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## Bucks look at venue alternatives

### Arena uncertainty will need answers for Herd

By Miles Maguire  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The owners of the Wisconsin Herd are warning that they may have to play their next season elsewhere if the financial

wrangling over the Menominee Nation Arena goes on for much longer.

“Unless Future Bucks can be assured that the arena will be operational, and the services required under the lease agreement will be provided, for all Herd games during the 2020-2021 season, then Future Bucks may be forced to secure an alternate venue for the Herd season and seek to terminate the lease agreement,” according to legal papers filed last week.

Future Bucks is the entity that owns and operates the Herd under a franchise agreement with the National Basketball Association Gatorade League. The president of Future Bucks is Peter Feigin, who is also president of the Milwaukee Bucks.

“The Herd has made it very clear that they want to remain in Oshkosh, and

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Oshkosh Herald photo by Jack Tierney

### Springtime fun drive

Community Connect — Resource Guidance partnered with area organizations to host a free toy giveaway Friday. People throughout the Fox Valley were invited to drive up to a tent area, select a toy and drive away with something new. Within 20 minutes of opening, 100 cars had been counted taking part in the giveaway. See story on Page 4.

## Event organizers plan ahead with no guarantees

### City coordinator tries to keep options open

By Dan Roherty  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Amid an uncertain community social calendar for the coming months, event organizers and coordinators are trying to navigate their ability to offer public gatherings in a tight time frame.

Festivals, concerts and other public events need some locked-in dates if there

is going to be enough time to pull off all the necessary details before either canceling or moving to a more reliable date. EAA's AirVenture, the largest of all Oshkosh events that had been set for late July, made the tough call Friday to cancel its 68th annual convention due to the uncertainty surrounding its extensive and global planning process.

Municipal staff in Event City are helping navigate the pandemic reality for other groups that have a chance to put on a safe community activity. Special events coor-

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The fourth year of Food Truck Friday was added to the list of canceled summer events.

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# Business interests want more defined revival

By Jack Tierney  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce president John Casper has been supporting a more speedy reopening effort to the financial hardship caused by COVID-19.

The larger "Wisconsin Chamber," also known as the Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce (WMC), proposed an alternative solution to Gov. Tony Evers' Safer at Home order by calling for reopening the state starting this Friday with a strategic approach.

"Lost in all of this is struggling citizens who have concluded that the cure is turning out to be worse than the disease," Casper said.

"We should be thinking in terms of dialing up opening businesses and workplaces that are for healthy non-elderly individuals who do not live with vulnerable people. We should question if social isolation is



Casper

appropriate for the healthy. There are ways we could be going about it that nobody is really putting energy into thinking about."

The anxiety to reopen was demonstrated last week through thousands of "likes," comments and shares of a video of an Oshkosh businesswoman being arrested for operating against Safer at Home orders. Some of the comments read, "This is sad," "This is insane," and some criticized police for enforcing the stated rules.

Coupling the argument for a speedy economic recovery are the people who have waited more than six weeks to receive the stimulus checks they were promised. Unemployment checks are also reported to be weeks behind. Many landlords continued to collect payments until only recently and utility companies continue to charge while unemployment nears Depression-era highs.

GOP legislators have used those points and others like it on social media to give credit to a lawsuit against the governor for executive authority given to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (WDHS).

While the GOP-led Legislature has not shown its own version of a Badger Bounce Back plan, the WMC plan garnered support from some, but not top, GOP leaders.

It could come down to the state Supreme Court, who last week ruled that unions could not join together to file suit in support of Evers to decide if WDHS has authority to mandate Safer at Home orders and to hear GOP lawsuits against Evers.

If the governor and WDHS authority were overturned, it would be left to local law enforcement and health agencies to determine policy, which means there could be different policy in regions like Racine County where Sheriff Christopher Schmaling said he planned not to enforce Safer at Home orders; and Hartford Mayor Tim Michalak, who said local businesses could reopen April 27 despite Evers' orders and health expert guidelines.

Winnebago Sheriff John Matz said he supports his constituents and would follow health guidelines.

"We will continue to work closely with Winnebago County Public Health to resolve issues that arise," Matz said.

The medical community continues to advocate for a conservative approach.

"We will work with regional and state partners to develop and implement a local plan in coordination with them," WDHS told the Herald. "We will continue to monitor the Badger Bounce Back criteria to help us make decisions moving forward."

"The health and safety of individuals in our local communities and across the country remain our top priorities," an Ascension Wisconsin spokesperson said. "We know the community shares our desire to continue to minimize the spread of COVID-19."

"Based on what we've seen, the social distancing measures, including Safer at Home, are working to flatten the curve."

## Grand to announce new season

The Grand Oshkosh will unveil its 2020-21 season lineup Friday night on its YouTube channel featuring Brazilian musical duo B2wins, who were scheduled to headline the theater's annual fundraiser "A Grand Night" the same day before the Safer at Home status was in place.

After B2wins opens the online preview at 7:30 p.m. at <http://bit.ly/TheGrandatHome>, which includes their new Sept.

12 live performance date, The Grand's director Joe Ferlo will announce the upcoming Performance Series.

Donors to the Annual Fund will be first in line for season tickets with general ticket availability to be announced at a later date. The Grand is in the middle of its #unitedwegrand campaign to counter the loss of ticket sales, rental and its spring fundraiser.

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# Election challengers respond to extra hurdles

By Jack Tierney  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Candidates for state and federal elections need signatures from eligible voters within their district to appear on a ballot. For the Nov. 3 general election, Wisconsin's 6th congressional race has four Democrats challenging Republican incumbent Glenn Grothman and all looking to fulfill the 1,000-signature threshold.

"I'm not worried about getting the signatures. I'm worried about people getting sick," 6th District candidate Amy Washburn said.

Washburn is recovering from a surgery and immune deficiency. She cites a larger issue with the Wisconsin Elections Commission not making an effort to alter requirements similar to other states that honor electronic signatures and have reduced the number of signatures required.

A former lawyer and lobbyist, Washburn said she has people carrying forms to grocery stores, asking mail carriers to sign forms and personally urging eligible voters and their neighbors to communicate the word. Visit [washburnforwisconsin-sixth.com](http://washburnforwisconsin-sixth.com) for more information about her campaign.

Another challenger is Matthew Boor, a Marquette University graduate and businessman from Manitowoc, who has gone to social media channels to tell viewers how to submit a pen-and-paper ballot.

He had a band play in his backyard and livestreamed a video to his Facebook feed. He is also asking friends, family and former colleagues to spread the word about his bid. His Facebook page is [Boor 2020](https://www.facebook.com/Boor2020).

Michael Beardsley, a 26-year-old University of Wisconsin Oshkosh graduate

and IT consultant, has turned to drive-through signature events in the district like one held Tuesday at Menominee Park.

"This is an incredibly difficult time to be attempting to gather signatures," Beardsley said. "This campaign is doing everything possible to gather signatures by allowing people to download forms from (his) website, emailing forms, mailing forms with prepaid return envelopes, and holding signature drive-through events."

Beardsley's information can be found at [beardsleyforcongress.com](http://beardsleyforcongress.com) along with his campaign goals.

Jessica King, a lawyer and Thomas Jefferson Law School graduate, is also hosting a drive-through event from noon until 4 p.m. Saturday at 480 N. Main St. with state Rep. Gordon Hintz and state Senate District 18 hopeful Aaron Wojciechowski.

