular molecules exist as left-handed and right-handed versions but only one is used. That is true of amino acids and their proteins, carbohydrates and the nucleotides of DNA and RNA. All the amino acids and proteins in living organisms are left-handed. Glucose only exists in its right-handed version. Nucleotides are left-handed.

Why is it a nasty curve ball? Because the chains of basic molecules made in laboratories have about equal numbers of left and right-handed versions. Try as they may, homochirality eludes evolutionists. They have failed to do in seventy years what that muddy, little pond with "all the ingredients of life" (Seen too often on public television) succeeded in doing.

Details! Details! Purposeless AoE is thwarted by homochirality, protein interfaces and an uprooted tree of life, all of which strongly suggest CoG's purposeful design.

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UW Oshkosh sports

Diver receives pair of All-America awards

UW Oshkosh junior Matt Wilke received two NCAA Division III All-America honors from the College Swimming and Diving Coaches Association of America for the second straight year.

He repeated as an All-America honoree in both the 1- and 3-meter diving categories. He was supposed to compete in the NCAA Division III Championships, but the meet was canceled due to COVID-19.

Wilke earned his second straight trip to the Division III Championship by diving to a pair of top five finishes at the Region 1 Championship on Feb. 28-29. He competed against 20 other divers at the meet and placed third with 438.50 points off the 3-meter board and fifth with 424.10 points off the 1-meter plank.

Earlier this season Wilke finished second in both the 1- and 3-meter diving competitions at the WIAC Champion-

ship with respective scores of 521.20 and 522.25.

Wrestler Lemcke earns All-America honors

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh junior wrestler Jordan Lemcke was named to the NCAA Division III All-America Second-Team from the National Wrestling Coaches Association, the league announced recently.

Lemcke was one of six named to the second team at the 285-pound weight class. He is UW's 12th Division III All-American and fourth since 2014.

Lemcke finished 22-7 this season with five pins and qualified for the DIII championships by winning the 285-pound title at the Midwest Regional on Feb. 28-29.

He has tallied season records of 25-14 (10 pins) in 2019 and 5-14 (1 pin) in 2018. He owns a career record of 52-35 (16 pins).

West alumna on all-conference softball team

Former Oshkosh West softball standout Lacey Cruz had a successful freshman season at Cottey College in Nevada, Mo., and was named to the Association of Independent Institutions' all-conference team.

Cruz, a first-team FVA all-conference player as a senior, finished her shortened freshman season with a 7-1 pitching record and 2.85 ERA. She had 37 strikeouts in 54 innings and had a .344 batting average.

Take care, look for ways to help

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As humans and caregivers, we are wired to decrease suffering. By acknowledging the feelings our loved ones are expressing we validate that what they feel is real and important and we can assist them in working through their losses.

Once we recognize that what we are experiencing is grief we can find ways to decrease our suffering and support those around us. First, create space in your life to manage the experiences of grief. Your sleep can be affected, your eating patterns can change and you might be experiencing a wide swing of emotional responses. All these are perfectly normal. Don't forget that many of the emotions associated with grief require physical attention to manage; exercise, sleep, healthy eating will all support the body as it experiences grief.

Other strategies for managing difficult feelings include creative arts, journaling, talking to others and creating meaning in your loss. It might feel too new right now to identify positives that are going to emerge, a gratitude practice can help us to focus ourselves on the good that is still present in the world.

Family gatherings may be different for a while. Some families may choose and have the ability to celebrate together by using technology. If you are unable to do this, perhaps you can share your menu or recipe for your favorite food item and include this in your household meal that day. Or you can send a note or text or call to share a memory of a prior family gathering that brought you joy with those you are unable to be with in person.

Remembering a happy memory releases in our brain the same "feel-good" chemicals that flooded it at the time of the actual experience. Yes, family gatherings will be different but with a little creativity we can continue to be connected.

Every Wednesday I am hosting a "Let's Talk" conversation from 10-11: Join Zoom Meeting on internet: <https://uwextension.zoom.us/j/211546347> or join by phone: 312-626-6799 US (Chicago) and use this Meeting ID: 211 546 347

Stay connected to our Facebook to see real-time updates and resource sharing, call or email (Amanda.Dornfeld@wisc.edu) with any questions or concerns.

I hope that the sunshine and nicer weather has brought each of you some moments of hope. These times are previously uncharted. Most of us haven't experienced anything like this; we can use our skills and resources to continue to manage what we are able to.

I encourage you to make sure that you are taking excellent care of yourself by eating well, managing your stress, reaching out and getting some physical movement in each day. I encourage you to ask for help if you need it. Now is an excellent time for you to think about what help you might be able to provide to others (cards, letters, phone calls) and what help you may need (masks, grocery runs, assistance in online ordering, financial or goods needs).

We've lost our freedom to move about without an increased awareness of risk, we've lost physical closeness with those we do not reside with and we have lost in person gatherings due to our current Safer at Home orders. Each of us can create a list of our current and future (anticipated loss), the reality is, that no matter what losses you are personally experiencing, grief is a normal and expected reaction.

