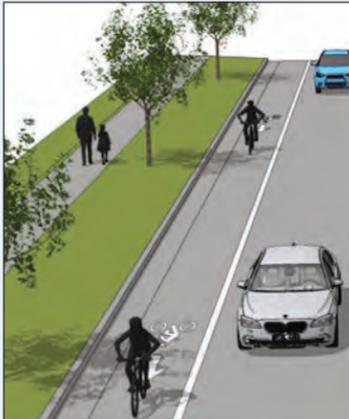


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Younger adults tied to recent increase

By Jack Tierney
OSHKOSH HERALD

States like Wisconsin that opened “early” led to younger adults going back to bars and restaurants, some without the

recommended social distancing, which health experts said increased their exposure to COVID-19. The subsequent jump in illnesses has been relatively benign for them but more serious for immunodeficient, elderly or otherwise frail individuals who are later infected.

Situations with unnecessary risk have since brought reason for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to shadow the county health department last

week to gain more details on how and why many young people are getting sick.

Noticing a 58.7 percent increase in new cases among 20- to 29-year-olds here in June, Winnebago County’s Health Department director tried to make a case for more expressly written authority with an amendment to county ordinance at a June

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Lake parade for the Fourth

Boaters got together in Asylum Bay on Lake Winnebago for a small parade Saturday morning to commemorate Independence Day with many decorated in red, white and blue.



Former quarries’ history controls their future

Long-closed landfills still generate methane

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Quarry Park neighborhood on what was once the city’s southern boundary has a history shaped by the limestone pits that were quarried in the 1800s and vacated more than a century ago. Long after material excavations ended at the digs, the depressions became renegade swimming holes, ice skating rinks and one used as an iceboat sled ramp.

The resulting ponds led to a spate of drownings over many decades and subsequent calls for filling and fencing them off to keep people away from the uncontrolled areas. By the 1950s the city made more concerted efforts to buy the quarries from their private owners and haul in fill materials.

Soon after the Paulus quarry was partial-



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Quarry Park was created on the city’s south side using land that had been reclaimed from three former quarries that served as landfills.

ly filled in 1952 with dirt and rock — first they removed the remaining fish — it was found to be sealing off and likely polluting the groundwater that fed private wells in the area, according to reports in the Daily

Northwestern, forcing the need to extend municipal water mains to neighboring residents.

That didn’t stop municipal and private interests from using the area’s four

quarries through the 1950s as a solution to waste and other materials needing a home while reclaiming the spaces by filling in the massive holes — also ending the drowning risk they posed.

What many communities have historically found when dealing with rubbish-based landfills is an unwelcome byproduct: methane. The gas is naturally occurring, especially in wetlands, but most sources are of human origin — farm livestock, oil and gas leakage/emissions, and landfill decay.

The landfill origin of the methane problem was here to stay far longer than subsequent city leaders could predict or hope. Gas mitigation efforts have been ongoing since the 1960s, according to Daily Northwestern stories from that time, first attempted with passive venting and later with pressurized systems to accelerate the process.

Methane mitigation efforts in the area

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Park cookout plan drawing a crowd

By Kaitlyn Scoville
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

A free cookout for homeless people at the Riverwalk Park by the Leach Amphitheater set from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday is all thanks to one man, donations and help from neighbors and the community.

Scott Janes moved to Oshkosh with his wife and five kids in March from the Rockford, Ill., area and decided to lend a helping hand to the homeless population.

He said his inspiration for organizing the cookout came from getting to know his neighborhood better.

After having a conversation with a neighbor about the idea, word started getting around. Supporters reached out and offered supplies and help.

“The response was just overwhelming,” Janes said. “I had to make like a spreadsheet trying to figure out everything.”

At first, all Janes thought the cookout would be was him, his grill and those who stopped by. Now, he’s gotten donations and support from several locations in Oshkosh and even surrounding areas.

“I got one guy that’s going to bring his



Submitted photo

Scott Janes is leading efforts to host a cookout Saturday at Riverside Park.

grill out and help cook,” he said. “There’s a women’s empowerment group out of Fond du Lac that reached out to me — it’s a place for battered women, former addicts and stuff like that — they’re actually going to come help too.”

Additionally, Red Robin is donating water, Kwik Trip is donating condiments and

Eaton’s Pizza is providing chips.

Free haircuts are also going to be available to those who need them.

Though homelessness wasn’t prevalent where Janes lived, he could see it more when he worked in Chicago and helped wherever he could. When he moved to Oshkosh, he decided to push it a step further.