In addition to gathering signatures, King is hoping to uplift spirits and goodwill by taking donations of nonperishable foods at the event, which will be distributed throughout the district as needed.

"If you're looking to make something positive of a challenging situation where we all come together and feel like we accomplish something," King encourages attending the event.

King's detailed campaign information is at [jessicakingforwisconsin.com](http://jessicakingforwisconsin.com) along with her priority issues.

Looking ahead, if two, three or all four Democrats get on the ballot a primary would be held Aug. 11 ahead of the general election.

Candidates began circulating nomination papers April 15. Those papers must be filed by 5 p.m. June 1 to get on the ballot.



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Michael Beardsley seeks signatures at a drive-through event in his effort to get on the ballot for a congressional seat.



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# Groups unite to hand kids some fun

By Jack Tierney  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Within 20 minutes of opening, Adam BellCorelli at the Toy DriveThru Giveaway counted 100 cars that had pulled into the parking lot. The cars, trucks and vans continued to drive in and volunteers handed out toys until everything gathered was gone in a unique display of generosity.

The DriveThru Giveaway coordinated by BellCorelli's Community Connect — Resource Guidance at the Menominee Nation Arena on Friday let participants drive up to a designated tent area, pick a toy, game or craft for each child either in or not in the car from a volunteer, and drive away with something new. Volunteers placed the items into the vehicles and practiced health guidelines.

It was the second Toy DriveThru event that week and the sunny afternoon resulted in a large turnout.

"The response has been so incredibly supportive," BellCorelli said. "It's been little things. It's been, 'I want to help kids who are home at school. I want to help brighten their day a little.'"

BellCorelli said the idea for the event started when he got a call to action. "We (BellCorelli and Heros of Oshkosh) got a message from Jake's Diapers a couple weeks ago saying, 'Who wants to raise some funds and bring a huge truckload of toys to hand out to kids in the Fox Valley?'" BellCorelli said. "That immediately sounded like something I'd love to do."

BellCorelli ordered three pallets of toys from Jake's Diapers through Good360, which was eventually bumped up to four pallets with a donation from an any-



Oshkosh Herald photo

Volunteers hand out toys and games Friday for families who visited the arena parking lot.

mous Oshkosh resident, and the toys were delivered to Heros of Oshkosh within a few days.

BellCorelli and Heroes of Oshkosh then made calls to their connections at the Oshkosh Food Pantry and Menominee Nation Arena to schedule dates to host the events.

Good360 chief executive Matt Connelly said they were proud to join forces with Toys for Tots and Jake's Diapers to bring some joy and support to families with children.

"We are seeing a dramatic rise in demand for a wide variety of personal and household items, including toys," he said.

Menominee Nation Arena public relations director Carolynn Fields said, "We are happy to be able to open our parking lot for such a great cause to benefit children and families. It's a difficult time for many in our community, and bringing joy and happiness to the people of Oshkosh when it's needed most is something we were happy to get behind."

Given the supportive response, BellCorelli said he would like to have more events. Community Connect — Resource Guidance is continuing to take donations through its Facebook page or at adamc.smiles@gmail.com.

## Back in the Day



Oshkosh history  
by the Winnebago  
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### May 5, 1969

**Oshkosh sixth-grader finishes second in State Spelling Bee:** A sixth-grader at Franklin School, named Douglas Kiddy, has finished second in the 21st Annual Badger Spelling Bee held recently in Madison. It is the first time in the history of the competition that a sixth-grader made it to the final round. The young lad was attended to at the event by his Franklin School teacher, Mrs. Caroline Moening, and his mother. The competition went 35 rounds, with most students being eliminated after 11 rounds or so. The competition was won by an eighth-grader from Prairie du Chien. Some of the words which Douglas had to spell included tobogganing, residual, innumerable, abbreviation, slanderous, vehemence, trachea, fraudulent, journalism, fictitious, hydrangea and elasticity. The word that proved the boy's downfall was grisaille. The dictionary defines 'grisaille' as decorative painting in gray monochrome. For his efforts, Douglas received \$25 and a Living Library one-volume encyclopedia.

Source: Oshkosh Daily Northwestern, May 5, 1969

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# Porch Portraits for Cause helps Aurora's patients

Porch Portraits for a Cause started as a fun idea in this time of social isolation and quickly became a way to support the Aurora Health Care Foundation's "No One Dies Alone" program.

Growing out of an email exchange between freelance photographer Michael Cooney and Aurora Foundation development coordinator Molly Yatso-Butz, the photo project included seven families on its first day.

The photo session is done outdoors with the intention of creating a fun family portrait.

"We don't want any boring photos," said Cooney, who urges families to make signs, dress in anything from formal wear to pajamas, and be playful.

The existing No One Dies Alone program at Aurora in Oshkosh started with volunteers sitting by people's bedside if family members or friends could not be

present before they passed away.

With no visitors allowed in hospitals, Aurora has begun using iPads from the surgery center in rooms and using apps like Facetime for patients to see and visit with loved ones.

"This immediately improved the mental wellbeing of our patients in every area of the hospital," Yatso-Butz said.

According to Incident Command at Aurora Oshkosh, there is a need for 10-15 more iPads to allow all patients this opportunity.

"We are hoping for no patient to die alone and that all patients will be able to reach out to family members and friends during this incredibly lonely time," Yatso-Butz said.

Aurora will be buying the devices at a bulk rate of about \$329 per iPad and \$80 per case.

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Photo by Michael Cooney

Pat and Kay Cheever with their children Nolan and Liam outside their Oshkosh home.

7009 or molly.butz@aurora.org. A minimum donation of \$100 is requested.

# Oshkosh Goodie Bags offered with donation

Oshkosh Area United Way and the Oshkosh Convention & Visitors Bureau have partnered to offer a special Oshkosh goodie bag to the first 100 people to donate to the Oshkosh COVID-19 Relief Fund.

The fund was created in partnership between United Way and the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation to provide direct assistance to vulnerable individuals and families through partners in the school district. Such assistance may include food and hygiene supplies, housing, child care

or health services.

"Unfortunately, with all that has transpired, many of our neighbors are going to find themselves in a challenging place," said Mary Ann Dilling, Oshkosh United Way president. "We all have an opportunity to give."

Amy Albright, executive director of the Convention & Visitors Bureau, added, "Our hope is that this initiative will help lift the spirits of all who receive and remind them of how wonderful our com-

munity truly is."

Those wishing to donate to the fund and be entered to win must text the word COVIDOshkosh to 313-131 and click the link in the reply message. Donations must be at least \$25.

The first 100 donors will be notified via text message and will have the Oshkosh goodie bag delivered to their home address without contact.

For more information visit oshkoshunitway.org/COVID19.

# Covey hosting interactive events

Covey is offering a series of live interactive classes and social engagements called "Covey Connects" to reduce the effects of social isolation.

The digital offerings allow Covey to expand services to other areas. Anyone with an intellectual or developmental disability, and their family caregivers, are encouraged to build new networks through Covey Connects.

Covey is offering topics on internet and social media safety. For more information visit [www.covey.org](http://www.covey.org) or its Facebook page.

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# \$107M school vote revisited

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About six months from now the general election ballot could include a funding referendum vote for the Oshkosh Area School District.

