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The Oshkosh Saturday Farmers Market runs from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. through Oct. 31.

District OKs fund requests

Referendum will go to public on Nov. 3

By Jack Tierney
OSHKOSH HERALD

School district voters will decide on an expanded financial commitment to education, safety, security and infrastructure in the upcoming general election.

The Board of Education last week unanimously approved placing two school funding requests on the Nov. 3 ballot, one to renew existing operating funds and another to fund school facility improvements.

“Our job as school leaders is to provide the best education possible for our students,” Superintendent Vickie Cartwright said. “That commitment requires a partnership with our community to provide adequate funding for our academic and support programs and safe, effective learning environments.”

“Improving our schools leads to improving our community for all of us to live, learn, work and play,” said Board President Barbara Herzog.

Question one on the election ballot, which has no tax impact, requests renewal of \$7.95 million in annual operating funds provided through previous voter-approved Referendums for Learning

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Local farmers market balances size and safety

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

Downtown streets are a little less populated on summer Saturday mornings compared with previous years, but Oshkosh Saturday Farmers Market visitors are still keeping the popular tradition active while dealing with the extra layers of protection for vendors and customers.

Market manager Michelle Schmid-Schultz said it's not the 10,000-plus crowds she witnessed since taking the position in 2018 but she sees the same community enthusiasm for getting outside and in circulation

on weekend mornings.

“It’s a whole new game and it’s new for everyone, so I think we’re doing as well as can be expected,” said Schmid-Schultz, who has been involved in the market for 15 years. “Nobody’s getting rich but nobody’s getting into arguments at the market, so it’s good.”

A stripped-down version opened June 6 without any added events, live music or non-food vendors while creating more space between booths just to get some ver-

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Football begins to take shape with contact days

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

While it’s unknown if there will be fall sports this season, Oshkosh area schools are preparing for what they expect in 2020.

With Waunakee and Milwaukee on the list of schools eliminating nonconference games to focus on conference-only play, the Oshkosh Area School District is focusing on getting their students prepared for a full season as they began summer contact practices last week.

For Oshkosh West, these days couldn’t have been more vital as they will have a new head coach for the first time in nearly two decades. Varsity wrestling coach and

former assistant football coach Duane Hartkopf took over head coaching duties for the Wildcats. Having the first contact practice was more about getting a sense of normalcy.

“Today felt great during our first contact day to have a sense of normalcy back in all of our lives,” Hartkopf said. “Certainly, nice just seeing the kids and getting to say hi to them, as it has been months since we have seen some of them.”

Entering his first year, Hartkopf needs this time to bring his team into a new system.

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Photo by Andy Ratchman

The Lourdes Knights are shown in their homecoming game last season against Dodgeand.

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Two-lane proposal on S. Main advances

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Traffic movement on South Main Street will slow down later this year as the Traffic and Parking Advisory Board recommended approval of restriping the street from four lanes of traffic to two at its July 14 board meeting.

One lane of traffic in each direction will allow for parking lanes on both sides in anticipation of residential and other

development planned for the south-side Sawdust District.

The city's Community Development Department had recommended the restriping, from East 8th Avenue to South Park Avenue, enabling 97 vehicles to park their cars or trucks on the street.

The street is scheduled for a major reconstruction several years from now.

Community Development Director Allen Davis said his department has received requests from businesses and others in the

area for more available parking. He said the street parking will help encourage redevelopment as a "major step forward."

Transportation Director Jim Collins said the city will probably need to contract with a business to do the restriping as city equipment will take a much longer period of time to accomplish.

One concern raised is the parking impact when the Wisconsin Herd plays home games at the Menominee Nation Arena on South Main.

Condo project to gain parking options with RDA approval

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Redevelopment Authority agreed to a land disposition sale along Pioneer Drive from East 7th Avenue that will benefit a property in the area in need of parking space.

The property will be used by the Brooklyn Associates of Condominium Owners, 600 S. Main St., with a sale price of \$40,500 based on \$3 per square foot for the 13,500 square feet involved. The funds from the sale will be used as matching

funds for Riverwalk grant applications.

James Condor appeared before the board July 15 in support of the proposal, noting that the property is needed for parking and will eliminate the need for staff and clients to park elsewhere in the area.

Board members also reviewed the designating of properties under its control for community gardens on a longer-term basis.

Community Development Director Allen Davis said his staff has put together a list of properties that are vacant and not fit

for residential development that could become part of the program. "These are ones that are difficult to redevelop," Davis said.

The panel will review the matter at its next meeting, at which time Davis said he will present more information and a way to solicit proposals from groups interested in a community garden.

In the past, the city has agreed to allow short-term use of Redevelopment Authority lots for gardens, such as in Neighborhood Association areas. However, there has been some interest in longer-term options.

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Community survey draws input on progress

By Jack Tierney
OSHKOSH HERALD

The city's quality of life continued to reflect positively among residents in a recent survey while respondents viewed accepting diversity and the community as a welcoming place negatively.

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Department of Public Administration conducts a citizen's quality-of-life survey annually and the professor who organizes it met with City Manager Mark Rohloff last week to discuss this year's results.

"Overall, residents responded positively to the overall quality-of-life question," the 2019 survey analysis written by Samantha Larson at UW Oshkosh read. "When asked to rate their overall quality of life, approximately 83 percent reported a positive quality of life, with 17 percent answering excellent and 66 percent answering good."

The remainder rated fair and 1 percent of residents rated it as poor. According to previous data, residents who rate the quality of life as poor tend to be less educated, less financially stable and less employed.

Additional quality-of-life data collected

showed affirmative statements that Oshkosh is an affordable place to live (77 percent), work (70 percent) and raise children (62 percent).

The "most negative statements" regarding the community's quality of life were as a place accepting of diversity (56 percent) and as a welcoming, inclusive community (55 percent), according to the report.

Notably, 48 percent also responded negatively to Oshkosh as an environmentally friendly city, and negatively as a place to start a business and as a place to retire. The survey results were collected from 278 responders, down from a year before where the survey was mailed and taken online.

Continuing to look back at previous results, participants were asked where they would like to see money invested in order to increase their quality of life.

In 2017, many respondents said they wanted to see the south-side Sawdust District area developed. Male respondents said they wanted entertainment, hotels or offices while females said they wanted retail and entertainment. Earlier this year, the Common Council adopted a long-range Sawdust District master plan with

some of those elements included.

In the same year's report, people said they wanted to see Vinland Road, Snell Road and Jackson Street redeveloped — those projects are underway.

The survey results are intended to generate activity among city administrators and elected officials in the directions residents would like to see them to go. Relatedly, throughout the life of the survey, minorities in Oshkosh have been underrepresented from not opting to take the survey.

In 2016, survey questions asked the community's opinion as to whether the city needed to add a diversity coordinator position. Overall the community was not supportive of the idea, something that has since turned with Mayor Lori Palmeri leading the development of a diversity, equity and inclusion committee.

"Older citizens ages 50 plus were among the most unsupportive," the analysis read, while females were more supportive of the idea.



Photo by Michael Cooney

Drive-by shootings Friday investigated

Two drive-by shootings were reported early Friday near West New York Avenue and North Main Street, and in the 1000 block of Wisconsin Street. Police said there were no reported injuries but a residence was damaged in the first incident.

Police were dispatched at 1:18 a.m. to New York and Main with a report of shots being fired. Minutes later police received a weapons call in the 1000 block of Wis-

consin Street after gun shots were heard in that area. Officers found several shell casings in front of a residence but said there did not appear to be any property damage.

