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UW Oshkosh hoping for fall comeback

By Jack Tierney

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh campus is closed until Aug. 14 but hopes to have students back this fall, according to UWO Chancellor Andrew Leavitt. Essential employees will still be working in the meantime and the Children's Learning and Care Center will reopen June 8 along with the child care center on the UWO's Fox Cities campus.

"Large lectures — lectures of 200 people — we may consider putting that online; small classes could be face-to-face; we may change the timing of passing periods in-between classes so we don't flood a building with all the students coming out of the hallway at one time," Leavitt said

in an interview last week. "We may think carefully about the large-scale events we have on campus.

"This epidemic will not be under control until there is a vaccine. It's about creating an environment to lower the spread."

UW Oshkosh was one of the first fouryear UW System campuses to detail furlough procedures to employees after the System changed its policy April 16.

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Seasonal scenery

Tulips were making their bright return to the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh campus and elsewhere last week.

Mask makers have the community covered

United interests are getting the job done

By Dan Roherty OSHKOSH HERALD

Among the public and private initiatives to boost protection efforts against coronavirus, facemask production has become both an individual and teamwork project. The coverings that have quickly become standard attire are generating a demand being partially met by the spontaneous public service of people with a range of skills and united by a strong desire to help.

Those with connections to and expertise in fabrics and stitching have stepped up to expand their skills in standard face wear for everyone from medical and emergency workers to the general public to slow the spread of COVID-19.

One area group has donated more than 6,500 masks to community members and facilities in Winnebago and Fond du Lac counties while continuing to look for volunteers and materials to keep the production effort going.

Mask Makers of Winnebago County



Some of the standard materials used by Mask Makers of Winnebago County and Surrounding Areas are shown.

and Surrounding Areas has a Facebook page detailing the volunteer needs that go beyond sewing — taping, cutting, ironing, driving, calling — to make their operation stay efficient. Supplies are also needed in the form of cotton fabric, thread, bias tape and elastic.

Brooke Hayes was coordinating Win-

nebago County efforts for the statewide Wisconsin Facemask Making Warriors and Christine Payne led that work for Fond du Lac County before they merged in mid-April to streamline one of the Warriors' 13 state zones.

"Anybody that asks us for mask donations — we've had health care facilities, private-public institutions, other volunteer organizations ... a lot of private individuals — we never charge for anything. Everything is 100 percent volunteer, 100 percent donations," Payne said.

While stitching expertise is key among the current 565 group members, Payne said there are plenty of other tasks required that volunteers bring to the oper-

"So many in the community want to help," she said. "They may not know how to help but they want to."

Payne said some members are motivated to learn sewing through this cause while gaining the expertise needed to make specific patterns, such as those requested by medical facilities. "I tell them every mask will find its appropriate home," she said.

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Jackson St. corridor study continues

Street and development options for the Jackson Street corridor from Church Avenue to Interstate 41 are moving forward with alternatives for growth and improvements in that mixed-use stretch based on input from consultants and the public.

The Planning Services Division is working on a traffic safety and quality-of-life study for the area from Church Avenue to Murdock Avenue that is mostly residential with older historic homes near several



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community parks and schools, along with a corridor plan from Murdock Avenue to 41, which holds a range of residential, commercial and industrial properties.

Ayres Associates and RDG Planning & Design have reviewed three alternatives for Church to Murdock. One suggests minimal change and the other two recommend variations of a reconfiguration with two drive lanes and a center turn lane.

After a March 4 meeting to review public comments from about 30 residents and options for the two areas, city staff and the consultants are refining the alternatives ahead of final public meetings.

The project is still planned to be finished this spring. A May public information meeting had to be delayed as a result of emergency orders and a future information meeting needs to be scheduled.

Additional public input is encouraged. Associate Planner Alexa Naudziunas can be reached at anaudziunas@ci.oshkosh.wi. The plan page is at www.ci.oshkosh.wi.us.

Leavitt, Cartwright to appear on town hall webinar

The Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce is hosting a virtual Town Hall Education Update with UW Oshkosh Chancellor Andrew Leavitt and Oshkosh Area School

District Superintendent Vickie Cartwright at 10 a.m. Thursday.

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Aviation Plaza gets custom update, new menu

By Joseph Schulz HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

When Tyler Reilly started Extreme Customs, a technology and automotive company that sells custom rims and tires, in his parents' garage he never expected the business would expand to include locations in Wautoma, Appleton and Osh-

This week, he plans to open his second location in Oshkosh, which is part of a larger effort to transform Aviation Plaza from a largely empty lot across from State 44 and Wittman Regional Airport into a vibrant gateway to the community.

Aviation Plaza had been largely abandoned since Walmart left the property in 2003 and J.C. Penney closed in 2015, with Rogan's Shoes remaining open.

Extreme Customs will be joining Rogan's and, next month, the Mineshaft Restaurant in occupying the redeveloped plaza.

Last year, the Common Council approved creation of a tax increment financing (TIF) district to cover \$1.7 million of the \$22.9 million redevelopment, according to the project plan. In addition to TIF and developer funding, the project has been financed through a \$500,000 Wisconsin Economic Development Corp. Idle Sites Grant.

When finished, the project will create more than 100 new jobs in the Oshkosh area, according to the developers' TIF application.

Rob Kleman, senior vice president of economic development for the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce, believes the proj-



Mineshaft Restaurant will be a centerpiece in the Aviation Plaza commercial district.

ect is the result of cooperation among multiple entities behind the scenes.

"Between the city's TIF, the Idle Sites Grant and financing between Extreme Customs, Rogan's and Mineshaft, all parties were able to work together to support this project," he said.

Mineshaft owner Tom Masters, whose original Hartford location opened in 1982, first approached the chamber in 2012 to identify sites in Oshkosh for a potential restaurant. Ultimately, Masters purchased the former Walmart site.

"That was the defining moment, when they solidified it by purchasing that site in 2013," Kleman said. "They've been working since then to put this together."

In late 2018, Extreme Customs was looking to open another location. At the time, Reilly was getting offers from other cities. But he knew that he wanted to stay in Oshkosh because since opening a location here, his business had seen "continuous growth."

"The business really grew in Oshkosh, between the local retail and online sales," Reilly said. "A huge part of our success is

from moving from Wautoma to Oshkosh." So, Extreme Customs partnered with the Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corp. to look for a potential second

"They came back to us, and they had settled on the J.C. Penney property," said Audra Hoy, former GO-EDC director of business and economic development, who worked closely with Extreme Cus-

Extreme Customs also worked closely with the Mineshaft, Rogan's, the chamber, city and other groups to overcome infrastructure hurdles.

When Aviation Plaza was developed in the 1980s it had one owner. When the groups came to the table to revitalize the property, it was split into three parcels, owned by three groups. Having multiple property owners made redevelopment difficult because regulations had changed since the site was built.

For example, one water line served the entire property but modern regulations require each property to have their own

"You had infrastructure from the mid-'80s, so everything had to be brought up to code," Hoy said.