If the Board of Education decides to place the referendum on the Nov. 4 ballot and the majority vote sways toward yes, Oshkosh will be on its way to an adjusted school district. Capital improvement priority No. 1 would then become building a new Merrill Middle School.

Deputy Superintendent David Gundlach said it's unclear at this time how COVID-19 will impact the referendum effort and eventual vote. He and Superintendent Vickie Cartwright will be looking to board members, who answer to city residents, for direction on the process.



Gundlach

"We were very interested to see the vast majority of referenda passed (on the April 7 ballot) including Neenah's, which is much larger than what we would be going for," said Gundlach, who has been leading the referendum and long-range school consolidation plan. "It definitely provides an example of how communities need to invest in their facilities for the long term, and in Oshkosh we use our facilities longer than most school districts."

In total, the referendum is estimated to cost the district \$107.4 million to be levied against the average property taxpayer in the amount of \$98 per \$100,000 of equalized value.

In addition to a new school site around where the current Merrill Middle School site is situated, major change would come to consolidation of schools from 20 to 14, which Cartwright said will level out the average classroom size and fill priority staff positions at every school. Redevelopment would see four phases across multiple years.

# Making the best of things



Oshkosh Herald photos

Lion statues outside the Oshkosh Public Library promote personal protective equipment.



Brinkley's Boutique celebrates the community with a rainbow display of hearts.



"A Little Free Community Pantry" was started by Mary Drephal outside her home at 326 W. 16th Ave. to serve the South Park area, whose neighbors have contributed nonperishable food and sample-sized toiletries. It's open 24 hours and available to the public. Messages on its sides read "Give if you can ... Take if you need."



Lakeside Manor displays messages on its lakeside entrance to uplift the community and its residents. A second sign on the fencing of the apartment complex reads, "Heroes Work Here."

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# Council looks at city responses to pandemic

By Tom Ekvall  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

What the city will look like when “near normal” returns after the coronavirus pandemic was a question on the minds of members of the Common Council at its April 28 meeting. Council members discussed with city staff such issues as the November election, assistance to businesses and landlord-tenant relations to prevent evictions.

Fire Chief Michael Stanley said he had no idea how long it will take for the city to get back to the way things were before the pandemic but said Winnebago County has done better than many other counties. Once the city declares that the local emergency is over then no more funds can come to resolve any future problems.

The council approved transferring funds from tax increment financing districts 14 and 19 to TIF No. 16 to provide additional revenue to assist businesses, mostly downtown. Each TIF will provide up to \$250,000 in revenues for the emergency loan program whereby businesses can obtain up to \$10,000 to meet expenses at a repayment interest rate of 2 percent.

The Joint Review Board met the next day and approved the loans, which will be administered by the Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corp. City Manager Mark Rohloff said staff will keep the council updated on repayment and other issues that may develop.

On elections, both Rohloff and Council members were adamant about the failure of the Postal Service to deliver absentee ballots to residents in a timely manner and their lack of reporting back on what happened. Rohloff said he filed a complaint and has not heard a response.

Councilman Matt Mugerauer said both he and his wife had applied for absentee ballots and did not receive them, forcing them to make alternate plans to vote.

Members discussed various ways to get residents to vote by absentee ballot in future elections.

In discussion of landlord-tenant relations, some council members suggested contacting state officials to prolong the relief package whereby tenants cannot be evicted. Local resources also were emphasized and the flexibility of using block grant funds in other areas.

“How do we manage people being without housing?” Mayor Lori Palmeri asked in reference to potential eviction of unemployed tenants and the potential rise of homelessness as a result.

In other action, the council approved an amendment to the General Development Plan and approved the specific implementation plan for a TIF district at Jackson Street and Pearl Avenue that will enable development of a five-story building that will house the Oshkosh Food Co-op and additional apartment units.

# Kohlhoff to challenge Hintz for Assembly

Hans-Peter “Pete” Kohlhoff has announced his candidacy as a Republican for the Assembly’s 54th District, which includes most of Oshkosh, seeking to unseat Democratic Rep. Gordon Hintz.



Kohlhoff

“It is time to put the 54th Assembly District with the Republican majority party and get something done for us in the state Legislature,” Kohl-

hoff said in a press release. “The 54th District is getting tired of not being part of the decision making in Madison. I want to make the 54th count again.”

Kohlhoff, who grew up in Oshkosh since age 5 after being born in Germany, graduated from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and started Pete Kohlhoff Realty. After retirement he founded Beep International and serves as secretary of the River Mill Condominium Association.

He is past chairman of the Oshkosh and Winnebago Republican clubs.

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# Antiwar sentiments boiled over in 1970

## Oshkosh campus scene of Algoma Blvd. rioting

By Joseph Schulz  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Fifty years ago, a growing antiwar movement erupted on what is now the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh campus when thousands of students rioted, blockading Algoma Boulevard, lighting tires and trash cans on fire and digging up a 30-foot section of road with pickaxes and shovels.

The incident became known as the Algoma Boulevard Riots, a cultural collision between President Richard Nixon's "moral majority" and the counterculture in Oshkosh, according to research from UWO history professor Stephen Kercher and students Jean Westerhaus and Alex Schoenbeck.

The 1960s had been a decade of growth at Wisconsin State University at Oshkosh (WSU-O); each year the campus saw 1,000 more students than it had the year prior. The growth became a point of contention among city residents, according to UWO archivist Joshua Ranger.

When the city voted in 1869 to create the campus, the intention was to create a small teachers college, but the baby boom after World War II resulted in a campus of over 10,000 students. By the height of America's counterculture revolution, students began living off campus in the same

neighborhoods as city's residents.

"You've got men with long hair, hippies and girls who're not shaving or not wearing bras, living next to families; it was scandalous to all these different types of people at the time," Ranger said. "It was like the things they saw on the evening news were now in their own town."

By the late '60s, Kercher said the anti-war movement had taken hold in campuses across the United States, and WSU-O was no exception as the campus had a dedicated group of student activists. For the young men on campus, the threat of getting drafted was always looming.

In October 1969, student organizers asked the university to cancel classes for a teach-in to educate the community about the horrors of the Vietnam War, the same day as the nationwide Moratorium to End the War.

When the university president refused to cancel classes Oct. 15, students organized a panel discussion in Fletcher Hall and a two-hour assembly criticizing the war on the lawn in front of Dempsey Hall. The day was capped with a 2,000-person candlelight march to the Winnebago County Courthouse.

Kercher said the university allowed those demonstrations because it did not want to deal with the potentially negative consequences of a larger event, such as "Black Thursday" in November of the previous year, in which 94 African American students were arrested for protesting.



UW Oshkosh archives

Wisconsin State University — Oshkosh students participate in 1970 antiwar demonstrations.

Black Thursday and the Oct. 15 antiwar demonstrations didn't go unnoticed by the larger Oshkosh community.

"Oshkosh, like so many cities throughout the United States, was really divided on these critical issues that really had Americans fighting against each other," Kercher said. "We have lived in very partisan times over the last several years, but it's always a good reminder for us to realize that there have been moments like this in the past when American society was deeply divided."

Those divisions, Ranger said, caused some residents to begin wondering "why are we, the taxpayers, supporting these kids who don't know how good they have it?" At that time, tuition was completely subsidized by taxpayers.