Anyone with information about the incidents or discovers property damage is asked to contact police at 236-5726. Those who wish to remain anonymous can use the P3 tip app through Winnebago County Crime Stoppers.

Light landmark

The Bray's Point lighthouse, built by former state Sen. William Bray in 1909, can be seen from the water at Lake Street and Bay Shore Drive. The private lighthouse has been known by different names, which corresponds with the owners of the property: Thompson (1918), Buckstaff (1940s) and the Rockwell Lighthouse after the original architect. The current owners of the property restored and re-lit the tower in 1986.

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Winnebago County's jobless rate jump detailed

New unemployment claims showing a decline

By Joseph Schulz
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

After a decade of steadily decreasing jobless claims, the May unemployment rate in Winnebago County was higher than when it peaked following the Great Recession, according to data released the last full week of June.

The unemployment rate in Winnebago County fell from 13.2 percent in April to 10.6 percent in May, according to preliminary statistics from the state Department of Workforce Development (DWD). For comparison, when the unemployment rate in Winnebago County peaked in 2010 it was 9.3 percent.

According to the DWD, new unemployment claims have fallen more significantly than ongoing claims. New claims decreased by 68.3 percent from 2,940 in late March to 865 on July 11; ongoing claims decreased by 32.6 percent from 8,409 in late April to 5,667 on July 11, according to the DWD's weekly data.

New jobless claims began to fall significantly in mid-April before Wisconsin's Safer at Home order ended. Ongoing claims have decreased much slower and have been hovering between 5,700 and 5,500 since June 13, according to the DWD.

While fewer people are being laid off, Fox Valley Workforce Development Board CEO Anthony Snyder doesn't expect unemployment to return to pre-pandemic levels for quite some time.

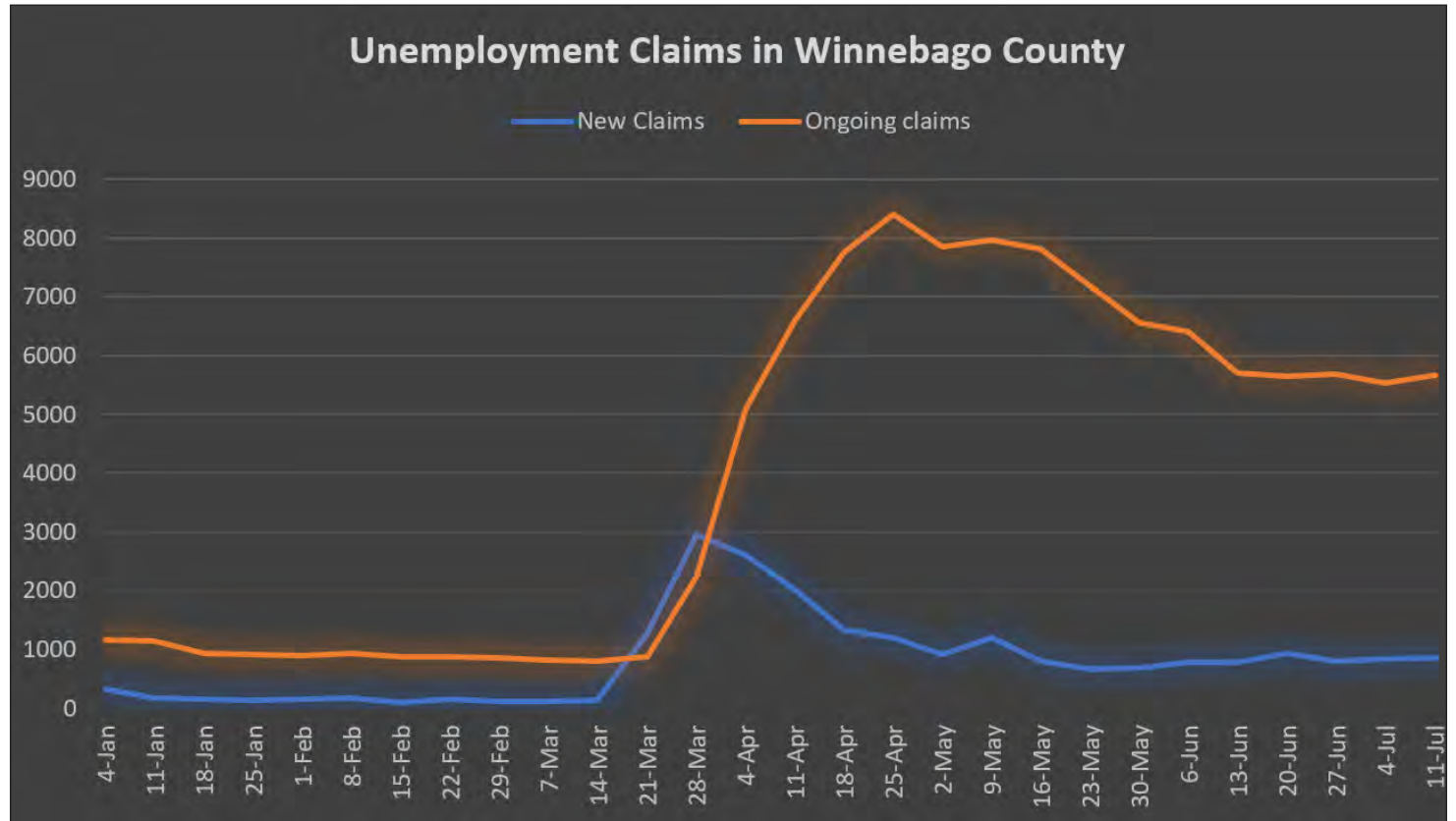


Illustration from state Department of Workforce Development

Business experts expect to see a sharp, positive swoosh-shaped recovery as the state's economy continues to reopen.

"I think we have to realize that many of these jobs are not going to come back," Snyder said.

He said roughly 40 percent of people who filed for unemployment likely will not return to the job they left, explaining that companies furloughed employees in March, expecting them to return after a brief period.

"Businesses were thinking that this would be two to four weeks tops — and

then it became two months," Snyder said. "Some businesses still haven't reopened after three or four months, and people are now finding themselves not furloughed but truly unemployed."

In March, experts predicted a V-shaped recovery where the economy contracts and rebounds quickly. However, they now expect to see a "swoosh"-shaped recovery, which Snyder described as a sharp rebound as states reopen, followed by a slow return to pre-pandemic activity.

He attributes the slower recovery to consumer fears as many are hesitant to dine in at a restaurant or go on vacation.

"People need to be reassured that it's safe not only to go back to work but to go back out to the stores and restaurants," Snyder said. "I'm not sure that we will ever be sure until we have a vaccine in place."

In addition, by the end of July those on unemployment will lose the additional \$600 in benefits allocated by federal CARES Act. Although there have been rumors that those benefits may be extended beyond July 31, there's no guarantee.

Despite the uncertainty, Snyder says a bill has been introduced in Congress that seeks to help displaced workers get back on their feet.

That bill is the Relaunching America's Workforce Act (RAWA), which would provide state and local workforce, career and technical education systems with sup-

port to respond to the COVID-19 crisis.

If the bill becomes a law, Snyder says it would give FVWDB the funding to retrain displaced workers.

"I don't want (displaced workers) going back to another low-skilled service job," Snyder said. "What I want to do is have one of my career planners meet with them, do a skills assessment, figure out what their hopes and dreams are, and then get them into a retraining program that we will pay for."

Currently, FVWDB cannot afford to pay for retraining programs because its federal funding has been cut each year since 2017, according to a spreadsheet provided by FVWDB.