But after months of work, the site is nearing completion. Kleman said Extreme Customs aims to bring roughly 40 jobs to Aviation Plaza immediately, with potential to continue growing, while the Mineshaft will add roughly 130 when it opens

"We're looking forward to opening the Mineshaft, and we're glad that we're able to retain one of our growing businesses in Extreme Customs," Kleman said. "It's a very positive development for the Oshkosh community and our region."



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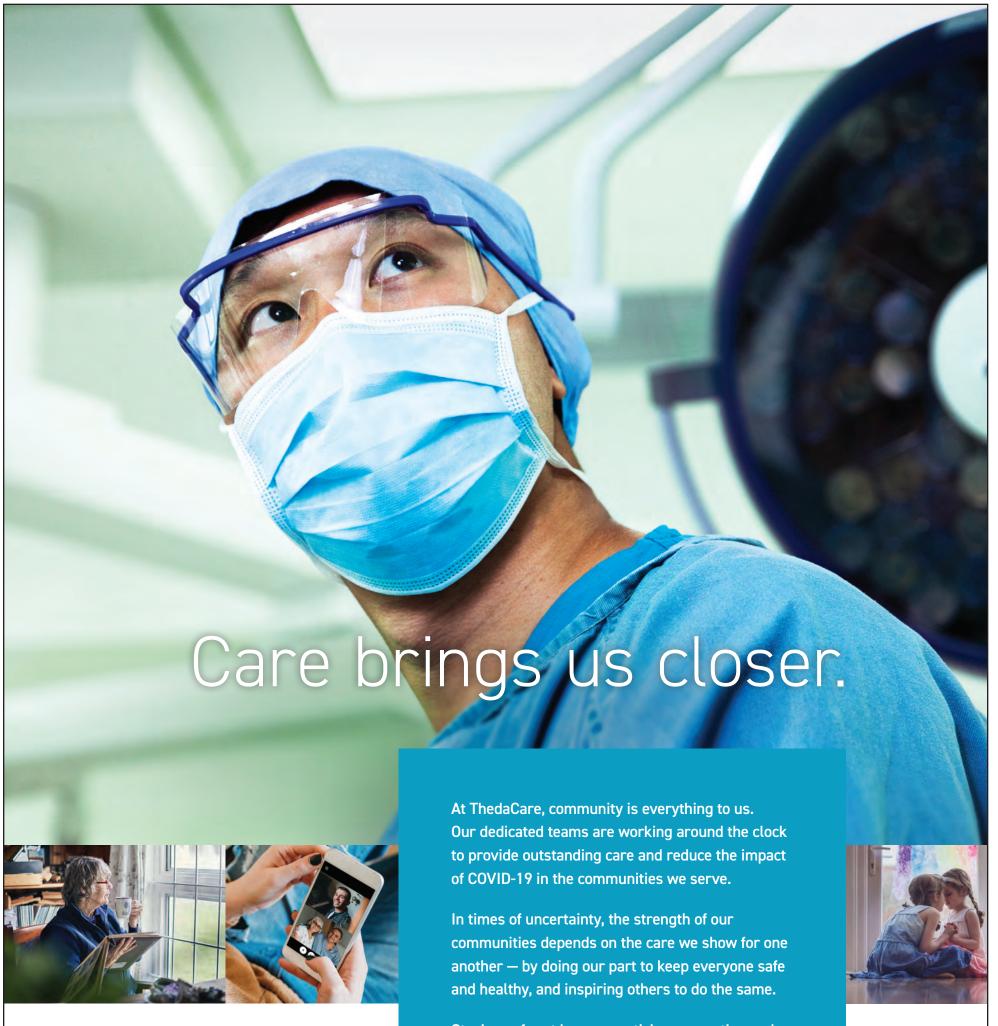


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Dogs and cats in need are friends indeed

Agencies promote extra care of animals

By Cheryl Hentz Herald Contributor

It's not just people who are being affected during these uncertain times surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. Animals are feeling it, too. Some people have even abandoned their pets during this time, fearful they could get coronavirus from their animals. That is simply not the case, say animal and health experts.

That said, there have been a couple of isolated cases nationally where a dog and two cats reportedly got COVID-19 from their owners. And there have been a few zoo animals who have tested positive for the virus. Those animals are all said to be recovering nicely. But still no evidence that animals have given the virus to their owners.

For a variety of reasons, shelters and rescues throughout the country and world have seen animals being surrendered, while others have been turned loose to fend for themselves in unfamiliar and potentially unsafe surroundings.

But there has been a positive side to the Safer at Home restrictions and other physical distancing mandates. People are either using this time of being home with their families to adopt dogs or cats and get them trained and acclimated to their new surroundings, or they're serving as foster homes until the animals can be adopted into their forever homes. That is certainly evident in Oshkosh.

NEW Pawsibilities emptied their kennels twice during the "lockdown," adopting



out 46 dogs between March 23 and April 13. There may be some dogs available by checking their website.

The Oshkosh Area Humane Society had 16 dogs available at the time of this writing, but seven of those were foster-to-adopt, meaning people intend to adopt them; they just hadn't made it official yet. Cats are always in greater abundance and, as of this writing, there were 99 cats available with 12 of them being foster-to-adopt.

Cat adoption fees at OAHS are waived, while the fee for dogs runs anywhere between \$35 and \$150, depending on age. But the fees on the 16 dogs were paid by an anonymous donor.

"A woman came forward and said she wanted to do that in memory of her aunt who had passed away, but who had loved animals," said Joni Geiger, OAHS director.

Geiger also said people are fostering like never before.

"We have more foster homes in the ready than we've ever had in the history of the shelter," she said. "Adopters are stepping up; fosters are stepping up; volunteers are stepping up. It's just phenomenal."

Tami Jones' family has been fostering two kittens since before the Safer at Home restrictions began in March. She said it gives her family something to do, somebody to play with and somebody to take care of.

"It's also a way for us to give back to the community for somebody who doesn't have a voice," she said. "Kitties and doggies can't (tell us when they need something), so it's really important for us to try and show our children that this is a way to pay it forward, while also paying back to the community. You may not have a lot of money, or a huge house, or you may not be able to donate, but you can open your doors to an



More information

Oshkosh Area Humane Society: 920-424-2128; oahs.org
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animal as one way of giving back in a totally selfless way."

Kari Rankin and her family have adopted during the pandemic restrictions, giving a forever home to Apollo, an English setter mix, on April 11. (His name is now Finley). They had been wanting a dog after unexpectedly losing their beloved golden retriever in January.

Kari is a stay-at-home mother and was used to doing things with the family's 2-year-old son and dog Kyla.

"We were together all the time and it just felt so empty after Kyla passed," she said.

"It's nice to have a dog again. And it's important to continue saving animals because they're just going to keep coming along and they're helpless, so people need to keep coming along too, and help them."

OAHS and NEW Pawsibilities continue adopting out animals by appointment only.

"Do not just stop by because the doors are locked and we have set hours (and dogs are seen by appointment only)," said Carmen Scott, NEW Pawsibilities marketing and communications director, adding that people aren't allowed to see multiple dogs as "that's just not appropriate at this time."

Geiger said all OAHS services are being done by appointment only, not just adoptions. That includes surrenders and stray animal returns to their owners.

Springtime is historically already busy for shelters and rescues with additional animals coming in.