The draft lottery in December 1969 and Nixon's April 1970 announcement that he was sending U.S. troops into Cambodia further frustrated WSU-O students.

Algoma Boulevard through the heart of campus was — and still is — busy. When classes are in session, crowds of students will emerge at intersections, waiting for traffic to clear. But in the 1970s, Ranger said the situation was much more dangerous than it is today.

"Nowhere else in Oshkosh would you have to wait for hundreds of people to cross the road; it's kind of unusual," he said. "People were driving too fast, and there was the perception that (drivers) were trying to even hit students, or get really close to it to scare them as some sort of outlet for their frustration over what was happening to their city."

On May 1, 1970, conservatives in Oshkosh had crafted an event dubbed Law Day, USA to serve as a testament to Nixonian ideas of law and order, promoted by local public figures and schoolchildren.

WSU-O students used the day to raise awareness about the Algoma Boulevard situation. They handed out pamphlets about "the traffic problem" and eventually about 400 assembled and closed Algoma, building barricades with logs, concrete bumpers and large garbage containers.

The incident inflamed the growing animosity between students and residents, who believed in Nixon's idea that "America needed law and order to put an end to the demonstrations and the chaos that was being stirred up by spoiled rabble-rousing, drug-addicted, sandal-wearing hipsters."

A few days later, four Kent State University students were killed and nine injured on campus during a protest against the war. That night, 250 WSU-O students attended the Oshkosh Common Council meeting to ask the city to address the Algoma Boulevard issue.

The council provided no guarantees they

would deal with the issue, which enraged them. One student was reportedly so upset that he told the council, "You've lied to us, you've beat around the bush. Well, damn it, it's too late. I'm going out into the streets and so is everybody else here."

At 11 p.m., roughly 2,500 students poured onto Algoma. They set up barricades, started tires and trash cans on fire, and began digging up a 30-foot section of the road.

"What started as a public safety issue really sort of morphed into a way for students to really vent their rage at the continuing conflict between law and order authority — the Nixon administration — and young people," Kercher said.

The administration's extension of the war, the draft lottery of 1969, Kent State and the city's noncommitment to the traffic issue had made students feel their personal safety was being endangered by adults who didn't respect them.

Winnebago County police and officers from 15 other agencies — all wearing riot gear — intervened and dispersed students. The next morning, hundreds of officers kept students at bay while plows and equipment from the County Highway Department moved down Algoma to reopen the road.

Some students threw rocks and chunks of concrete at officers. The police made arrests for unlawful assembly and disorderly conduct.

The next day, 15 mph speed limit signs were installed. The same day, the student body president reportedly said Algoma Boulevard was "a dead issue," and that "Cambodia" and "not the street" were the cause of the protests.

Student protesters had a strike planned for May 7. But at a memorial service that afternoon for the Kent State students killed, WSU-O President Roger Guiles, who had expelled 94 for demonstrating on Black Thursday, lowered the campus flag in honor of the dead students.

In response to Guiles' gesture, student activists toned down their planned march to the downtown Selective Service office. WSU-O student Harley Christensen reportedly said, "What can we accomplish by violence? Nothing. What can we accomplish by peace and love? Everything."

Kercher said activists had recognized that more destructive action was a dead end, and decided to take a more peaceful course.

That night 4,000 people, including WSU-O students, high school students and residents, marched down Main Street. Four students carrying crosses with the names of the dead Kent State students led the silent march, which occurred peacefully.

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# Herd uncertainty

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that's our goal," said City Manager Mark Rohloff. "We're doing everything we can to work with them to make sure that is going to happen."

The Herd started playing in Oshkosh in 2017 under a lease agreement that called for the owner of the arena to make payments based on ticket sales, concessions, parking fees and revenue from ads on display at the arena.

But the owner of the arena, Fox Valley Pro Basketball Inc., filed for bankruptcy last year without making a single payment, the team says in legal papers. An additional balance of \$76,025 has accrued for the 2019-2020 season for a total of almost \$650,000.

Pulling out would be "catastrophic" for the arena owner, Future Bucks warned in its court filing.

The team says it may have no choice because Fox Valley has proposed a way out

of bankruptcy that may take many months to resolve. Fox Valley has said that if it cannot find additional financing by November it will turn the arena over to its largest creditor, Bayland Buildings Inc.

But the team said it cannot wait that long and that finding another venue "would need to begin within the next few weeks."

"The Herd is currently committed to remaining in Oshkosh and playing its games at the arena to the extent that it is possible," the team said.

"However, as the spring and summer wear on without the debtor having a concrete plan for the arena in place, the ongoing uncertainty—and the associated risks and costs — will become unacceptable for Future Bucks."

A key issue for the Herd is the planning that is needed for the upcoming season.

"Because the Herd's schedule is interdependent with the schedule for the other teams in the G League, Future Bucks works directly with the NBA and the G League to plan for the season," the team



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The future of the Herd playing in Oshkosh could depend on the building owner making a large payment in a short time or a major creditor assuming ownership.

said. "Ticket sales, sponsorship sales, travel and local transportation arrangements, housing for the Herd and the visiting team, coordination with broadcasters, game day needs such as lighting, video and sound, and a myriad of other pieces ... must be planned and coordinated with the venue and the G League for each game."

"Future Bucks, the Herd's players and fans, and the G League require far more

certainty regarding (the) venue at which Herd games will be played," the team warned. Issues include whether the arena will be operational and whether it will be available for the Herd if Bayland declines to take over the lease.

The next court hearing in the case is set for June 24.

Miles Maguire is editor of the Oshkosh Examiner news blog.

# Apollo 13 commander featured at EAA banquet

Jim Lovell, who 50 years ago commanded the Apollo 13 mission, often called the space program's "most successful failure," will be the special guest at the Experimental Aircraft Association's Wright Brothers Memorial Banquet on Dec. 11.

The banquet held each December at the EAA Aviation Museum commemorates the Wright brothers' successful flights at Kitty Hawk, N.C., Dec. 17, 1903, that began manned flight.

The Apollo 13 mission that blasted off from Cape Kennedy, Fla., on April 11, 1970, was destined to be the third manned moon landing mission before an explosion in an oxygen tank early in the flight caused it to be remembered as a pinnacle of ingenuity and imagination.

"A half-century after the Apollo 13 mission that kept the world on edge for nearly a week, we are honored to have Jim Lovell

join us to recall that mission and the hundreds of thousands of people who made possible America's successful effort to land men on the moon and return them to Earth safely," said Jack J. Pelton, EAA CEO and chairman. "As a longtime aviator and EAA member, Captain Lovell shares a passion for flight with his fellow members, which should make for an extraordinary evening as we recall the anniversary of the Wright brothers' powered flight."

Lovell was the world's most experienced astronaut at the time, having flown twice in the Gemini program and the Apollo 8 flight in 1968 that was the first manned mission to orbit the moon.

Tickets for the banquet will go on sale in early fall at EAA.org/WrightBrothers. All seats are \$60 for EAA members and \$80 for nonmembers, and include pre-assigned seating for the dinner.



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Apollo 13 mission commander Jim Lovell will speak at EAA's Dec. 11 memorial banquet.



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# Summer calendar

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inator Kathy Snell oversees the community's city-approved events process with an added dimension this year on state and federal guidelines to help advise organizers, who she said will ultimately decide whether to adjust and go forward.