"With record-low unemployment I think there was probably a gamble made that we didn't have to fund workforce development," Snyder said.

In the meantime, he encourages those currently on unemployment to reach out to their congressional representatives regarding RAWA.

"The \$600 is good for a while, to keep people afloat, but we need to think about the next step," Snyder said. "We need to help the people who are now permanently unemployed because they don't have the skills to compete with a technical school graduate or college graduate."

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Fire training station site on Sawyer St. approved

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

Development plans for a fire training facility and purchase of a drill tower at 221 N. Sawyer St. received unanimous approval last week by the Common Council.

Three neighbors spoke at the meeting to express their disappointment with the site selection in an area of Sawyer near National Avenue that is mostly residential. Fire Chief Mike Stanley said he has had cordial discussions with residents who expressed their support for his department while opposing the location of the fire tower and training facility in their neighborhood.

The former Army Reserve armory location was proposed in 2018 for a fire training facility as offering a central location that would serve the logistical needs of the fire department and its other stations. The Plan Commission endorsed the land use plan 7-1 at its June 16 meeting.

Stanley detailed the background behind selection of the location and costs associated with the 38-foot tower's specific placement on the site, along with the department's commitment to be a good neighbor



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The former Army Reserve armory location will be converted into a fire training facility.

by prohibiting fire vehicles from parking on the surrounding streets and listening to any other concerns that might arise.

"While I'm very empathetic with the neighbors' concerns, and have appreciated them bringing them forward and trying to work with us ... I hope you're empathetic with my situation," Stanley said. "I've got an obligation to protect 66,000 people just like the council does and to train 110 firefighters, and we're trying to find the best possible solution around with the resour-

ces that we have available to us."

In other action, the council:

Denied by a 5-2 vote approval of a permit for an Aug. 28 Christian music event at Leach Amphitheater to the Rev. Clint Laird, representing Vision of the Heartland, and locally sponsored by Calvary SonRise. City Manager Mark Rohloff and opposing council members considered the event as falling short of safety precautions related to public gatherings amid the COVID-19 pandemic based on the po-

tential of up to 3,000 participants. Council members Deb Allison-Aasby and Matt Mugerauer voted for approval providing there were added precautions, including dropping the capacity to 750 people.

Approved an option for reconstruction of West 9th Avenue from South Oakwood Road to Linden Oaks Drive that will widen the street, provide for parking on both sides and include bike lanes.

Heard a presentation on a second phase of the Morgan Crossing housing development, a four-story, 74-unit project with underground parking proposed at Pearl and Dawes streets, a few blocks from the completed and fully occupied housing at Pearl and Jackson. Peter Jungbacker, managing member of Alexander & Bishop Real Estate Capital Markets, outlined the apartment project's goals as it requires tax increment financing support from the city.

Mayor Lori Palmeri, accompanied by Winnebago County health officer Doug Gieryn, read a proclamation strongly encouraging face mask use in the community, especially in public areas and higher-risk locations.

Aviation Museum to reopen in August with restrictions and precautions in place

The EAA Aviation Museum, which has been closed since late March because of the COVID-19 outbreak, will reopen on a limited basis beginning Aug. 3.

The museum will have limits on the size of groups and number of visitors allowed, while high-touchpoint areas and exhibits will remain closed and higher levels of cleaning and disinfecting are part of the reopening process.

"Ever since we closed the museum in

late March, we have received many questions each day on when we would be open to the public again. We appreciate that interest and support, as we've missed everyone for the past several months as well," said Ron Connolly, museum director. "As we reopen, we are very aware of the need to keep the health and safety of our visitors and staff as the top priority, so we will move toward full operations gradually based on the best information available."

Among the temporary changes:

- The KidVenture, Sikorsky/Johnson Wax exhibit, and the Willan Space Gallery areas will remain closed. Theaters inside the museum will be modified to ensure proper distancing.
- Touch screens and video players at exhibits will not be operative.
- The hangars at Pioneer Airport will be open daily through Labor Day, weather permitting. However, there are no flight

operations or tram service at the facility.

- Vending areas will be closed.
 - Visitors and staff will be temperature checked as they enter the EAA grounds and required to wear masks while in the facility and maintain physical distancing.
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- The collection has added a Huey helicopter that is a veteran of three tours in the Vietnam War and is part of a new exhibit.

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Student mask maker puts time into the cause

By Kaitlyn Scoville
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

One University of Wisconsin Oshkosh student and her mother have worked since classes went online to make 1,271 masks for their community and other students.

Amanda Hollander, a senior graphic design major from Rosendale, has worked tirelessly to provide masks for her community and peers. She had hip surgery June 22, is out of work and said she has the time to keep making more.

Messaging her on Facebook is her preferred contact method, and the original post reaching out to UW Oshkosh students has 52 shares.

"I want to be able to help people and not have to charge a lot," Hollander said. "We care about safety more than profit."

All of the masks are either \$1 or \$2. Fleece earpieces are \$1 and \$2 for elastic.

After a dedicated recovery time of three weeks, she began aiming to sew 50-60 masks every day beginning July 6 and plans to continue until she is fully mobile again.

Every material they use for two of their three-layered masks are either cotton or cotton blend. The filter in the middle is nonwoven material.

Amanda and her mother, BeLinda, have relied on buying sheets and curtains to make many of the masks, but they are also accepting donations such as T-shirts and other fabrics. Altogether, they have spent around \$200 on materials.

Fleece earpieces were used in the beginning of the pandemic because there was an elastic shortage, Amanda explained.

Masks can be customized to the availability of patterns, colors and materials Amanda and her mother have, Amanda said. They have several colors and patterns, and the masks are reversible.

Some of the patterns include florals, polka dots, footballs, tie dye and camouflage.

To reduce the risk of shrinking, Amanda suggests washing the masks in cold water and air-drying them.

The project began when the mother-daughter duo decided to make some masks for Amanda's brother, Josh. Even-



Photo by Kaitlyn Scoville

Amanda Hollander is a graphic design major at UW Oshkosh who has focused on mask production since recovering from hip surgery.

Paycheck assistance program helps businesses

Bank First reported it has assisted more than 1,830 businesses and preserved more than 30,800 Wisconsin jobs through the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). The bank said it processed \$279.5 million in loans representing 11 percent of its total assets.

Bank First, with a location at 1159 N. Koeller St., has taken on initiatives since the onset of COVID-19 that include the purchase of more than \$100,000 in gift

cards to support local restaurants, financial relief to customers through fee waivers and loan payment deferrals, and its PPP participation.

Bank First employees assist with loan document preparation and kept customers informed of program modifications.

"In the Fox Valley region, we have supported over 400 businesses providing over \$84 million in forgivable loans through the SBA Paycheck Protection Program," stated Joan Woldt, regional president.

tually, word got around and soon after, her mom's co-workers started asking for masks and so did Amanda's friends.

Amanda has aimed to reach the student population at UWO because she knows how expensive store-bought masks can be, and how little cash students may have.

"Mom and I aren't trying to get rich, and we're not saying that other people who are making masks are trying to either," Amanda said. "We don't mean it to come off as like we're undercutting other sellers."

Amanda is going to be moving to an

apartment in Oshkosh in mid-August, so students who are moving to campus won't have to pay for shipping.

She also added that the masks aren't exclusively for UWO students. Anybody who is looking for some can reach out to her.

"People are scared and they still have to work," Amanda said. "They still have to make money to bring food home and whatnot. We just wanted to make sure that they were capable of getting it."