"We are preparing for a potential to see a major increase in surrendered animals due to people being hospitalized. We hope it doesn't happen, but we have to be ready if it does because those animals will need us," said Geiger, adding that, "Unless you, your family or the animal is in danger we are

asking the public to assess if surrendering is necessary at this time. We are trying to keep spaces open for the true emergencies."

Besides adoption, fostering, volunteering or making donations of cash or needed items, there are other things pet owners can do to help stem the influx of animals into the shelter.

It's important for everyone to have a secondary caregiver appointed for their animals should they become unable to care for them for any reason. Ideally, that person should be local.

"Having a plan means your pet won't end up at a shelter. Assign a secondary caregiver for your animal and make sure you have instructions on how to care for them – their health history, vet records, vaccinations, any medications, etc.," said Geiger, noting that people should also use ID tags or consider microchipping them.

"Springtime is full of new smells and animals. Pets will often follow their nose or chase animals farther than they should and end up wandering out of their area. Put an ID tag with your contact information on your animal so if they do wander, you can be reunited immediately without needing to get your pet at a shelter."

Cats should always be kept indoors, especially during the beginning of breeding season, which typically lasts from April to January.

There are no puppy socialization or behavior training classes taking place during restrictions and veterinarians may be limiting the type of services they're performing or changing how they receive pets. For general questions related to health or behaviors if a vet can't be reached, NEW Paws or OAHS may offer some guidance.

Both groups continue to operate their food pantries for those who may be having difficulty feeding their pets. OAHS is also providing hands-free delivery of up to a 30-day supply of food through May 26 for city residents unable to get to the shelter. People who want to donate food to a pantry can contact them.





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Downtown stores are presenting a live program of online shopping, special offers and giveaways with a Virtual Shop Hop event from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday.

The event takes place on all participating shops' Facebook pages, with Downtown Oshkosh a resource for highlighted videos and items.

Reimer Jewelers owner Paul Wagner said 1,000 OshkoshStrong rubber bracelets have been ordered and will be available for \$10, with half of the proceeds going to the Downtown Oshkosh Business Improvement District.

"I feel it's a fun way to support our downtown business community and be involved with the broader community," Wagner said in an email.

Visitors to Downtown Oshkosh's Facebook page need to mark themselves as 'Going' to receive updates and posts during that time. Favorite items purchased and the store where purchased can be tagged to @DowntownOshkosh for a chance to win Downtown Oshkosh gift cards.



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County fair status under discussion

The Winnebago County Fair Association Board is weighing options available to hold this year's event scheduled Aug. 5-9 at Sunnyview Expo Center.

The board said in a press release that it has been meeting weekly to consider a full fair with social distancing, a smaller fair with limited activities and attendees, options for a virtual fair, or canceling. Members have been consulting with county fairs around the state, the Wisconsin Association of Fairs, International Association of Fairs & Entertainment and other community events.

"Our discussions always come back to how hard our exhibitors work throughout the year and the important role County Fair plays in their educational experience. We are also very concerned with being able to support the vendors and entertainers that rely on summer fairs and festivals for their livelihood," the board said in a statement. "And we recognize that the fun events of summer provide much needed stress relief, especially this year."

The opening of fair entry for exhibitors is postponed until June 1, as is the Fair Premium Book until the size and format of junior and open class fairs are determined. Early-bird pricing on all tickets will be extended until opening day: \$10 daily, \$30 weeklong passes.

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By Mufleha Ahmad Oshkosh Qamar Mosque member

A global pandemic is changing the order of the world as we know it. COVID-19 has not spared any part of society - health care, government, economy, environment, community interaction, lifestyle and religion.

Religious communities across the globe are altering the way they practice their faith amidst the challenges of Safer at Home orders. Christians celebrated Easter with livestreamed sermons and virtual egg hunts. The Jewish holiday of Passover was celebrated with a Seder over Zoom or Skype, distributions of Sederto-go kits with matzo, and drop-off Seder boxes for those left behind.

Muslims across the U.S. are asking themselves about similar scenarios as they observe their holy month of Ramadan. How will they celebrate Ramadan if they cannot go to their local mosques for Tarawih prayers or gather with loved ones to break the fast?

My family and I, along with my community - Ahmadiyya Muslim Community – have been listening to our Caliph - our leader - online or on TV as he

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

May 3, 1976
Scouts in Tree Planting Program:

Members of Boy Scout Troop 3, Merrill School, planted 1,000 trees at the Morriss farm west of Omro recently as part of the Horizons '76 tree planting program. The Scoutmaster is Ken Biendarra.

Source: Oshkosh Daily Northwestern, May 3, 1976



Ramadan 2020

This year's Ramadan started April 23 and lasts 30 days, ending at sundown May 23.

delivers the weekly Friday sermons in an empty mosque with just one other person who is there to recite the "call to prayer." We no longer go to the Mosque for Friday prayers, but do them with our family at home. We dress up a little on Friday and make something nice for dinner, so we don't end up depressed in our pajamas all

So, what will a coronavirus edition of Ramadan look like? Ramadan is a month of fasting and of deep spiritual devotion and development along with increased charity and generosity. It is a time for compassion and to serve mankind. It is a time to reflect and let go of the distractions in life and to focus on your relationship with God. In some sense, this virus-imposed lockdown has allowed us to slow down our lives, away from the commute and constant scheduling of our days.

Ramadan this year can allow us to reflect on the interconnectivity of humanity, of the suffering this virus has brought with no discrimination in religion or race or ethnicity.

However, the community Iftars (breaking of the fast) will have to be substituted with family dinners, and Eid festivities at the mosque will be replaced by virtual family parties. We cannot give up on charity and volunteering because we are not allowed to leave the home, rather we must come up with innovative ways to serve the community.

The essence of Ramadan is more important than ever as we deal with this ruthless virus infecting our fellow humans. Muslims and people of all faiths or no religion, can come together to reorient our lives to think beyond ourselves and to rediscover what we value for the good of our community and the world at large.



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Ramadan in midst of pandemic Hit-run incident on Main ended in driver's death

By Jack Tierney Oshkosh Herald

What started as a rear-end accident on South Main Street between West 6th and West 9th avenues turned into a hitand-run car chase, self-inflicted gunshot wound and a man pronounced dead after being pulled from Lake Winnebago, according to police reports on the incident.

Bradley S. Sanderson, 47, "was found to have what was believed to be a gunshot wound to his head" and was the registered owner of the car found in the water that was believed involved in the hit-and-run incident April 7, Oshkosh Police Department records stated.

Police said the incident started at a traffic light when Sanderson's SUV and Tracy and Chad Newcomb's car were side by side heading north on South Main between 6th and 9th. Reports said there was a utility truck ahead of the traffic light that was cutting off one of the lanes going over

According to the police report, a witness said that Newcomb swerved into Sanderson's lane and Sanderson eventually struck the Newcomb car. Sanderson

reportedly drove away as Newcomb tried to get him to pull over to report the accident. Sanderson drove throughout the surrounding area with the Newcombs following until he eventually made it south to the West 24th Avenue city boat launch on Lake Winnebago near Ardy and Ed's Drive In.

Believing that Sanderson had pulled over at the boat launch, Tracy Newcomb told police that Sanderson then sped up and drove into the water.