"They're having to put their own deadlines in place," Snell said, with the current focus on events planned in the next 30 to 60 days as each group looks at alternatives and any outside factors such as out-of-town visitors.

"If an event can comply with the restrictions and regulations that are being put in place, we're going to try to work on things and ways that they can do that," she said. "Larger events may be a little tougher at this point but we have to wait and see. Unfortunately nobody has an answer for this."

Most May events of any size have been either postponed or canceled in the city and statewide, some finding a creative online version that can maintain the fundraising focus that is critical to the organizing groups. With the gradual easing of Safer at Home orders the possibilities for public festivities — mostly on the smaller scale — begin to see some light.

Snell takes part in frequent webinar meetings with local, state and international groups of organizers and planners who share the same challenges. When events start to match up with public safety criteria, coordinators like Snell will key on the logistics that can be implemented to make them work.

"We're taking that guidance from the local, state and federal authorities on what they feel is best for our community right now," she said.

That measured strategy is shared by

event organizers like Waterfest music series founder Michael Dempsey, who had to put July bookings on hold while he has ongoing discussions with groups that were already scheduled for June to check on their own changing schedules.

"Waterfest 35 is concerned about the well being of our fans, volunteers, artists, staff, production support and our communities. As such, we plan to follow federal, state and local government policy and recommendations," Dempsey said. "While at this time no policy has been communicated for the summer months we do expect and are planning for a phased-in social distancing policy framework within which we would respond to."

"We remain prepared to produce a season as circumstances permit," Dempsey said, who praised the understanding received from artists, staff, volunteers, production crews, vendors and sponsors. Any Waterfest updates will be made on [www.waterfest.org](http://www.waterfest.org).

The Thursday night concerts are a downtown summer highlight, among other performances and events at the Leach Amphitheater in Riverside Park, that entertain while providing fundraising opportunities for nonprofit groups.

Snell noted that for many of those groups their annual event is a primary financial source, which is forcing them to decide between going ahead with an uncertain turnout or finding a less-crowded way to draw the support they're looking for.

"They have contracts; they have expenses that they have been planning for and budgeting that needs to take place," she said.

A recent example of successful alternative programming was when Day by Day Warming Shelter canceled its Mile of Style fundraiser that was set for next week and shifted to a funding match promotion that was able to raise \$30,000.



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While larger Oshkosh events announce cancellations, the Farmers Market will go on.

## May rescheduling

Some Winnebago County events canceled or rescheduled:

- Oshkosh Kennel Club AKC Dog Show is moved from May 16-17 to Nov. 28-29.
- The Oshkosh Fun Run that was set for May 10 has become a virtual run.
- Oshkosh Hmong Service Center Memorial Day soccer tournament set for May 23-24 canceled.
- BikeOsh event originally set for Saturday on area recreation trails canceled.

Some events have more wiggle room than others to alter the format. Snell said some examples would be car shows that could become car cruises, or smaller fishing tournaments that can limit crowd gathering by putting awards ceremonies online while keeping the competition intact.

"The event organizers are very creative people," Snell said.

Bigger multiday events such as Country

USA, Rock USA and Lifest are holding to their summer plans while at least two of them have moved to later in the summer.

Lifest announced Monday it was postponing its four-day "Party With a Purpose" from a July 9 opening to Aug. 13 at Sunnyview Expo Center.

Country USA moved out of its late June schedule at Ford Festival Park and is planning for Aug. 13-15, while Rock USA is holding to its July 16-18 schedule.

For those who can't make their public event work, the city is returning the normally nonrefundable application fees amid the pandemic restrictions. In the meantime Snell's department consults with health experts on what extra precautions events might need — sanitizers, pre-order and pickup methods — to proceed with a relatively safe environment.

"Organizers have the safety and welfare of the community as their first priority," Snell said. "For me personally, I just feel like the special event organizers are going to play a huge, vital role in bringing our communities back together when it's safe for us to do that."

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# EAA cancels AirVenture amid the uncertainties

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The Experimental Aircraft Association last week announced the cancellation of this year's AirVenture that was set for July 20-26 at Wittman Regional Airport amid the uncertainty of public gatherings and planning limitations amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Organizers of the 68th annual fly-in convention had attempted to keep the possibility open for what it calls "The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration" to continue before halting plans that extend from the community to the worldwide draw of its members and visitors.

Based on a 2017 UW Oshkosh impact study, the annual event has a \$170 million impact on the region's economy.

"We looked at every possibility over the past six weeks as to how EAA could move forward with AirVenture this year, because it is such an important reunion for the aviation community," said Jack Pelton, EAA chief executive and chairman. "The current status in Wisconsin is that it is still under a stay at home order until May 26, which completely eliminates our ability to start grounds preparation May 1."

He said May normally involves ramping up the AirVenture site and bringing in volunteers to form work parties, while

suppliers would start setting up tents and infrastructure.

"The reopening of the state also has no specific dates, creating uncertainty about mass gatherings in July. Ultimately, preserving the health and safety of all who would attend – and all the varying guidelines between states and countries from where our participants arrive – along with the massive commitments needed now for an event to meet EAA's high standards, made cancellation the only option for this year."

EAA officials said all pre-sold AirVenture admissions and camping reservations can be rolled over to the 2021 event or are eligible for refund.

"Those of us involved in aviation know very well the importance of information gathering and planning prior to any flight, and I looked at AirVenture in much the same way before reaching this decision," Pelton said. "While no one can see every eventuality, as we looked at the scenarios for holding the event in 2020, it was dependent on a number of important factors where there are currently no definitive answers. That is not the way to commit to an event that welcomes hundreds of thousands of visitors to Oshkosh from more than 90 countries."

Pelton said EAA will focus on AirVenture 2021 set for July 26 through Aug. 1.



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# Oshkosh Corp. drops in Q2, plans some cutbacks

Oshkosh Corp. is taking cost-saving moves that include furloughs and some temporary plant closures while reporting that local operations remain stable amid the pandemic's economic disruption.

The heavy vehicle and equipment maker reported last Wednesday that second-quarter earnings showed net income of \$68.6 million compared with \$128.5 million in the same quarter a year ago. Net sales were down 9.7 percent from last year from lower sales in the Access equipment and Fire & Emergency segments that were partly offset by higher defense segment sales.

Oshkosh Corp. President and CEO Wilson Jones told analysts he is optimistic about the company's current status and continues to believe 2020 will be another

good year

"Oshkosh delivers essential products and services and we have large customer backlogs in both our Defense and Fire & Emergency segments, providing good visibility for these businesses well into fiscal 2021. Despite excellent visibility in these two segments, we are facing uncertain demand in the access equipment and commercial segments as well as potential disruptions with supply chain continuity and team member availability in all of our segments," Jones said in a statement with the report. "Our integrated supply chain is collaborating across the world to pursue alternatives with our supply partners and communicate frequently with our people to mitigate these risks."

Jones said production levels in some segments are being reduced and a company-wide cost reduction strategy will seek \$80 million to \$100 million in savings for the second half of fiscal 2020. The plan includes salary reductions — from 15 percent to 25 percent for executives and board members — furloughs, temporary plant shutdowns and reduced travel expenses among other cutbacks.