Grief can show itself in a variety of ways in our lives; physically, spiritually, and emotionally. There is no one right way to respond to your loss. In fact, the most important thing you can do for yourself right now is to acknowledge that you are experiencing loss and begin to take notes about how you are feeling grief. As you notice your responses, you will be more able to take the best care of yourself.

It is not helpful for us to compare our loss to each other. What feels small to one person might be the big loss for another. If you find yourself in this situation on either side try to remind yourself that your shared experience is grief. You are both responding to loss that is important to you. When we remind ourselves of this, we are more able to support and care for each other.

It can be very difficult to not try to fix hard situations and negative emotions.

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Hang Out with a Sloth

In a sloth's life, slow is the word. They're the great reminders that sometimes it's a good idea to kick back, relax and just enjoy hanging around.

How many leaves can you find on this page? Have a friend try. Who found the most?



- HELP
- BIGGER
- SOUTH
- SMILING
- BONES
- SPECIES
- CLAWS
- STUDY

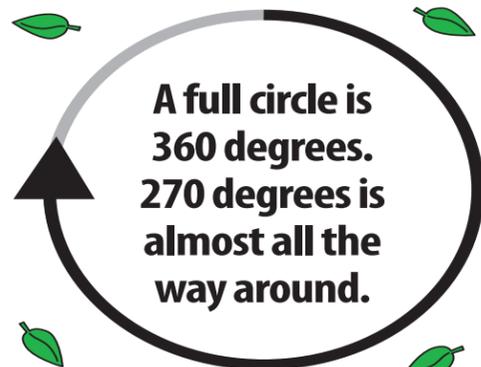
Sloth Facts

There are two main _____ of sloth. One has two and the other three _____ on their front feet. The two species look a lot alike.

Two-toed sloths are slightly _____. Three-toed sloths have markings on their faces that make them look like they're always _____.



They also have two extra neck _____, allowing them to turn their heads 270 degrees!



Where do they live? Sloths live in Central and _____ America.

Life-saving sloths? A recent _____ shows that some species of fungi found in sloth fur might _____ to cure certain kinds of cancer.



Super Slow

While on the ground, three-toed sloths travel at just 6-8 ft (1.8-2.4m) per minute. They're slightly quicker in the rainforest canopy, where they can whiz by at speeds of 15 ft (4.6m) per minute! Even at their fastest, they still move five times slower than a drifting iceberg.



There is a little moth that only lives on a sloth. It feeds on the algae that grows in the sloth's fur.

Sloth Diet

Sloths eat very slowly. They eat mostly leaves and fruit. Because they move so slowly, they don't go looking for watering holes. They get their water from the fruits and leaves they eat.

Sloths digest food slowly. It can take up to a month for a sloth to digest a single meal, according to the Jacksonville Zoo in Florida.



We sloths rarely come down from the trees because on the ground is when we're most easily caught by predators. Once a week, we descend for one reason. Why? Circle every other letter to discover the answer!

**BYOMGKQVOTWQJTSHDE
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Extra! Extra!

Sloth: More Than One Meaning

Sloth is the name of one of the world's slowest moving animals. And it is a word that means lazy, slow-moving, lack of effort. Look through the newspaper for three or more other words that have more than one meaning. Cut out each word and write down its different meanings.

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

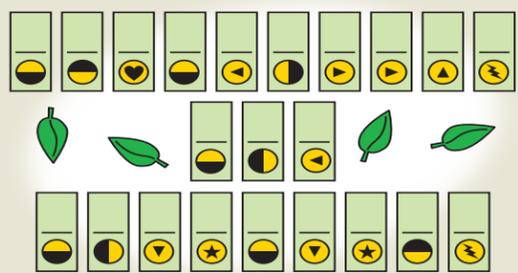
Sloths can swim faster than they move on land. And because they can slow their heart rate to one-third of its normal pace, they can hold their breath for a long time. Find out how long they can stay underwater by adding the numbers along the correct path of this maze.



Kid Scoop Puzzler

Who are relatives of sloths?

With their long arms and shaggy fur, they look a bit like monkeys, but they are actually related to another group of animals. Use the code to discover the answer.

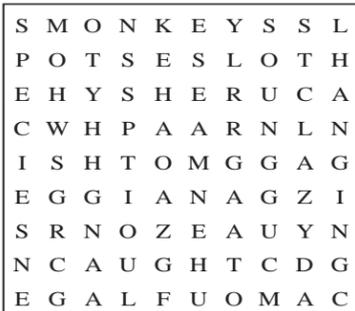


- CODE**
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Double Double Word Search

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

- HANGING
- MONKEYS
- SPECIES
- CANOPY
- CAUGHT
- SHAGGY
- SLOTH
- ALGAE
- FUNGI
- MOTHS
- GREEN
- CURE
- LAZY
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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