The police investigation found that Sanderson had shot himself at some point and police found a gun holster on Sanderson that was matched with the gun they eventually found.

Detective Jeremy Krueger followed up the incident and found that Sanderson had a history of depression and had been taking medication but did not express any thoughts of self-harm. He had been unemployed since November.

Detective Dean Artus stated in the report, "Based on the evidence on the scene, as well as the bullet wound to the victim, this was clearly a suicide by Bradley Sanderson." Krueger concurred and police have closed the case.



Drive-in services

First English Lutheran Church has been offering drive-in worship services at 5 p.m. Saturdays and 9 a.m. Sundays where participants park within a half-block of FELC at 1013 Minnesota St. and tune in to FM 88.5. Pastors Tim Greenwald and Jon Wills officiate and attendees can bring their own juice and bread to participate in Holy Communion. More information is on the church's Facebook page.





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Family works way through virus ordeal

By Brianna L. Wunsch Advocate Aurora Health

When Garrett Schoenberger developed a fever and was experiencing breathing difficulty, he knew a trip to Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh was in order.

And it's where he would spend the next 17 days, the majority of those in the intensive care unit (ICU), intubated and on a ventilator. Garrett had tested positive for the coronavirus.

"He was young and healthy with no (other conditions)," said Jennifer Oostra, ICU registered nurse who cared for Garrett for much of his stay. "Garrett was our first positive COVID-19 patient at a time where we still knew very little about the virus, and our policies and procedures were changing by the hour."

His wife, Christine, was shocked, his children scared. Not being able to visit, due to strict no-visitor restrictions at the hospital, made the time apart from Garrett even more trying.

"The hardest part was not being able to be there with him like in a normal circumstance," says Christine. "Days were very long waiting for calls on his condition, and no one was sleeping very well."

Staff in the ICU, however, did what they could to make the Schoenbergers feel more comfortable.

"All over social media, you see people posting photos of their windows at home decorated in 'Hearts for Hope'," Oostra



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The Schoenberger family is shown outside Aurora Medical Center.

says. "After one of my shifts ... we decorated Garrett's window with a rainbow of hearts and a sign of hope."

Within a day of decorating the window, Garrett was extubated, and just a few days later, he was cleared to leave for home. Watching him walk back to his car and waving goodbye to the Schoenberger family as they drove away, according to Oostra, is her proudest moment yet in the fight against COVID-19.

Aurora staff also provide tablets for patients to video chat with loved ones. Because the ICU is on the first floor, in certain cases families are sometimes able to briefly gather outside the rooms to see them face-to-face.

"We have held countless phone calls up to the ears of our ventilated patients

so their families can whisper words of encouragement and 'I love yous," Oostra

After an additional 14 days in home quarantine, Garrett is back to doing yard work and playing basketball with his son. His family continues to be thankful for the care they received, and Garrett's mother has donated homemade masks to staff when they are not at the hospital.

"It takes something like this to realize how your life could change in a second," Garrett said. "Too many times we take stuff for granted. (The health care workers) are sacrificing their lives every day to come wait on a patient like me. I just want to thank them from the bottom of my heart for saving my life."

UW Oshkosh commencement online Saturday

A virtual spring commencement will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday to recognize University of Wisconsin Oshkosh graduates for their academic achievements.

About 1,720 candidates for associate, bachelor's and graduate degrees will be honored in the first-ever online event, which will feature formal remarks, student speeches and digital slides of each graduate.

"I congratulate all of our spring 2020 graduates," said UWO Provost John Koker. "While the current pandemic has disrupted the normal course of our semester, it cannot change what our students have accomplished. Finishing their studies under these circumstances gives even more reasons to celebrate."

A link to view the ceremony will be shared later this week on UWO's website.

The event will include video messages from Chancellor Andrew Leavitt and Koker as well as from faculty and student speakers.

Oshkosh Media picks Radig as coordinator

Oshkosh Media, whose staff and volunteers produce community and municipal programming for the city in its studio and remotely, has named Andy Radig its communication coordinator.

Radig was operations coordinator at Oshkosh Media from 1995 to 2016. His new role will involve communications initiatives for the city and guiding social media.









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UWO response

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In his announcement about the furloughs, the fifth-year chancellor said, "While UWO will benefit from \$6.2 million in federal support through the CARES Act stimulus funding ... it prevents us from covering the refunds we made for students' housing and dining, which represents ... approximately \$7 million in covid-19 related losses. In short, we face an immediate \$4 million gap this fiscal year."

Leavitt later announced a 15 percent reduction of his \$297,821 salary last year and a similar reduction for Vice Chancellor John Koker, who earned \$210,000.

UWO estimated 180 employees would be notified from human resources that they would be on continuous furlough effective May 4 through Aug. 31. Remaining staff is on furlough two days each month, and nine-month employees and graduate school associates are exempt.

UWO is still teaching classes and generating revenue while spending less money in some areas than it usually does. Leavitt said his job is to worry about the financial situation but said until midsummer when there is a more accurate picture of what enrollment will look like the university will remain optimistic about its standing as a regional institution.

Students with food, housing, course material, technology, health care, and/or child care expenses due to COVID-19, are eligible for grant money if currently enrolled, have filled the Federal Student Aid application, been financially affected by the disruption and not enrolled exclusively in online courses March 13 — the day a national emergency was declared. More information is on the UWO website.



UW Oshkosh will be closed into the summer ahead of planning for the fall semester.

Adding to UWO's financial situation is a \$2.5 million payment to the state. The payment is considered a lapse payment. Leavitt said the \$2.5 million will be repaid to the university by next year, but does not help the current situation.

Predating the coronavirus economic impact at UWO was financial insecurity in a shrinking student enrollment, frozen tuition, inflated fixed-rate costs and a continuous debt to creditors for the misspending of previous UWO chancellor Richard Wells.

Hoping to remedy the situation, UWO partnered with UW-Fox Valley and UW-Fond du Lac to become "three campuses, one university" and started offering new programs at the more accessible two-year colleges starting in 2019. The partnership also hoped to make the transfer process easier among UW System schools.

Leavitt said he expects the regional access campuses to become a more attractive educational opportunity in the coming months and years. An enrollment number of 14,000 students on the chancellors' web page indicate that enrollment has gone up at the three campuses from

the previous three years.

"There is a fair amount of uncertainty about next year given the progression of this disease," Leavitt said. "We need to be prudent. We need to be a little more conservative on the fiscal side. We are planning on having students back on campus in the fall."

Regarding the university's quick shift from on-campus to online education, he said, "I can't tell you how pleased I am with the response of faculty, staff and students to this incredibly fast transition from the traditional face-to-face to the alternative delivery methods."

Last week, the UW System Board of Regents approved plans to waive requirements for ACT and SAT test scores at all UW System schools except UW-Madison for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 academic years.

In addition, all UW campuses except Madison and Milwaukee will need to complete a review of academic offerings by the end of 2020 and create an online learning model that serves working adults and traditional undergraduates. Campuses will also be encouraged to develop their own specialties and work with other universities to make sensible collaborations.

The announcement came last week from outgoing UW System president Ray Cross who said, "layoffs will be inevitable."