Defense segment sales increased for the quarter with the help of the long-term Joint Light Tactical Vehicle program.

"Our balance sheet is strong and our liquidity of approximately \$1.2 billion at March 31 positions us well to navigate through the global pandemic," Jones said.

The corporation established an Oshkosh Cares fund where team members can make a donation to support other employees experiencing financial hardship during the pandemic and are encouraged to submit ideas of other ways to help. The company employs more than 15,000 globally.

Agencies that have recently received grant dollars from the Oshkosh Corporation Foundation can reallocate those funds to COVID-19 relief efforts. Locally the

Oshkosh team has been donating food to the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry.

Pierce and JLG teams are donating N95 masks to area medical centers, and McNeilus has donated face shields and paint suits to a state medical center.

## Great Northern names sales VP

Great Northern Corp. has named Bruce Kehler as vice president for sales development in Oshkosh.

Kehler comes to GNC from Amcor Flexibles North America, formerly Bemis, where he most recently served as senior director of sales for global key accounts. Previously he served as vice president sales for Bemis North America.

"Bruce's background in Fortune 500 consumer goods packaging, web printing,



Kehler

converting, customer strategy and relationship development makes him a valuable addition to Great Northern," John Davis, chief executive officer of Great Northern, said in a statement.

## Shelter helping pet owners with food needs

The Oshkosh Area Humane Society has expanded its Community Pet Food Pantry Program so those in need during the pandemic can call the shelter for a 30-day supply through a hands-free service.

The shelter is also providing delivery through May 26 for city residents unable to get to the shelter. "This is a new aspect of the program and we are so grateful to

the volunteers who offered to provide this needed service," said Joni Geiger, executive director.

Those in need of pet food in the Oshkosh area can call 920-424-2128 and staff will arrange a pickup or delivery time.

"We want to keep pets in their homes with the people who love them," Geiger said. "It's about keeping families together."

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# West grad, UWO athlete pushed out early

## Standout pole vaulter turns to coaching option

By Tim Froberg  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Flying without wings seems impossible. Joe Vils made it look easy.

The only problem is that he no longer gets to soar through the air in organized competition. The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh senior pole vaulter has accepted the reality that he won't get to finish his stellar track and field career the way he anticipated.

The Oshkosh West graduate was putting the finishing touches on a strong indoor season and was gearing up for a final outdoor season when the COVID-19 crisis ended his vaulting career. Vils is a mechanical engineering student scheduled to graduate in December and doesn't plan to delay that for an extra semester of eligibility.

Vils handled the bad news just like he vaults — with grace, poise and composure.

"I've hung up the spikes," Vils said. "Obviously I didn't get to end my career the way I wanted to, but I have no regrets.

"I'm definitely going to miss it. It's something I have a passion for. Who knows? When I get older maybe I'll get some mats and pole vault equipment and be pole vaulting in my backyard. I definitely think it will still be a part of my life."

Attempting to launch his body over a highly placed bar was a huge part of Vils' life the past eight years. He was a two-time indoor all-American at UWO, placing fourth at the NCAA Division III National Indoor Championship in 2019 with a leap of 15-11 and eighth at the same meet in 2018 (15-9). He was a second-team all-Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference pick for the 2020 indoor season and has a personal best of 16 feet, 9¼ inches.

Vils qualified for the national indoor meet this spring for the third time. He and his teammates arrived in Winston-Salem, N.C., March 13 for the competition but learned less than 24 hours before it was to start that it — along with the entire outdoor season — had been canceled.

"It really does stink," Vils said. "I felt a little robbed in the sense that we had put in a ton of hard work for the nation-



Vils



Photo from UW Oshkosh

UWO pole vaulter Joe Vils is ready to start his post-collegiate athlete life.

al indoor championship and didn't get a chance to cash in with our individual talent and skills, or show what kind of program we have here at Oshkosh.

"But you have to look at the bigger picture. All sports are shut down, businesses are going out of business and the whole world is in a crisis situation. Sports isn't everything and I understand why they've taken the measures they've taken."

Vils was a three-sport athlete at West, also playing football and basketball. He had never vaulted before his freshman year but proved to be a natural, eventually setting a school record with a leap of 15-0. He was also a sectional qualifier in the 110-meter hurdles.

"I like to try new things and have always been kind of a daredevil, so one of my friends convinced me I should try pole vaulting," he said. "I've always liked doing things that give me an adrenaline rush and I was always very athletic. I had this knack for contorting my body in the right ways and was a fast learner."

Vils kept pushing the bar to greater heights. He refused to rely solely on his athleticism and became a student of the event, reading books and articles on vaulting techniques.

"I guess you could say I helped coach myself outside of practice, whether it was through YouTube, tips on the Internet or books," Vils said. "I was always looking up different drills, practice technique and ways to improve myself, especially in college."

Add an ultra-competitive nature and all the ingredients are there for a top-notch pole vaulter.

"I'm competitive at anything I do, whether it's a board game or a pickup game of basketball," Vils said. "Even my

friends tell me I tend to compete a little too hard. I have that competitive edge and that's a big part of the pole vault. You're always trying to fly over that bar."

UW Oshkosh men's track and field coach Justin Kinseth will miss Vils, whose work ethic, coachability and positive demeanor made him a program leader.

"Great kid, great student, great performer — one of those guys who was a glue to our program," Kinseth said. "He was someone I really enjoyed working with and being around. Joe knew what he was doing and was a guy I trusted 100 percent. He just brought good vibes to our team.

"Our vault coach, Al Tappin, deserves a lot of credit for setting everything up and giving those kids the opportunity to get high marks. Joe was his leader — the Pied Piper of that group. He and Zach Enders were a very good duo.

"When I came into this program, that's a group that had sustained success and I didn't want to mess with it. Joe was very self-sufficient. I never had to micro-coach Joe. There were situations when I'd be asking him questions."

His mechanical engineering degree will likely get him a good job, but Vils may not be done with athletics. He's open to the possibility of coaching pole vaulting, either at the high school or collegiate level. Kinseth has no doubt that Vils would be a fine coach and would welcome any opportunity to work further with him.

"I'd really like to get my career going but coaching might be an option for me," Vils said. "I've always wanted to give back to the community and coaching younger athletes would help me do that."

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# Northwestern athlete stays busy during down time

## North graduate finds ways to contribute, train

By Dan Kohn  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The spring sports season ended before it could even get started, but that hasn't stopped former Oshkosh North standout Syd Supple.

Supple, in her first season of softball at Northwestern University, is already making her presence felt on campus, even if she is 160 miles away.

"I have been back home with my family since my season was canceled on March 12," Supple said. "It is definitely an adjustment, but I know my professors are working their hardest to make it as engaging as they can; but you can't replace the face-to-face interactions."

The tough times, however, have brought out the best in Supple and her teammates.

"It's strange times," Wildcats coach Kate

Drohan said. "It was a tough moment for our team when the season was canceled. Our team realized quickly that it was globally and we needed to do our part."

"Syd has an impact on every part of the game. She's a hitter, a pitcher and an outstanding fielder. Two things stand out. First is her maturity. She loves feedback. She understands the game at such a high level. Second thing is just her competitiveness. Her drive and her motor to win is just on point. She's got a tremendous

work ethic. When all of our students are on their own, I have no doubt she is doing what she needs to do to help our program."