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Charter school report praises Perry Tipler

By Jack Tierney
OSHKOSH HERALD

The annual charter school report from the Advanced Learning Program at Perry Tipler Middle School and Shapiro STEM Academy was received by the Board of Education at its June 15 meeting.

The ALP at Perry Tipler achieved a School Accountability Report Card Score of 97.0 for the 2018-19 school year, placing it in the "significantly exceeds expectations category," which is the top category on the state report card, according to the Department of Public Instruction.

The Oshkosh Area School District overall received a 72.4 grade, which "meets expectations" and is higher than surrounding school districts, although report cards for different types of schools or districts should not be directly compared, DPI disclaimed.

Applications to attend ALP's charter school outnumbered the available seats (60). There were 35 official applications seeking 12 open seats from families to attend the 2019-20 school year. A lottery process selects the students who met entrance criteria.

Ninety percent of ALP students performed at the proficient or advanced level on Life and Career Skills during the 2019-

20 school year; a survey to ALP families revealed that 95.7 percent of parents were overall satisfied or highly satisfied with the program, exceeding an 85 percent requirement.

At Shapiro, charter board members finalized the name Shapiro STEM Academy this year and academy teaching staff maintained "high quality educator" status from the DPI.

Instructional minutes in Science and Engineering averaged 200 minutes or more per week, according to the report, and the school received a 74.5 percent DPI report card grade, which "exceeds expectations." The academy also paid for their teachers to attend professional development workshops, where they brought skills back to teach students. The remainder of the measurable objectives were not completed due to COVID-19.

State policy prohibits discrimination, under federal statutes, that denies access to either of the schools. The Board of Education has the authority to discontinue the charter school contract if any of the policies agreed on are not met, according to the recently approved contract. There is no tuition fee for the federally subsidized schools but there are student fees that can be subsidized if qualified.

Homemakers award student scholarships

Winnebago County Homemakers, which have been giving scholarships to students since 1953, awarded \$500 to three local students toward their college education. Jakob Relien will attend the University

of Wisconsin Oshkosh in the area of human resources. Abigail Wuest is going to UW La Crosse to study radiation therapy. Evelyn Tollar is going to UW Madison to focus on engineering.



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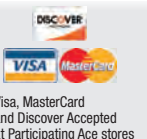
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City Hall reopens with safety precautions

Oshkosh City Hall reopened to residents Monday with regular hours — 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays — after being closed to the public since mid-March to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

City staff has installed signage, hand sanitizer stations and clear acrylic shielding, while residents are encouraged to continue conducting business online, by phone, email and using the drop box in front of the building as much as possible to minimize unnecessary contact.

“Many activities can be successfully done contactless using online service capabilities and options available through the city’s website,” said City Manager Mark Rohloff. “For those who visit in-person, we’ve tak-

en measures in all public areas to be able to serve residents in a safe manner.”

A special COVID19 webpage details the city’s response to COVID-19 and offers details on reopening from individual departments that may not yet offer full services. Residents are encouraged to schedule appointments for in-person services.

Masks or face coverings are strongly encouraged for visitors, and will be available at no charge upon entry. Spatial markers will be on the floor to assist with social distancing, sneeze guards are at service counters and all employees will be wearing face coverings.

For questions, contact 236-5000 or go to www.ci.oshkosh.wi.us for details.



Oshkosh Herald

Summer spin

Children enjoy the Little Oshkosh playground last week in Menominee Park, where the newest version of the playground was installed last year.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

July 28, 1990

Concorde Returns for Third EAA Visit: The world’s fastest commercial airliner made its third return to Oshkosh’s Wittman Regional Airport and was greeted by hundreds of onlookers attending the EAA Convention and Fly-In. The

British Airways airliner arrived Saturday from Toronto and will be on display at the convention until Tuesday. Three Concorde one-hour flights are scheduled for Sunday and Monday where patrons can purchase a boarding pass at \$895 per seat. The Concorde can fly at twice the speed of sound, but due to FAA regulations was not allowed to travel at supersonic speed over land. Its pilot reported the top speed on the flight from Toronto reached .95 Mach during the 50-minute flight.

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, July 29, 1990

Boys & Girls Club to launch scavenger hunt

Club marks 50th

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh will hold a scavenger hunt running from Aug. 1 to 16 around the city while it celebrates its 50th anniversary.

All participants will receive cool club swag, and those who find all hunt locations will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win one of five grand prizes: a \$50 gift card to local restaurants.

To help mark the club’s anniversary residents can help paint the town Boys & Girls Club blue with “Club Supporter” yard signs and blue T-shirts that can be ordered through bgcosh.org. City bridges will turn their lights blue for the month to celebrate and Mayor Lori Palmeri has officially declared Aug. 30 “Boys & Girls Club Day.”

Local artist Leif Larson created a mural depicting the club’s history in the community that is on display through August downtown on the Wagner Opera House building.

The club is also celebrating its histo-

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh will mark its 50th anniversary with a special advertising section in next week’s Oshkosh Herald to look back on the history of the club and its impact on the community.

ry by telling the life-changing stories of members, parents/guardians, staff, volunteers and supporters on social media channels and on WOSH 1490 radio every week throughout the year.

Festivities will be capped off with a citywide Block Party on Broad from 2 to 6 p.m. Aug. 30 at the club.

Broad Street will close for live entertainment from Franki Moscato and DJ Jordan of Beats 2 Go, activities for families and club tours. RSVP for the free event at bgcosh.org. The event is outdoors but attendees are encouraged to wear masks.



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By Shane Nyman
UW OSHKOSH ALUMNI NEWS

After a woman died in a Texas jail in 2018, Jeff Gerritt was told by the local sheriff that the incident wasn't newsworthy.

Gerritt, editor of the Palestine Herald-Press in Palestine, Texas, thought otherwise. So much so that the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh graduate continued to sniff around, ask questions, pull records and, eventually, produce a series of hard-hitting editorials about what turned out to be a series of deaths in county jails across the state.

The project, published in 2019, won him the Pulitzer Prize in Editorial Writing earlier this year.

"I've always kind of gravitated towards people that were sort of on the margins—homeless people, drug addicts, street people, prisoners, people that I could advocate for in some way who didn't have a platform," Gerritt said. "I don't like the saying they don't have a voice because they have a very good voice. They don't always have a platform. I liked giving them that."

Gerritt, who grew up in Oshkosh and Milwaukee, graduated from UW Oshkosh with a philosophy degree in 1978. He was Jeff Kleinhuizen then—he swapped out his last name for his father's first name, Gerritt, when he began writing columns for the Detroit Free Press. The pronunciation of the longer name, he said, was tripping up too many people.

Detroit was one of several stops on a journalism career that spans 35 years and began at The Northwestern in Oshkosh. He found his passion as an advocate for the under-served there as a young investigative reporter. One of his standout proj-

ects from those days was a series on life inside the Oshkosh Correctional Institution.

"That was an experience that sort of got my interest in corrections," he said.

He'd move on to work at papers in Green Bay, Detroit and Toledo, Ohio, before heading south to East Texas. As a journalist he's traveled to Cuba, Brazil, Tanzania, Israel and the West Bank, where he interviewed Yasser Arafat.

His interest in the criminal justice system, and now with many years of experience in major markets, led to the work that's earned him major accolades in recent years. Next to the Pulitzer—the most coveted prize in the industry—are a National Headliners Award for editorial writing and the Walker Stone Award for opinion writing from the Scripps Howard Foundation, among others.