Food pantries

These resources are among those available to assist with hunger issues during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Oshkosh Area School District: Free grab-and-go meals offered Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at several schools and neighborhood locations. Updated locations and hours 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 between 8 and 10:30 a.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. More information: www.jerichoroadoshkosh.org.

Oshkosh Area Community Pantry: (2551 Jackson St., 920-651-9960) Pantry distributes packaged food near the front door of the St. Vincent de Paul building from 2 to 5:45 p.m. Mondays and 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays. Clients will receive drive-up service or be given food if they arrive by public transit. The pantry is approved to work with producers

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Father Carr's Place 2B Food Pantry: (1062 N. Koeller St., 920-231-2378) Vehicle will be directed to the side of the building where volunteers will load groceries. Hours and information: http://fathercarrs.org.

The Salvation Army: (417 Algoma Blvd., 920-232-7660) Hours are 9 to 11:45 a.m. Monday through Friday. Volunteers needed for stocking shelves, sorting food, helping clients select food and unloading trucks.

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Mask makers

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"Most of our ladies that sew in our group have had sewing experience and (are) quilters, so we've all been going through our stash" of materials.

Marcia Smith of Oshkosh has been brushing up on her skills with a new motivation for what her sewing machine can contribute. She said ideas are shared among the group as simple as where to get the right kind of oil for machines that have been in storage.

"The thing about the group is that there's so much camaraderie," said Smith, a nurse practitioner. "We were always sharing our tips and tricks, and where to get supplies."

She has been looking at the extensive online information and how-to videos on standard and innovative mask patterns, including ideas for more functionality and comfort. Alternatives to elastic ear hooks that can cause irritation with prolonged use are gaining favor: cotton T-shirt strips using bead adjusters, crocheted yarn with buttons and Cricut ear savers.

Smith favors a mask with a filter pocket option and is working on one with a mouth window that allows those with hearing impairment to read lips, but said it will need to endure the recommended machine washing and drying.

"There are people who are really putting their all into it. They will do 50 masks a day or something like that, and that is just amazing to me," she said.

Mask Makers' main dropoff/pickup site in Oshkosh is at Hayes' home at 240 S. Lark St., with other locations in Neenah, Appleton and Fond du Lac. They accept donations of money and materials.

Those with requests are asked to contact Payne at landcpayne2016@gmail.com to

Facemask use tips

- Before putting on a mask, clean hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Make sure mask covers your mouth and nose with no gaps.
- Do not touch mask while wearing it; if you do, clean your hands.
- Replace the mask with a new one as soon as it is damp.
- Wear cloth reusable mask with the same side facing outward.
- A mask does not provide full protection, so continue following social distancing guidelines.

From Wisconsin Department of Health Services

get on the list and assure it can be filled. Facility requests can be made through a form on the online page.

Thrivent Financial in Appleton has put some of its Action Dollars behind the Mask Makers among other organizations. Requests are in for more than 13,000 masks.

Among other sewing specialists who have turned their expertise to facemasks are the collaboration between Mary's Sew Creations and The Sequined Gem, both at 1816 Evans St., who together have produced more than 2,800 masks with at least 300 more orders to fill.

Mary Schuessler of Mary's and Meg Reichenberger of The Sequined Gem stalled their regular operations in early March to focus on masks with the help of eight volunteers and material donations.

Hundreds of the masks have been donated to health care workers, another 500 went to the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King, and they now offer different types of masks - pleated, fitted, different styles - at cost or with a donation at their retail store, which normally provides other



Brooke Hayes coordinates the dropoff and pickup of facemask materials from her Oshkosh home for Mask Makers of Winnebago County and Surrounding Areas.

standard sewing and embroidery services.

"From the very beginning Meg and I never put a price on the masks, we always said we welcome a donation," Schuessler said. "And people have been very generous because they know what we've done with our businesses and they know that it does take material and costs and elastic to make the masks."

They both have requests for supplies and volunteers through their Facebook pages as they also continue to get requests by text, email and phone.

"It's been hard at times and tiresome but we know that we're doing good for the general public," Schuessler said. "It's kind of fun when we go to the stores and we see someone wearing the masks."

Many families and individuals have been making their own masks, including Mayor Lori Palmeri who last month said she had sewn more than 100 to give away to the statewide group and others.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (WDHS) recommends wearing a cloth face cover when outside the home conducting essential activities such as going to work, the grocery store, pharmacy, banking and outdoor activities while maintaining social distancing. Those with seasonal allergies also are encouraged to wear one when around others.

The WDHS said using a cloth face cover allows more surgical masks and respirators to be used by health care providers and other first responders.

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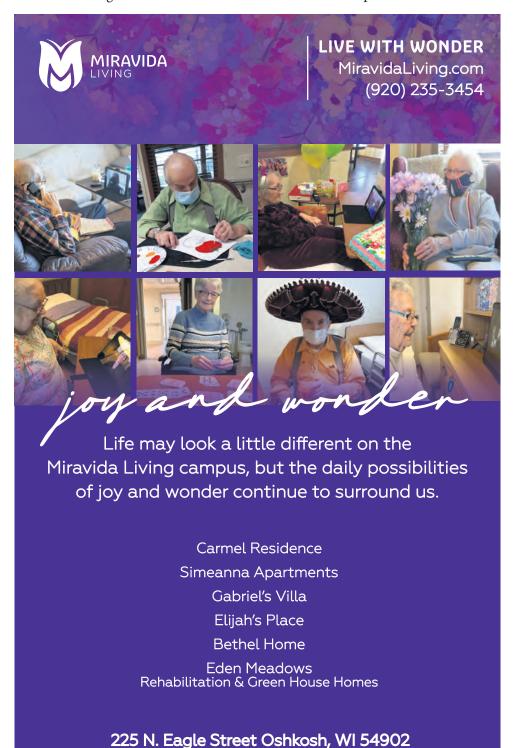
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Community grants offered

Oshkosh Area United Way will be accepting applications during June for 2021 Community Investment Grants, available to area organizations that offer programming on mental health, childhood development and living-wage assistance.

"The application process allows organizations throughout our area to educate us on programs they are cultivating and the impact those programs can have on our community," said Mary Ann L. Dilling, Oshkosh Area United Way president.

Last year 37 programs were funded for

22 organizations.

Applicants must be a nonprofit organization recognized as 501(c)(3) or hold a similar tax exemption such as a school district or unit of county or local government. Programs must support residents in ZIP codes found at oshkoshunitedway. org/funding. Deadline to apply is June 20.

Interested organizations are asked to email community impact specialist Candice Lane at candice@oshkoshunitedway. org to take part in a mandatory training before submitting the application.

City's water park shut for this summer

Uncertainty over when the Pollock Community Water Park could potentially open, safety of the public and staff, and social gathering limitations all were cited in the city's decision not to open the facility this summer.

"The health and safety of our residents and staff is of utmost importance – and this was a very tough decision," said City Manager Mark Rohloff. "After taking into consideration the continued protocols surrounding physical distancing and lim-

ited group gatherings that will be in place for the foreseeable future, and realizing we could not adequately clean and disinfect all the common-touch surfaces throughout the facility, we believe it is the right decision for the city and the community."