Supple's mother, Heidi, has seen her daughter grow since her senior year at North.

"Seeing her work ethic and commit-

ment to school and sports, seeing her as a collegiate version of herself is so impressive," she said. "She is even more dedicated to her sport and her schooling even more than she was before. Just the schedule she is keeping and how she is keeping it is amazing."

Besides school work, Syd has been steadfast in following Drohan's schedule.

"I keep my schedule pretty consistent (just like) when I was at school," she said. "I lift in the morning, then follow it up with some agility work before my classes start. Usually in between or after my classes we have our softball meetings. Then I head out to either my mound in the backyard or a local building with a brick wall and throw myself ground balls, just trying to keep my body in practice routines."

Drohan said communication has been key.

"We have a pretty good system in place," she said. "We have two calls a week with the entire team. Pitchers and catchers meet and we also do infield work on our own. We talk to (Syd) almost every other day."

Despite the physical distance, Syd said her team remains close.

"My team loves to play and just be around each other on and off the field, so having to leave each other was the hardest part," Supple said. "Our team has remained really strong throughout this time with having weekly team and position meetings."

"I am still able to put in a lot of work around my game with pitching, fielding, and hitting. I look at this time as an extremely valuable time to grow my game."

Having the support of her family and friends has also been important.

"My family and team have been my biggest rocks throughout this whole journey," she said. "They are the people by my side during the good and hard days of this quarantine, and I feel incredibly blessed to have such a strong support system in my corner."

"I am still myself and interact with all the important people in my life, granted now it is over the phone or through a glass door, but the value of the relationship has not changed."

With the recent ruling by the NCAA to grant an extra year of eligibility to spring athletes, Supple said she also feels fortunate.

"I feel very thankful towards the NCAA that a majority of athletes will be given the opportunity to say goodbye to their sport on their own terms, like they deserve to," she said. "For me, I just want to play the game I love for as long as I can."

"I think the biggest lesson is how above all my faith, family and friends is truly all I need in life. Everything else is an added blessing, I will cherish my steps on the field more than ever, and the simplicity of being able to stand side-by-side my teammates."

Being a good teammate is exactly what Drohan expects from her players during this world crisis.

"First and foremost, I want them to be a good member of their family," she said. "In your community, chip in wherever you are needed. As a student at Northwestern University, their workload is the same as if they are on campus. We are asking them to train to build strength and do self-evaluation and work on parts of the game that helps them grow as a player."

## West girls golfers earn academic honor

The Golf Coaches Association of Wisconsin recently announced recipients of the eighth annual Team Academic All-State Award, which was established to recognize high school golf teams with the highest grade point averages.

The Oshkosh West girls golf team earned Honorable Mention, which means as a team they at least had a 3.25 team GPA. Sheboygan North/South was first, Waunakee second and Catholic Memorial third.

Oshkosh West was one of 36 teams in Division 1 to earn this honor. The school will receive a certificate to note this accomplishment.

## Boat launch parking begins

Winnebago County's boat launch parking permit program begins Friday after being temporarily interrupted. Daily fee envelopes are available at launches, and annual and three-year permit stickers are can be found at Festival Foods and Fish Tales on County A.



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## Accident of Evolution or Child of God? That is the question. What do The Cambrian Explosion and Isolated Colonies say?

Direct testing of the ability of Darwinian Evolution to produce all of life is now at hand. Gene sequencing has been possible for two decades. This technology is allowing scientists to look inside genetic black boxes to determine what random mutations have and have not done.

The fossil record shows that after a long period with only single-celled organisms on the earth, many different kinds of animals (marine invertebrates and fish) explode on the scene, fully formed with no precursors to indicate a gradual evolution. This sudden change is known as the **Cambrian Explosion**.

In increasing complexity the new life forms include sponges, cnidarians (corals, jellyfish), flat worms, echinoderms (starfish, sea urchins), arthropods (shell fish) and chordates (fish). This occurs in a geological blink of an eye of less than 10 million years with no lower limit, so that it could be as short as a year, a month or a day.

The presence of fish is particularly troubling to evolution because they have many types of tissues requiring many complex proteins and genes. This huge proliferation of genetic information in a short time is inexplicable by an evolutionary mechanism.

**I will use the success or failure of Darwinian Evolution in producing new life forms in isolated colonies of animals and plants as a measure of the validity of the belief that it caused the Cambrian Explosion.**

**Isolated colonies** of organisms provide relatively simple, clean situations for determining what random mutations and natural selection achieve over numerous generations. Since such groups do not have members coming and going, the genetic patrimony of all descendants comes from the original group. Groups that have been studied are Darwin's Galapagos finches, African cichlid fish and six disparate groups on isolated Hawaiian Islands (identified in the following sections).

In all cases the groups diversified. Many species and some genera were produced, but all within the same family (specie, genus, family, order, class, phylum).

- Finches 14 species in 4 genera in the family Thraupidae
- Cichlid fish about 1500 species and 75 genera in the family Cichlidae.

In the Hawaiian Island groups:

- Reptile anoles about 300 and 3 in the family Dactyloidae

- Bird honeycreepers 35 and 24 in the family Fringillidae
- Insect fruit flies about 1000 and 2 in the family Drosophilidae
- Insect beetles 239 in the genus Mecyclothorax
- Plant silversword 50 and 3 in the family Asteraceae
- Plant lobelias 126 and 6 in the family Campanulaceae.

Let us now directly compare some factors about the occurrences in Isolated Colonies versus the Cambrian Explosion to see the similarities and differences.

### Isolated Colonies

- 1) Natural selection acting on random mutations was the cause of the proliferation of species in the isolated colonies. **Based on empirical evidence.**
- 2) All the new species were within the same family of the original colonizers. That was true of all eight, comprising five very different life forms: birds, fish, reptile, insects and plants. The changes were superficial – beak shape, color of feathers and scales, etc.
- 3) Occurred over millions of years

### The Cambrian Explosion

- 1) Natural Selection acting on random mutations was the cause of the proliferation of species in the Cambrian Explosion. **Based on belief; empirical evidence lacking.**
- 2) Animals were produced de novo – complete animals first came into existence as opposed to superficial changes of existing animals. And they span the entire range of animal complexity from sponges to vertebrates.
- 3) Occurred in less than ten million years with the period of most rapid proliferation estimated at less than five million years. **(Note that the events in Isolated Colonies and the Cambrian Explosion have comparable time spans.)**

It takes quite a stretch to believe that the mechanism (natural selection acting on random mutations) responsible for essentially cosmetic changes within isolated populations was the same mechanism that caused the Cambrian Explosion.

**CONCLUSION: DARWINIAN EVOLUTION DID NOT CAUSE THE CAMBRIAN EXPLOSION. IT IS A FALSE BELIEF.**

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# Nicolet Bank has micro grants for small businesses

Nicolet National Bank is offering financial relief to small business customers that is more direct than the federal Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program.

Mike Daniels, Nicolet president and chief executive for its Wisconsin branches, said there are no strings attached to the micro-grants that offer loans up to \$5,000 with no payback required.

"We want them to be able to stay open, remain open and retain the people they need to," Daniels told Fox 11 TV News recently. "The micro grants are Nicolet

dollars that we're putting out in the community for these businesses."

Nicolet expected the micro-grants to top \$1 million for small businesses by the end of last week. The bank has Oshkosh locations at 1041 N. Westhaven Drive and 2201 Jackson St.