While after leaving UWO he earned a master's degree in journalism from Marquette University, his undergrad education has always held significance. That remains true.

"Once I became an editorial writer, the

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skills that I learned as a philosophy major at UW Oshkosh really came to the fore," he said. "The logical deductive reasoning to make arguments, that is very much part of editorial writing. I think it was invaluable that I was a philosophy major at UW Oshkosh and I had some very good teachers there. I got a lot out of it."

The editorials that won the Pulitzer exposed how pre-trial inmates had died while in custody in a small Texas jail, a disturbing trend across the state. The woman whose death was brushed off as "not news" was Rhonda Newsome, who'd been grossly mistreated by jail staff and became one of several upsetting incidents to be uncovered. The Pulitzer administrator would go on to say that Gerritt "courageously took

on the local sheriff and judicial establishment, which tried to cover up these needless tragedies."

Making the effort all the more impressive is the Herald-Press is based in a city of about 17,000 people. The editorials led to statewide changes, and Gerritt wound up in a Pulitzer class that includes newsrooms and journalists from the New York Times, Washington Post and Baltimore Sun. In coverage of the award by NPR, the words "tiny Texas newspaper" made the headline.

"I'd be lying to say this hasn't made my career a lot more fulfilled," said Gerritt, who like a true newspaperman acknowledged the Pulitzer Prize will likely be referenced in the lead of his obituary. "It's bizarre but it feels good ... I'm proud of it."

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Winnebago lake system plan seeks comments

The Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance is seeking public review and comments on the Winnebago Waterways Lake Management Plan for the four Winnebago lakes and surrounding watersheds.

The plan aims to improve the health and enjoyment of the Winnebago lakes with a framework to meet water quality and pollution reduction targets over a 20-year period. Recommendations to improve water quality include adoption of agriculture and urban stormwater best management practices as well as restoration of aquatic plants through water level management and breakwalls.

The plan also includes goals and recommendations for habitat restoration, aquatic plant management, water levels, invasive species, shoreline improvements and recreation.

The public has had opportunities to participate in development of the plan through public meetings, events, technical teams, focus groups and surveys. The Winnebago Waterways Program is one more opportunity for input during a public comment period. Once the plan is finalized, it will be used by partners in the region to guide their efforts on recovery of the Winnebago lakes.

Those with interest in the lakes, spend time on the lakes, live on them, have a business in the area or live within the five-county region are encouraged to review the plan and provide comments. The public comment period extends through July 31.

The drafts are online at www.winnebago-waterways.org. Hard copies of the lake plan are also available at the Winnebago County Land and Water Conservation Department by appointment only at 232-1950.

Paine, Chalk Walk team up for event

As part of a statewide event, the Paine Art Center and Gardens and Downtown Oshkosh Chalk Walk are encouraging community members to make beautiful art using chalk.

Chalk the State is a free event open to all ages that encourages chalk art on driveways and sidewalks the weekend of July 25-26 and by sharing photos and videos of the work on social media.

Chalk the State is a new event by the Museum of Wisconsin Art in West Bend. This Saturday, Oshkosh artist Annette Koepke will create a chalk art mural inspired by the Paine's current exhibition,

Alphonse Mucha: Master of Art Nouveau, on the driveway in front of the Paine mansion. Photos and videos of the mural will be shared on social media throughout the weekend.

In place of its annual walk, the Downtown Oshkosh Chalk Walk will hold the Magnificent 12 from July 24 through Sept. 10. The showcase features chalk art by 12 artists on wooden boards in downtown storefronts. Community members can vote for their favorite chalk art creations between Aug. 1-10 on the Downtown Oshkosh Chalk Walk Facebook page.

Special Olympics producer in TELTalk

Oshkosh Area United Way is bringing the magic of Walt Disney and the Olympics to the community during the second annual Emerging Leaders event, TELTalk, Aug. 6.

TELTalk welcomes Disney's executive producer of live shows, spectaculars and special events Tom Bisignano, featuring his speech titled "Exceeding Expectations in a High Expectations World."

As senior vice president of special events for the 2022 Special Olympics

USA Games, Bisignano's professional background includes director of special events for Walt Disney Parks & Resorts, senior director of entertainment events at Universal Studios, and also developed and delivered Olympic ceremonies including the Emmy-nominated Opening Ceremony of the Olympic Winter Games.

Registration is free for the virtual event and open to all in the Fox Cities and Oshkosh communities. To register, visit www.oshkoshunitedway.org/augustteltalk.



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The BBBS program needs donations to make up for lost revenue and serve students once the school year starts.

Big Brothers Big Sisters virtual bike tour set

For the past 34 years, the Bike Tour, historically part of Best Friends of Neenah-Menasha, has annually raised more than \$45,000 and empowered mentoring relationships for 40 youth.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Central Wisconsin is holding the now-made-Virtual Bike Tour for Saturday that can be supported with donations at www.bbbsecw.org/bike/donate or by check to 1331 American Drive, Neenah WI 54956.

"This year, when our services are more critical and our mission more urgent due to the adverse impact of COVID-19 on the youth we serve, we face a \$25,000

event revenue shortfall. This shortfall won't hinder matches currently being served but will limit the number of new youth who we can bring into the program once the school year starts back up," said BBBS chief executive Lindsay Fenlon.

BBBS nurtures more than 500 matches yearly, connecting Littles that need a little extra help with Bigs who step up to defend their potential. The BBBS is continuing to search for ways to make up for the lost revenue.

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Football prep

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“Given the fact I took over in April, these days are vital for us,” he said. “We are putting in a new offense and defense, so we have quite a bit to get through and communicate to the kids. Getting our base offense in and getting timing and footwork in our given pods is the goal. Once we can get into larger groups, we will be able to start getting our timing down better and up to live speed.

“Yet, we have realistic goals on what we can pack into these first few days. The biggest thing though, in my opinion, is connecting with the kids again and working towards the goals we set as a program.”

When asked about managing social distancing guidelines, Hartkopf talked about a few rules the team will follow.

“Our plans were simple: Follow what is in place with our district and put the safety of the athletes and staff at the forefront,” he said. “For our phase-one approach we are only in pods of 10 with a given coach. Sanitation and social distancing are all in place, screening protocols, waivers, masking upon arrival and departure, sanitizing any shared implements. Quite frankly, following everything to the most specific detail as we want to provide the safest environment we can for everybody involved.”

Down the road at Lourdes Academy, the Knights’ contact days started a week earlier, but have been done a little differently than West.

Lourdes has opened the weight room and conducted 7-on-7 passing drills the past few Tuesdays with some additional contact days set for later in the month.

Head coach and activities director Kevin Wopat was happy to see his players after what felt like an eternity.

“It feels good to see the kids,” Wopat said. “Felt like a long time. I think kids will be more appreciative of any opportunities they get this year.”

While the plan of these contact days is similar to the approach of West in terms of getting their offense in place, Wopat knows the importance of following the district guidelines while also getting the work in that needs to be done.



Photo by Emil Vajgrt

Oshkosh West celebrates a score against Appleton East last season.

“Our plan over the next couple of weeks is to work on getting our offense installed and some limited special teams work,” he said. “Adults wear masks. For lifting, we have groups of eight (in pairs) and they are able to maintain social distancing and clean their workout area when they’re done.”

At Oshkosh North you will find the Spartans and head coach Juston Wara preparing for the grind of the rigorous early season practice schedule. Without having the kind of success they would have liked in recent seasons, these initial contact days are extremely valuable because it gives Wara’s players a chance to get together, be on the same page and buy into what he is preaching before actual practice begins.