Another factor cited was the shortage in staffing. Between Parks Department staff and the school district's Recreation Department, which provides lifeguard staff, the level was about 45 percent short of what is needed.



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Student picked to take part in NASA research program

Ripon College junior MacKenzie Warner of Oshkosh has been selected to participate in the NASA Student Airborne

Research Program (SARP) this summer, working with other undergraduate seniors and NASA scientists at the National Suborbital Research Center in California.

Warner, who learned about the program as a high school sopho-

more while volunteering at EAA AirVenture, is one of only 28 students picked nationwide and the only one from Wisconsin. She is majoring in biology with minors in chemistry and Spanish.

Research in the program will focus on atmospheric chemistry, ocean remote sensing, air quality, forest ecology and oceanic biology. Warner also will have the opportunity to fly on the NASA P-3 aircraft for airborne data collection. The program will conclude with individual research presentations.

If national travel is still not feasible when the program starts in June, a virtual version of the program will be created so the participants still can have the experience and students will fly on the NASA P-3 later in the summer.

Warner hopes to pursue a master's degree in environmental toxicology, genetic counseling or biomedical technology.

"I am so overwhelmingly excited about this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Warner says. "I am very thankful for all the incredible support and excitement from my family, friends and the Ripon College community. I am honored to have been selected to attend SARP, it's truly all I can think about."

Property tax waivers discussed

Discussions between Winnebago County and city officials last week regarding a city proposal to waive interest and penalties on unpaid property taxes until Oct. 1 failed to get the measure forwarded for a County Board vote.

The county's Personnel and Finance Committee held a conference call with City Manager Mark Rohloff, Finance Director Van Gompel and two Common Council members Thursday to discuss Council Resolution 20-191 requesting support for Wisconsin Act 185 that offers relief measures during the public health emergency.

The committee decided not to take action at this time, noting there was about an 18-day period during which they could face a potential cash flow issue if too many residents or businesses took advantage of the waiver.

County Board Supervisors Mike Norton and Stephanie Spellman said they will continue to work for bringing it forward to the County Board for a vote. Rohloff said he would be providing an update at the May 12 council meeting.





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UW Oshkosh volleyball star gives back to youth

Gardner turns energies to instructional videos

By Dustin Riese HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Rachel Gardner is a familiar name around Oshkosh. From her high school career at West High to having one of the most successful volleyball careers that the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh has seen, Gardner's legacy in the community won't soon be forgotten.

Gardner recently capped off her col-



Gardner

lege career as a critical part of the Titans defense as she collected a team-best 581 digs to go with 63 assists and 18 aces. Gardner finished her career fourth in program history with 2,098 digs.

"Being a Titan is something that I will

cherish forever," Gardner said. "From traveling to conference championship matches to NCAA tournament appearances, each year brought a new obstacle, amazing teammates, phenomenal coaches and a season unique to its own. I will truly always be indebted to Oshkosh volleyball."

That kind of success is not something that is given, as Gardner has worked hard in a journey that started in middle school.

"I started playing volleyball in seventh grade for fun because a couple of my friends were playing and I liked playing sports so I thought, 'Why not?'" she said.

"At this point in my life soccer was the sport I would have bet money on that I'd play in college, but once I got into competitive club volleyball I loved how united you feel on the court, with your teammates cheering each other on after every point and the competitive, but fun, feel you got from the game. From there I was sold and there was no turning back.

"I knew if I was going to play in volleyball in college it was going to be Oshkosh," Gardner added. "I had been to every other WIAC school either on a tour or visiting someone and after attending only one Oshkosh camp, I had no intention of playing anywhere else. I loved the size of campus, the coaches, the program history, and I loved that my family could watch me take on my college journey."

Gardner wants to start a new legacy by doing something for her community. She has been tasked to "Move the Needle," an idea from one of her college courses that was part of her program major.

"Moving the Needle stems from my marketing capstone course, which is required by every marketing student to fill in their graduating semester," she said. "This course assigns a project where you need to do something to make a positive impact on the community."

Amid the pandemic, there was no better way to help her community in a way many would not have thought was an option a few months ago. As every sport has been canceled for the foreseeable future, Gardner was looking for a way to give girls a chance to get excited about volleyball while still being able to perfect their crafts. With the Safer at Home order limiting everyone,

Gardner came up with the idea to create a virtual volleyball experience — a three-video series of technical breakdowns and challenges for kids to try at home.

"My original idea was to create a free allskills camp for girls and boys ages K-5th grade where families could have the option to donate to a local charity since the camp itself was free," she said. "Typically, these ages are too young to attend regular summer volleyball camps so it would have been a great way to include the beginner-level kids and start teaching them basics at a younger age. Once everything happened, I knew I still wanted to keep my original idea, but obviously I had to make some changes so I created the video series as a way to still deliver a similar goal, but I just had to widen my audience a bit, which was perfect."

A virtual video series is not going to be as hands-on as physical camp but it widens the audience reach and broadens the target age groups. The primary age group is generally sixth- to ninth-grade level, but Gardner wants people to know anyone can do these videos.

"These videos really target any level, the vast majority being sixth- to ninth-graders as they understand the basics, but are still very much learning," she said. "The first video is on setting, the second is on passing and the third is a mixture of passing, setting and even a little bit of hitting."

When asked if the series could eventually get longer depending on its success, Gardner didn't rule out the possibilities of more videos down the road.

"Our original mini kids camp idea was going to become an annual event," Gardner said. "With this sudden switch to the virtual video series, maybe we could make this series become annual and have different alumni add videos."

As Gardner is set to embark on her second journey through volleyball, she is furthering herself as an Oshkosh icon, especially among youth girls in the area. Being a successful athlete is one thing, but being a better role model is what motivates Gardner during this time.

"I fully know and understand how difficult this time is as a current student, employee, coach and a former player," she said. "Whether it was a club season, spring season or regular season, getting that taken away unexpectedly is terrible so I wanted to make sure these kids know that their voices are heard and make sure that everyone has the opportunity to learn and keep practicing even if it's not in a gym."

Whether on the court, in the classroom or in the community, Gardner has already made a lasting impression among the volleyball players that have followed her. By giving them something to look forward to during uncertain times, her hometown legacy will also be about creating a positive mindset in up-and-coming players.

"My biggest takeaway is just trying to be a positive light in a nation of uncertainty and confusion," she said. "I don't need hundreds of viewers or people completing the challenges, I just want the kids to know that someone besides their family is listening and wants to help them and cares about them. I want them to know that they can still play volleyball, get after it and have fun without leaving their yard."



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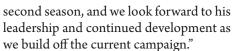
Herd retains head coach after great rookie year

By Ti Windisch HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Wisconsin Herd exercised the second-year option on coach Chase Buford last week, ensuring that whenever G League action resumes Buford will be back at the helm of the team he led to

league as a rookie head coach.

"Chase has done



Buford's Herd were 33-10 before the regular season was put on hold due to COVID-19. In addition to leading the

the best record in the

a tremendous job in his first season at the helm," Herd General Manager Dave Dean said. "As an organization, we're thrilled to have Chase return for a

league, the 33 wins the team accom-

plished matches the total wins from the team's first two seasons combined.