"You can only be as strong as the community you serve and if all these small businesses are shuttered, or going out of business, it's what we believe is our responsibility to the communities in which we operate," Daniels said.

## Credit union support programs in place

Verve, a Credit Union, has allocated more than \$4 million for COVID-19 support programs and services to help members with personal and business financial needs, and issued more than \$88,000 in fixed-rate Paycheck Replacement Loans up to \$5,000 with no payments due for the first 90 days of the three-year term.

Members can free up funds and reduce monthly payments on current personal, auto or mortgage loans by only paying interest for 90 days with some exclusions,

and transfer credit card or store card balances to a card for six months of no-interest APR or transfer an auto loan for 90 days of no payments.

Verve is also helping businesses through interest-only payments and deferments that have modified payments on more than 170 loans worth \$139 million.

Verve has allocated an initial \$50,000 to invest in area community foundations to help support the most vulnerable in the primary communities it serves.

## Duplex fire on 8th Avenue displaces four

A fire in the early hours of Wednesday at 131 W 8th Ave. destroyed a duplex and damaged a neighboring home due to the intense heat, according to the Oshkosh Fire Department.

There were no injuries but four residents were displaced and three dogs died in the fire. Fire officials said there were no working smoke alarms in the duplex.

## New North Inc. video promotes regional efforts

New North Inc. has released a video "Together, The Region Is Getting Through Challenging Times" to highlight ways people and organizations in northeast Wisconsin are meeting obstacles brought on by the pandemic.

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**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](http://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. Monday through Friday. More information: [www.jerichoroadoshkosh.org](http://www.jerichoroadoshkosh.org).

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## Oshkosh's GO Transit updates website

Oshkosh's public transportation service recently unveiled its new website at [www.oshkoshtransit.com](http://www.oshkoshtransit.com). The new GO Transit website includes route maps and schedules, fare information, tips for riders, and special programs available.

"We are excited to launch this new web-

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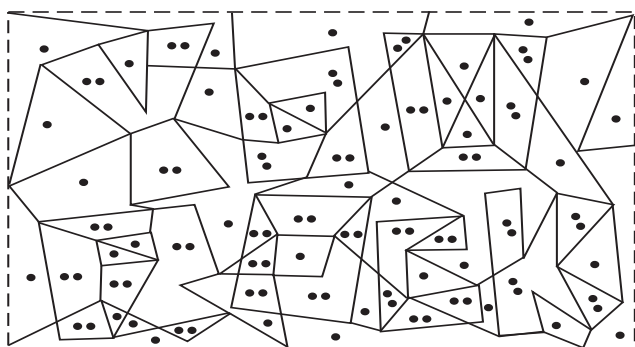
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## Make a Mother's Day Scrapbook Page!

Write your name and color this page topper:

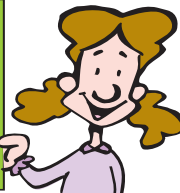


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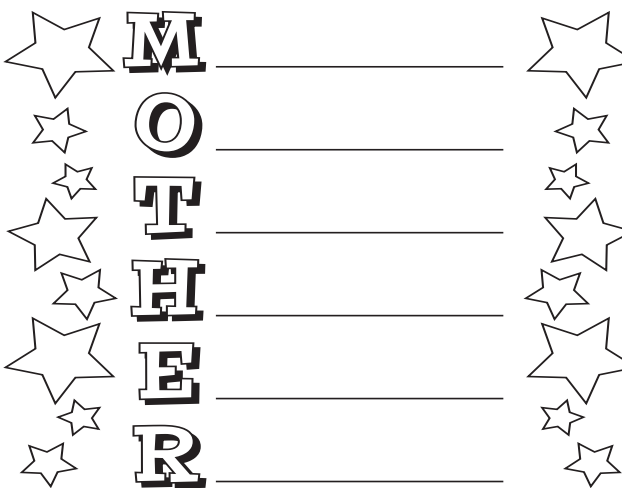
↑ Spaces with two dots, color red, and the spaces with one dot, color yellow to reveal a special message.

- Stuff you'll need:**
- Kid Scoop
  - Newspaper
  - Glue Stick
  - Crayons
  - Scissors
  - Construction Paper



Follow instructions and complete the activities on today's page to create a keepsake scrapbook page for your mom, aunt, stepmother, grandmother or another special woman in your life.

### Why You're a Superstar!



↑ Describe your mom or other special person with words you find in the newspaper that start with each letter of the word "mother." Arrange the words to spell out "mother" vertically.

Use the secret code to complete this message:

H P R  
DAY IS  
F LL D W TH  
SUNSHINE  
ND H PP  
TH GHTS!

A = O =   
E = U =   
I = Y =

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step written directions.

### Favorite Things:

↑ Find pictures and words in the newspaper to paste in the boxes above of your mom or other special person's favorite things and dream vacation.

### Dream Vacation:

### How to Make a Scrapbook Page

1. Complete the activities in the scrapbook boxes on today's page.
2. Cut out each box.
3. Paste the boxes on a large piece of construction paper.
4. Add photographs or draw a picture of you and your mom doing something together. Or, write about a special memory that you two share.
5. Present your gift and watch your mom smile!

**Extra! Extra!**  
**Mystery Note for Mom**  
Cut out letters from the newspaper and use them to write a mystery note to your mother.  
Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write friendly letters.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Circle the object that should come next in each row.

Standards Link: Investigation: Extend patterns.

### Double Double Word Search

MOTHER  
KEEPSAKE  
SCRAPBOOK  
PICTURE  
CRAYONS  
CODE  
SPECIAL  
SMILE  
WOMAN  
SCISSORS  
SHARE  
MEMORY  
PAPER  
YOU  
GIFT

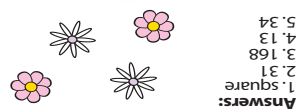
Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

H	S	H	A	R	E	N	A	P	P
Y	P	R	E	P	A	P	E	E	S
Y	E	M	D	M	R	K	S	R	
R	C	U	O	Y	U	A	T	N	O
O	I	W	C	T	S	O	F	O	S
M	A	T	C	P	H	H	I	Y	S
E	L	I	E	E	R	E	G	A	I
M	P	E	L	I	M	S	R	R	C
S	K	O	O	B	P	A	R	C	S

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

## Mother's Day MATH

1. If a typical scrapbook page is 12 inches by 12 inches, what shape is it?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Julio's mother is forty-one years old. His grandmother is seventy-two years old. How old was Julio's grandmother when his mother was born?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Jacob's grandmother has six children whose ages are 18, 22, 25, 32, 34 and 37. What is the total age of all six children?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Vivien bought her mother eighteen roses for Mother's Day. She dropped five of them on her way home. How many roses did she have left to give her mother?  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Anastasha's mother collects dolls. Her goal is to have sixty-four dolls. She has four from France, sixteen from Russia, seven from Jamaica, and three from Liberia. How many more dolls does she need to reach her goal?  
\_\_\_\_\_



Answers:  
1. square  
2. 31  
3. 168  
4. 13  
5. 34

Standards Link: Mathematical Reasoning: Use a variety of strategies to solve problems.

### What a Character!

#### Caring is ...

... taking the time to make something for another person.



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*Benjamin Franklin*



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