“It’s been great getting back in the building and seeing our guys again,” Wara said. “They have been asking and hoping for this for a long time coming. We’ve been doing this virtually for the past few months now actually seeing them feeding off each other’s excitement is amazing to see. We understand now that things can be taken away from us. These young men have experienced that and are taking full advantage of this opportunity.”

For these opportunities to last, Wara and staff are doing whatever they can to ensure the safety of everyone.

“Anything that we can do to protect our student athletes is being done,” he said. “Cleaning, mask wearing, temperature checks, symptom assessments, working in small groups. At this point we will do whatever it takes to make the season happen. Once that does happen, we are preparing for a successful season.”

The first scheduled football practices are set for early August.



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School vote

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in 2014 and 2016, which provided Google Chromebooks and other technologies for students and staff to connect to online resources. Deputy Superintendent David Gundlach has previously called support of those measures, in part, solving an equity issue.

Question two requests \$107 million in capital funds for the first phase of a long-range facilities plan by building a new middle school at the current Merrill site while determining the status of the current facility, a new elementary school at the Washington Elementary School site, closing three "outdated" facilities, enhancing school safety and security, and dealing with deferred maintenance and infrastructure needs. The first-phase plan was the result of months of consultations and public presentations by school officials and an advisory panel.

The estimated tax increase per \$100,000 of home value would be about \$4 a month in 2021, \$6 a month in 2022, and \$7 a month for the rest of the bond term — referred to as a phased-in approach. According to finance director Drew Niehans, interest rates on bonds are at historic lows and offer a prime opportunity to approach a long-term district improvement plan.

If passed in November, the district would begin improvements to security and infrastructure districtwide through the 2020-21 school year. Security and infrastructure improvements would continue through 2022.

Work on a new Merrill Middle School is estimated to begin in 2022, and end and open in 2023. A new Webster Elementary School building would start construction in 2023 and potentially open that year.

School officials will promote the referendum vote with detailed information and said they will be as accessible as possible to the public, while preparing for an uncertain school year that Cartwright said is on schedule to start in September.

Small social groups may get us through COVID-19

By Cassandra Wallace
THEDA CARE MEDIA RELATIONS CONSULTANT

When it comes to the community's response to COVID-19, experts recommend precautions to help avoid spreading the virus: wearing a mask in public, frequently washing hands and physical distancing.

"We understand physical distancing has been a challenge during the pandemic," said Catherine Langdon, a licensed professional counselor and mental health clinician at ThedaCare Behavioral Health. "Humans need meaningful interaction with others. We should also remember the changes and recommendations are to ensure the safety of our community."

While many are continuing to physically distance themselves from others, some may feel it is the right time to begin interacting again. One alternative to continued social isolation is to engage a group of people — family, friends or co-workers — to create a small group that strictly socially interacts with one another. These groups are becoming known as "quarantine bubbles," "social bubbles," "COVID bubbles," "quarantine pods" or "quaranteams."

"There are many names for this trend," Langdon said. "It is really creating a small group of people with whom to socialize regularly. This may be a good way to help those who need interaction with others. In fact, many people have been 'bubbling' already, they just didn't call it that."

Langdon gives an example in her own life, noting that she, her fiancé and his parents have been interacting for the past few months, while everyone limits their contact to the other people.

"For us, it was expanding our immediate family to include those who we want and need to see frequently," she said. "We've all been working from home, so we agreed to limit our interactions and wear masks whenever we are in public, limiting our risk of exposing each other to the virus."

The limited interaction and precaution each person takes outside of the group are important for a successful, safe and healthy "bubble" explained Dr. Jennifer Frank, chief medical officer at ThedaCare.

"With the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) predicting the coronavirus will affect our lives for a significant, unknown length of time, it's important that people find ways to meet their mental, emotional and physical health needs," she said. "Small social groups could give people a way to interact with a slightly larger group while still limiting their exposure to the virus."

Frank said wearing masks in public, practicing social distancing and frequent hand washing will continue to be the best ways to prevent spread of the virus.

"While states are now allowing businesses, restaurants, bars and shopping venues to open, that doesn't mean the virus has disappeared," she said. "It's still very active in all of our communities. Re-opening society is a matter of balancing the country's economic health with the physical, mental and emotional health of our citizens. People need to remain vigilant about practicing protective measures to keep the virus in check."

Langdon prefers the term "physical distancing" as opposed to "social distancing." She noted that some people have a greater need for social activities than others.

"In this prolonged period of isolation, some people are struggling," she said.

"Having a social bubble could be a way to take a measured risk and enjoy more social engagement. The goal of a bubble is that everyone would be able to interact with everyone else in the bubble the same as they do with those who live in their private households. That would include sharing meals, playing games and not physically distancing."

She observed that social bubbles might be especially helpful for children who may be missing playing with other children. Two families forming a bubble could be a way to provide more social activity for everyone. She offered some advice on how to successfully create and interact within a social bubble, which typically is a combination of two or a few isolated households.

"First and foremost, honesty, trust and respect must be the basis of all conversations about establishing a social bubble," she said. "It starts with having very honest conversations with the people whom you think you might be comfortable interacting with."

Langdon noted that you may discover that while you're good friends, you have different comfort levels with reading your response to the virus such as public activity or wearing a mask.

"You may find that some friends don't share your level of concern, in which case you wouldn't choose to bubble with them," she said. "That doesn't mean you wouldn't continue to be friends with them. They just wouldn't be compatible bubble members."

Once a bubble is established, Langdon said transparency and open communication about what everyone in the bubble is doing is vital.

"Be very honest about your activities and then don't take it personally if someone isn't comfortable with an activity you've done or how much you've been out in public," she said. "You don't have to justify why you feel uncomfortable with something someone in your group is doing, everyone should empathize with each other's feelings."

Langdon suggested it's a good idea to have a trial period with any people you might choose to bubble with.

"I'd recommend setting a trial period of two weeks and then reviewing how everyone feels about the group, and whether it's meeting everyone's needs," she said. "You can then make adjustments or decide that it is not the right fit."

Frank noted that members of a bubble must be willing to assume that if one member gets COVID-19 that it's likely all members could be exposed.

"If someone in the bubble gets COVID-19, they should immediately remove themselves from the group and not rejoin until they're clear of the virus," Frank said. "Other members should then take necessary precautions to understand their risk. I also recommend they speak to their primary care provider to determine if testing is needed."

Langdon noted while having a "social bubble" might not be fully returning to normal, it might help us as we continue coping with COVID-19.

"We're going on multiple months of stress, change and restrictions," she said. "Chronic stress really has an impact on our immune systems and that impacts our physical, mental and emotional health. This is an important time to practice good self-care, making sure that you recognize what you need and how you're coping with things."

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Oshkosh baseball team suffers winless weekend

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Eventually, the Oshkosh Black baseball team knew the competition level during summer would get better and they would need to be at their best when that happened.

Not only did the competition get better this past week, but Oshkosh found itself on the short end of the stick in all four games – going 0-4 over the weekend.

“I thought we played OK, but not great,” head coach Jensen Hinton said. “I have been putting an emphasis on staying focused and engaged throughout the whole game and trying to keep our energy level up all seven innings. We did that very well this weekend despite the results not showing that. If a couple of hits fell our way and we clean up some of our errors, we probably have different outcomes this weekend.”

Sheboygan 8, Oshkosh 2

After Wednesday’s game against Pulaske was rained out, Oshkosh opened its weekend with a double header on the road against a good Sheboygan club. Despite a quick start in the first, Sheboygan was able to rough up Max Bittner and Alex Stini on the mound as it cruised to the 8-2 win.