"I'm really excited to be back with the Bucks and the Herd," Buford said. "Obviously, both are great organizations trending in the up direction and to be on for another year is really exciting."

Buford was named NBA G League Coach of the Month in January, but he was far from the only member of the Herd to receive an accolade. Dragan Bender and Jaylen Adams earned Player of the Week honors, and Rayjon Tucker, Frank Mason III, and Adams earned the Player of the Month award three consecutive months this season.

Buford credited all of the Herd's winning to the development that led to players earning those kinds of honors, and said he felt his coaching staff as a whole excelled at focusing on individual development and prioritizing individual players.

"I think that was a huge piece (of Wisconsin's success), is they all felt at an in-

dividual level they were getting better and growing, whether they were playing 30 minutes a game or 10 minutes a game," Buford said. "I think you saw guys when they had their opportunities in different moments over the season step up and be ready to play. And I think the development we had was a huge part of that."

Tucker, following his exceptional run with the Herd, was called up to the Utah Jazz. Buford said he hoped more players from the 2019-20 Herd would get a shot at the next level, as their play definitely proved they earned a shot.

"I'd hope for some of our other guys to get called up somewhere because I think they played so well throughout the year," Buford said. "Jemerrio (Jones), Jaylen, you know, you go down the line, [they] deserve to get some call ups. You see some of the ones around the league, and you just hope for those guys that it would happen too."

There is usually significant turnover in the G League from season to season, but Buford said the front office and coaching staff are high on every player on the squad they have built, and have interest in bringing back whoever they can for next year.

"I think there will be an opportunity to bring back a lot of guys in this group, and whoever that looks like I think we're excited about the developmental prospects of pretty much everyone we had this year," Buford said. "So who knows what it'll look like in four or five months ... But we like the pieces we have. And we have a lot of rights to returning players that we're excited about."

The G League, which is reportedly planning on making further improvements to players' per diems and accommodations, could help Buford and the Herd out in that regard by offering a more viable alternative to playing overseas. Buford said as salaries and player accommodations continue to get better, more talent will stick in the U.S.

"When it becomes close enough for players to say the money's not that different between here and overseas, they'll stay every time," Buford said. "We hear that from our guys all the time. I mean, when they have families, they have children, they have a lot of things that keep their hearts tied here. So if the money and lifestyle is coming close, I think they'll stay here."

Looking back at his first season as head coach, Buford said the best part was watching his team really click and play for each other, as their bond was unique even among other good teams.

"It was a fun time to sit back and watch their passion take over, and the way they cheered for each other," Buford said. "You're around a lot of different teams and get a lot of good groups, and I've been fortunate, I've been around a lot of those, but this group was really special. I think everyone who was a part of it would admit that."

Martial arts academy tests students

American Black Belt Academy shifted its 245th testing and belting ceremony to online platforms. The martial arts school's Little Dragons tested in late April during their regular class time. Testing of other ranks continues via Zoom over the next two weeks.

Students demonstrate proficiency in the techniques of all their previous ranks and current rank. Skills include kicking, blocking, and striking techniques, forms/ patterns, step-sparring, self-defense and the recitation of terminology.

Instructors Sandra and Tom Swart-

wood, along with their volunteers, provide online instruction and training sessions for students twice week, with the option of scheduling one-on-one training sessions. Supplemental videos were created for extra workouts and instruction for more complicated maneuvers. Staff meet weekly to discuss progress, evaluations, and ideas for continuing to meet the needs of their students.

Last week instructors held a virtual "silly hat party" for the students to keep up morale and community spirit. For more information visit www.abbakick.com.

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Accident of Evolution or Child of God? That is the question. Gene sequencing, the fossil record, and the complexity of life provide the answer.

A Startling Revelation

Until recently the accepted model for the building of all life forms, Darwinian Evolution, assumed the following about random mutations.

1) Most are harmful but because they are selected against* they quickly disappear from populations and are irrelevant to evolution.

2) Some are neutral, not giving a breeding advantage or disadvantage*, and play a minor role in evolution.

Some mutations are selected* because they are beneficial, and they build or improve molecular features. Thus nascent forms of life could bide their time waiting for the next beneficial mutation to build them further. (You may recall the mantra: "Given enough time evolution can build anything.") *A beneficial mutation by definition bestows a breeding advantage (more kids); selection means it will be kept in a population because with time many more will have it than lack it. Harmful mutations result in fewer kids and in time vanish in a population.

But the last 20 years of gene sequencing have revealed a fourth kind of random mutation that completely overturns the Darwinian Evolution apple cart, adding #4 to the list: Some mutations are selected because they are beneficial, and they damage or destroy existing molecular features. Furthermore they are thousands of times more likely to occur than beneficial mutations that build or improve. Thus nascent life cannot bide its time because for every step that builds there will be thousands that damage and destroy.

Why are beneficial mutations overwhelmingly damaging? The answer lies in the nature of genes and proteins. Inserting, deleting or changing nucleotides in genes will almost certainly severely damage or kill them and their proteins. On the other hand, the ways to improve function are much more limited. This is consistent with the analysis of decades of laboratory experiments – that the great majority of beneficial positively selected mutations damage genetic information - either degrading or outright destroying it.

Examples are: lowering cholesterol and developing immunity to Type 2 diabetes by destroying genes; polar bears adapting to

the Arctic by breaking genes for fur color and metabolizing seal blubber; breeding dogs or horses for certain traits by selecting mutations that damage or destroy genes.

The history of life on earth as recorded in fossils strongly disconfirms Darwinian Evolution.

If evolution is true, the gradual building of organisms with increasing complexity would be manifested as a continuum of life's forms with little difference between successive organisms presenting myriads of transitional forms so large in number as to be uncountable. However, the empirical evidence of the fossil record presents a scenario that could not be more different.

Here are three defining features of the fossil record, which professional paleontologists accept as an accurate description of the history of life on earth.

- 1) Sudden Appearance: When organisms first appear, they are fully formed – rising abruptly.
- 2) Stasis: Organisms do not change over long spans of time, their earliest and latest fossils are remarkably similar.
- 3) The Cambrian Explosion: Most of the animal phyla (from the least complex, sponges, to the most complex, vertebrates) appear in a short geological time span.

Having addressed the relevant science in 13 presentations, the answer to the question AoE or CoG is clear.

The evidence from genome sequencing showing evolution's inability to build organisms, and the fossil record's strong disconfirmation of a gradual building of organisms from simple to complex unequivocally demonstrate that we are not Accidents of Evolution. As to Children of God, the sudden appearance of organisms and their stunning complexity posits an intelligence that vastly exceeds that of the human's. That is not only consistent with God but is also the only alternative.

God's eternal power and divine nature are clearly seen from the things that have been made. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made. (Paraphrase of Romans 1:20 and Psalm 139:14a)

For further study, see Youtube videos featuring Michael Behe, Stephen Meyer and James Tour.

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UWO gymnast part of NCAA forum

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh sophomore gymnast Rahdea Jarvis has been selected to participate in the NCAA's Career in Sports Forum, which helps student-athletes chart career paths while presenting opportunities to learn from industry leaders.