That hot start was anchored by Dominic Kane in the first inning as he led the game off with a double before advancing to third on a passed ball. Much like he has done a lot this season, Carson Krumrei gave himself up to score a run as his RBI groundout gave Black a 1-0 in the top of the first.

Their lead was short lived as Sheboygan answered with an RBI groundout from Ben Souik and an RBI single from Cooper Gosse in the bottom of the first to take the lead 2-1 and never looked back.

That lead was extended to 5-1 in the third when Gosse came through with another single as did Ian Merry.

Sheboygan 6, Oshkosh 5

Looking for a bounce-back win, Oshkosh once again got off to a hot start and put a much better showing on the field. Unfortunately, Sheboygan was able to



Photo by Dustin Riese

Matthew Noe lays down a bunt for the Oshkosh Black team Saturday against Appleton.

rough Matthew Shallhorn up for five runs in less than four innings before Kane allowed the game winning run in relief.

Oshkosh took an early lead in the first as Ryan delivered a sacrifice fly, followed by a Logan Pinkerton single for a 2-0 score. Hunter Steger pulled Sheboygan closer in the bottom of the first with an RBI single before Souik tied things up with a single of his own in the second.

Oshkosh loaded the bases on three walks in the third, but only managed to plate one run as Ryan Koelbl gave Oshkosh a 3-2 lead with an RBI groundout. Sheboygan tied things at 3 in the third, and the back-and-forth affair continued into the fourth when a Krumrei single and Bittner sacrifice fly put Oshkosh up again 5-3.

Sheboygan would draw even in the bottom of the fourth when Kam Meyer took a 1-1 pitch to the gap to score a pair to make it 5-5. Sheboygan was able to grab their lone lead in the bottom of the fifth when Merry worked a bases loaded walk to give his team the advantage late.

Appleton 5, Oshkosh 1

Looking for redemption after a 6-3 loss to Appleton last weekend, Oshkosh turned to Matthew Noe on the mound,

who pitched well but not well enough. Noe went the distance, allowing six hits and only one walk, but Appleton made those hits count as it brought in five runs as the Oshkosh offense was stymied by Zach Weisergerber on the hill.

Oshkosh got off to another fast start, scoring in the first. It was Kane using his speed to make things happen, legging out a leadoff infield single before stealing second and advancing to third on a wild pitch. Two batters later Kane would come home to score on a Bittner single to make it 1-0.

Appleton got to Noe in the bottom of the second. After a single and an error got things started, Landon Sobieski ripped a double as Appleton jumped in front for good 2-1. Two batters later, Reiland dropped down a sacrifice bunt to score

Sobieski and just like that it was 3-1.

Weisergerber was outstanding on the hill, retiring six of the next seven to keep Oshkosh limited on chances. A fourth-inning RBI groundout from Schoepf and a fifth-inning wild pitch to score Carson Kavanagh would be all Appleton would need as Oshkosh put just four base runners on.

Shawano 6, Oshkosh 2

With Isaiah Humiston getting the start and throwing three scoreless innings, it was a dismal fourth that saw Shawano plate all six of its runs as they limited Oshkosh to just three hits in the 6-2 win.

Both teams held in check through two innings. Shawano had the best scoring chance early in the second, but Humiston was able to pitch out of trouble to keep things tied. Following getting out of that jam, Humiston took it upon himself to help his cause as his RBI double gave Oshkosh the 1-0 lead. Two batters later, patience paid off as Pinkerton worked the bases loaded walk to double the lead 2-0.

After wasting another scoring chance in the fourth, Brady Block entered the game in relief of Humiston on the mound. A lead-off walk followed by a wild pitch put a runner on third with no outs before Brayden Kowolkowski got the Hawks on the board with a single. Three pitches later Brandon Bushy doubled to knot things up 2-2 with the offense still surging. After another single, Carson Popp delivered what would be the game-winning hit as his single made it 3-2 in favor of the Hawks.

A bases-loaded hit by pitch brought home another run for Shawano ahead of a two-out, two-run Andrew Popp single to put them up for good at 6-2 in the fifth.

UWO cancels sports at its access campuses

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and four other UW System institutions – UW-Eau Claire, UW-Green Bay, UW-Stevens Point and UW-Platteville – have temporarily suspended collegiate athletics at their access campuses for the 2020-21 academic year.

The one-year pause reflects the challenges of facility cleaning and disinfecting, providing athletic trainers and other logistical issues posed by the coronavirus

pandemic. Student-athletes attending the 10 two-year campuses, including UWO’s Fond du Lac and Fox Cities access campuses, compete in the Wisconsin Collegiate Conference.

Last year, 29 students at the UWO Fond du Lac campus competed in golf, soccer and basketball, while 41 students at the UWO Fox Cities campus participated in women’s volleyball, women’s basketball, men’s basketball and soccer.

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Hydroplane racers

The Badger State Outboard Association held its annual Shake the Lake Hydroplane Races off Millers Bay in Menominee Park last Saturday and Sunday.

Farmers market

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sion off the ground while abiding by state and local health department guidelines.

“We’re essentially an outdoor store,” Schmid-Schultz said of the food-only nature of the event that is trying to balance safety and attendance levels that make it worth the efforts of vendors, who she said are operating in “survival mode.”

“The vendors have really stepped up to the plate,” she said. “I’m just really proud of them for embracing everything that we’re asking them to do.”

Vendors were shown a webinar on how to help customers navigate safe shopping, such as not being able to handle fruits and vegetables ahead of purchase. Schmid-Schultz also was pleased by the creativity shown with colorful signs and chalk markings to inform and direct traffic.

“The chalk art on the sidewalk guiding people through the booths is phenomenal,” she said.

Market board chairman Michael Cooney said safety for both farm vendors and customers was the priority as they worked with the city and health department on procedures and policies that would make it work.

“Unlike other years where we had a very well attended weekly community event, this year we are focusing on locally grown food and produced items,” Cooney said. “The market encourages customers to come, shop and leave with a minimum of socializing.”

Practical adjustments have been made from week to week and some of the artists and crafters, which Schmid-Schultz said last year took about 60 spaces, started to return July 11 in some of the slots available after booths were reconfigured with 10-foot spacing.

She said those who sell crafts that are commonly either handled or smelled have the extra challenge of drawing customers while generally not allowing visitors to touch before they buy. That has led some to decline booth slots this year and leaves them open to additional food vendors.

She said market organizers last week officially canceled extra activities such as added events or music for the season, something they wanted to consider resuming in some form before the pandemic’s resurgence made that unfeasible.

Comments received either at the market or on social media have focused on the use of face masks and some crowding issues, which Schmid-Schultz said they hold to under their published market guidelines for everyone.

“Later in the day there have been windows where you couldn’t observe social distancing,” she said, adding that moving the ever-popular egg roll stands to the edges of the market has helped ease some of that crowding. She also noted that visitors with health concerns are advised to arrive as early as 7:30 to get what they need, a timeframe where she sees more people wearing face masks.

As she strongly recommends safety precautions, Schmid-Schultz tries not to take personal any negative comments that come her way about masks and crowds while trying to run a safe event that’s still a viable market for vendors.

“There’s mixed comments on Facebook, but the general feeling at the market — people are very happy that the market is open,” she said.

While she estimates the crowds are down by as much as half of last year’s “stellar attendance,” she said people still want to get downtown for more than just grocery shopping and it offers a safer environment than most indoor venues.