Jarvis will be among more than 400 student-athletes in the event, to be held virtually May 27-29, who will network with peers and decision-makers at the campus, conference and national level of college athletics.

Jarvis, a business management major from Brookfield, competed for the WIAC champion Titans on vault, uneven bars and floor exercise this season. Jarvis was second on floor exercise and fourth on vault at this year's WIAC Championship and helped the Titans clinch a berth to the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association Championship that was scheduled for March 27 but canceled due to the coronavirus.



UW Oshkosh's Radio TV Film program work honored

The UW System Board of Regents recognized the radio TV film department at UW Oshkosh with a Teaching Excellence Award, which also brings a \$7,500 award.

The department offers a mass media education that helps students establish careers in media production and studies. Andrew Smock is the department chair.

"Our department is comprised of researchers and practitioners who are always pushing themselves to provide high-quality educational experiences for our students in a field that is constantly evolving - it's rewarding to see that hard work recognized," Smock said. "We're also gratified to witness the continuing success of our students as they develop their careers in a competitive field."

The curriculum is the only major in UWO's College of Letters and Science that requires a minor in another field of study.

Titan TV, WRST-FM and Film Society serve for students who win state, regional, national and international awards as well as internships. Students have won 17 competitive internships in the Academy of Televi-

sion Arts and Sciences' college student internship program, more than any other Wisconsin school.

Students also present video projects and media scripts to the community and/ or the on-campus Celebration of Scholarship, where they have won cash awards for their excellence.

"(Radio TV film) alumni are local broadcasters. They lead organizations in the region and state. They are at the epicenter of the entertainment industry in Los Angeles. Wherever these Titans are, they support one another and establish successful careers and lives," UW Oshkosh Chancellor Andrew Leavitt said.

Students in the Los Angeles Connection course spend two weeks in the Los Angeles entertainment industry, meeting over 50 department alumni. Last year, 2001 graduate Brad Carr, who has produced shows for cable networks Lifetime and ABC Family, hosted an event for the LA connection class at the media company, Endemol Shine North America, where he serves as vice president of production.

UW Oshkosh business impact survey in second phase

The second observation period of a statewide survey measuring the economic impact of the pandemic on Wisconsin businesses is underway with a Thursday deadline.

The survey is a partnership between the Wisconsin Economic Development Corp., the state's nine regional economic development organizations, including New North, and the UW Oshkosh Center

for Customized Research & Services to collect data on the level of economic hardship being experienced by business.

Those businesses who took part in the initial observation period should go to http://uwo.sh./covid-19-econ-may share their current situation. Interested businesses are encouraged to go to http:// uwosh.edu/ccrs/covid-19-survey.



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James Ingala

James C. Ingala – 85 years "young" May 20, 1934 - April 25, 2020



Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" John 11:25-

James Concetto Ingala passed away peacefully into his Lord's loving arms, after a short battle with cancer at his home in North Port, Florida. His loving wife Karen was faithfully at his side. Jim was born in Chicago, the eldest son of Santina (Sandy) Ingala (Moccero) and Concetto (CJ) Ingala and grew up in Janesville, WI with his loving sister Joann and younger brother John.

Jim was a natural athlete who loved and played sports for nearly his entire life. He also loved to hang out with family and friends; play the slots, drive fast cars, especially his prized 1958 white Chevy Impala SS, and was a huge baseball fan for many years. Jim excelled in most everything he tried. He owned and operated the successful James C. Ingala Insurance Agency

in Janesville for decades; and in his later years, he sold for Physician Mutual Insurance in Oshkosh WI before he and Karen retired to Florida.

Jim is survived by his loving wife Karen and two loving dogs, Sophie & Sammy (North Port, FL), three grown children Candice (Tim) Warriner (Roscoe, IL), James C. Ingala, Jr. (Oshkosh, WI), Michelle (Jeff) Burns (Port Charlotte, FL) and his younger brother John (Shelley) Ingala (Oshkosh, WI) - also survived by grandchildren, best friend & cousin Richard (Adair) Moccero (Evansville, WI), nieces- Debra (Mark) Saunders, Teresa (Douglas) Henning, nephew-Robby Schroeder, sister-in-law Gloria Erickson (Algoma, WI) and a number of close family and friends. He was preceded in death by his beloved grandparents Joe & Jenny Moccero, father and mother CJ & Sandy Ingala, sister & brother-in-law Joann & Roger Bauer and by his beloved youngest son Charles J. Ingala.

A private gravesite ceremony for family will be scheduled at a later time in Janesville, WI. No memorial has been established at this time.

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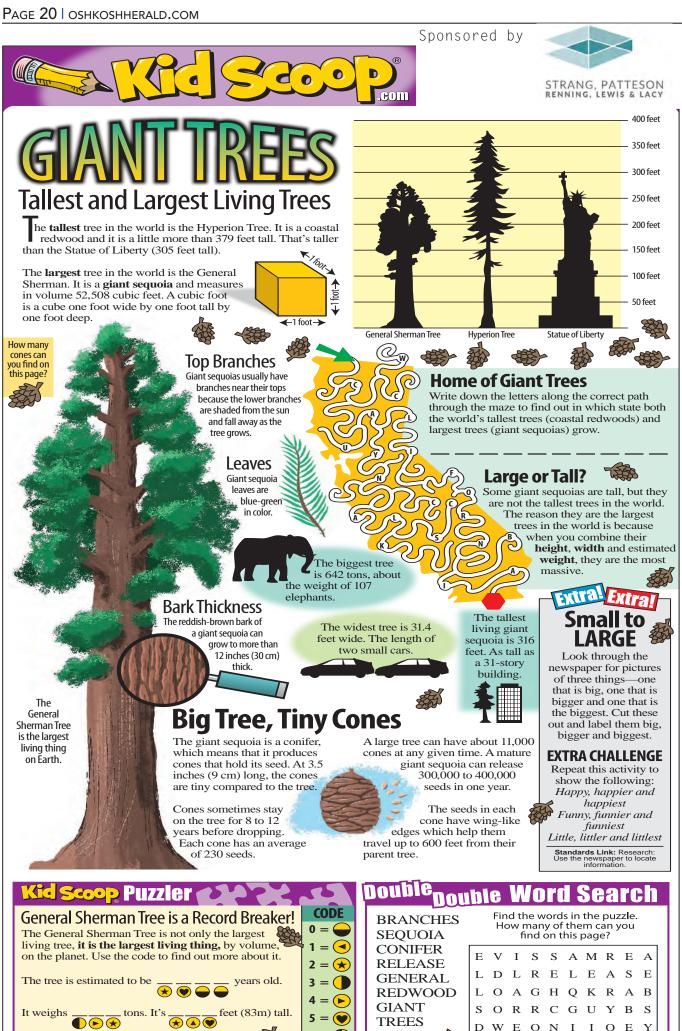
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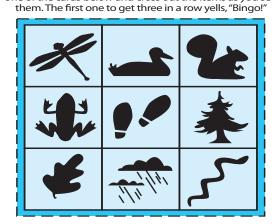


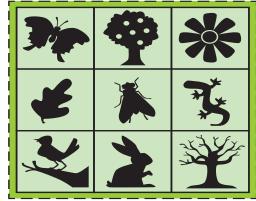
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