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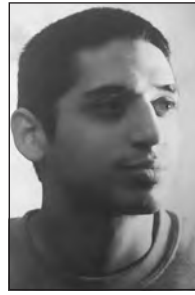
Taking it outside

O'Marro's Public House on Oregon Street hosted the band Thy Dirty Deuce on Friday night out in the parking lot.

Obituaries

Brandon Lee Sheppard

Brandon Lee Sheppard, age 26, passed away on July 7th 2020. Brandon was born



on April 5th 1994 in Oshkosh Wisconsin to Terry and Donna (Ybarra) Sheppard. Brandon grew up in Oshkosh Wisconsin with a rich and full childhood keeping many of the same friends from

his childhood on into his adult life. Brandon graduated from Oshkosh North and attended both La Crosse and Oshkosh universities. He began working with the CLC Lighted School House after school program in 2017 as a lead teacher. Last year in 2019 he was hired to run his own program as a facilitator for the Jefferson Elementary School in Oshkosh where Brandon resided. Brandon also worked at the Boys and Girls Club over the summers. He had a passion for working with, and helping children that needed it most. Brandon spent most of his free time gaming with buddies, listening to music, and spending time with his friends and family. If you were lucky enough to cross paths with Brandon, he had a way of making you feel like you had known him forever and he would always have your back. Brandon was an organ donor and one of his last gifts to complete strangers across

the country was life. He became a Hero in every sense of the word and his legacy will live on in others.

Brandon is survived by his parents Donna and Terry (Oshkosh). His siblings Curt (Sarah) Sheppard (Neenah), Bergundy Sheppard (Oshkosh), Anthony (Corie Anderson) Sheppard (St. Paul, MN), and Shyann (Mark Faust) Sheppard (Oshkosh). His two nephews Jayden and Landon Sheppard (Neenah), as well as numerous special aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Brandon will have a visitation at St. Raphael the Archangel on 830 South Westhaven Drive, Oshkosh WI, 54904 on Saturday, July 18 from 8:00 to 10:00 am followed by a Mass from 10:00 to 11:00. Following mass there will be a small get together at Peabody's in Downtown Oshkosh from 11:30 to 2:30. We urge anyone who knew and loved Brandon to come and help celebrate the life of this very selfless and loved young man. In lieu of flowers we ask donations be made to a CLC Lighted School House scholarship fund, please contact Brandon's sister's Shyann at sheppshy@gmail.com for information.



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The Navajo call themselves "Dine," which means "the People." Their land is referred to as "Dine Bikeyah," or "the land of the People."

Code Talkers

During World War II, many Navajo enlisted in the U.S. Army. Because the Navajo language was unknown to most people, many Navajo soldiers became "Code Talkers." The Navajo language was used to send coded messages that the enemy could not understand.



Telling Tales

Many Native American tribes have a history of sharing stories through many generations. With a family member, make a list of some of the stories and memories your family shares at family gatherings.



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A NAVAJO HERO MYTH

The Warrior Twins

Long, long ago, monsters made the earth a very dangerous place.

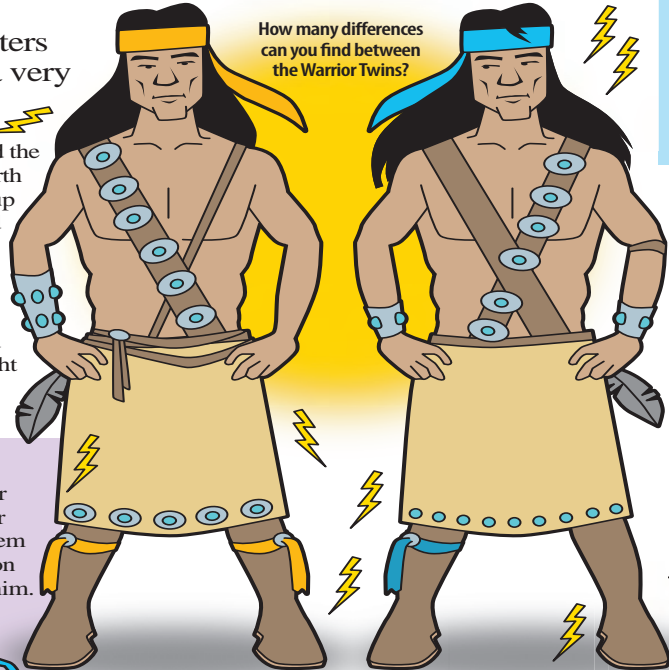
Changing Woman wanted to rid the world of monsters. She gave birth to twin warrior sons that grew up in just 12 days. One was named Monster Slayer and the other Born for Water.

"Who is our father?" asked the boys. Changing Woman would not tell them because she thought he was too dangerous.

Spider Woman

One day the warriors met Spider Woman. She told them that their father was the Sun. She gave them magic feathers to protect them on the dangerous journey to meet him.

Rocks tried to crush the twins. Reeds tried to cut them. Boiling sands tried to burn them. But Spider Woman's magic kept them safe.

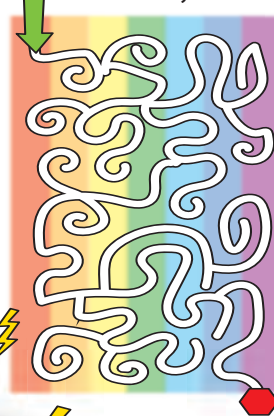


How many differences can you find between the Warrior Twins?

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The Warrior Twins could cross rainbows. Can you?

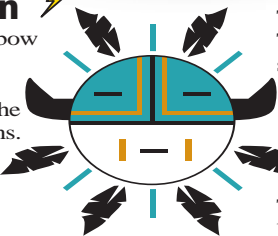


How many lightning bolts can you find on this page?

Meeting The Sun

The twins crossed a rainbow to their father's house.

The Sun did not believe he was the father of the twins. "If you pass my tests, I will believe you," he said.



The twins ate poisonous cornmeal. They were then put into a bath of scorching hot water. They were thrown against a rock wall. Spider Woman's magic protected them each time, and their father accepted them as his sons.

The Sun gave them suits of flint and lightning bolts to battle monsters.

Battling Big Giant

Big Giant has mixed up this story. Can you number each part in order and read it aloud?



Big Giant threw lightning bolts at the Twins. They jumped away to safety.

The Warrior Twins hid and waited for Big Giant to come to a spring to drink.

The Sun sent his sons to fight the Big Giant. The Sun said, "If you can defeat Big Giant, you can defeat all monsters."

They heard a loud rumble. It was the Big Giant.

Black clouds filled the sky and a lightning bolt shot down and shattered the Big Giant into pieces.

"We are small, but we are strong and brave!" replied the Twins.

The Twins stepped out and the Big Giant wanted to eat them. The Twins said they were going to fight him. Big Giant laughed. "You? You are too small!"

Extra! Extra! Warrior Twins Adjectives

Look through the newspaper for five adjectives that describe the Warrior Twins. Write a paragraph about one or both of the Twins using the adjectives.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Identify adjectives.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

The Warrior Twins slayed many other monsters. They placed the fallen monsters under the mountain where Big Giant was slayed. Circle every other letter to find out the name of the volcano in New Mexico that is said to be this mountain.

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Double Double Word Search

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

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- POISONOUS
- MONSTER
- WARRIOR
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- WATER
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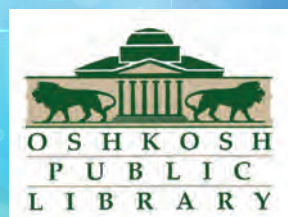
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