“My main goal with the whole thing was hoping to get some sort of snowball effect, where I do this once and then it inspires other people to keep doing it,” he said.

He understands that homelessness in Oshkosh won’t end after the cookout, but he’s hoping it will inspire others to keep up the good faith and positivity.

“The community up here is amazing — I’ve never really experienced that in my life,” he said. “Everyone’s very welcoming, very helpful.”

“I’ve been in bad places where if I didn’t have help, I very well could have been homeless myself,” Janes added. “I think that’s the biggest thing for me is if you can, do. If you can’t, at least put the word out.”

Janes’ wife, Beckie, said his acts of kindness are a regular occurrence.

“He tries to help out people where he can and how he can,” she said. “That’s just always how he’s been.”

Beckie said she wouldn’t be surprised if he did something similar in the future.

Janes expressed that although the cookout is aimed at helping the homeless population of Oshkosh, all are welcome to build friendships and community.

“I want to see everyone out there from every social standing, every religion, every orientation,” he said. “We’re all people, and I think people are starting to forget that. Good people are good people and I’m hoping that they can see it.”

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Birthday party marks local man's healthy, long life



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Harold Eichstadt enjoys his birthday party at Bella Vista where he celebrated 103 years.

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Five miles of walking every day. That is what Harold Eichstadt said helps him stay healthy as he marked his 103rd birthday at a party for him at Bella Vista assisted living across from Menominee Park.

Many signs were placed around the apartment complex promoting Eichstadt's milestone as more than 35 people attended the socially distanced celebration June 30, including Mayor Lori Palmeri, family members, Optimist Club members in Oshkosh as well as news media representatives. He was featured that morning on WOSH radio.

Eichstadt has been a lifelong contribu-

tor to the growth of Oshkosh, providing financially for many improvements in the city as well as being an Optimist Club member for 60 years. He told those at the party that he worked hard every day, including 40 years as a farmer, 40 years in business, and now working at home watching the stock market.

He said he told his doctor a week ago that his daily walking routine is what has helped him live so long.

During his time with the Optimist Club, the group contributed to the Pollock Community Water Park, a volleyball court and sign at Menominee Park, a summer camp for boys in Wild Rose, and defibrillators in public places.

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Omro Road project advances amid objections

Uncertain taxpayer costs spark petition

By Joseph Schulz
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

After years of discussion, a plan to reconstruct Omro Road is beginning to take shape as the Town of Algoma has hired a private engineer to redesign the roadway, despite objections by a group of residents.

The project design will be approved by the state Department of Transportation (DOT) in November — meaning the town will not know the total project cost or the tax burden on property owners until then.

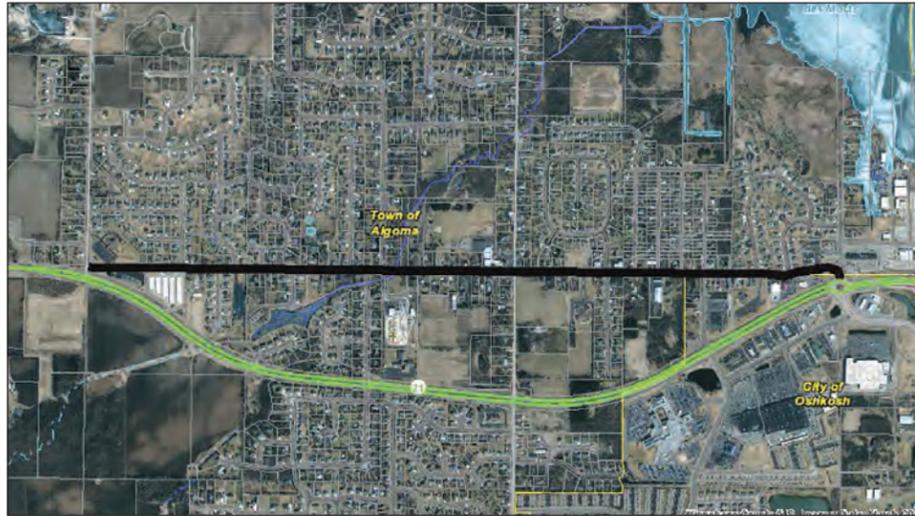
The total project cost is estimated to be roughly \$5.5 million but could be more depending on DOT requirements, contracting costs and other variables, according to Town Administrator Richard Heath.

He said the reconstruction aims to create a lasting infrastructure that will help connect communities while increasing safety for residents walking or biking along the road.

“We’re trying to make it so that none of the residents in the Town of Algoma will have to deal with the road again beyond maintenance,” Heath said. “We want it to last for the next 75 years.”

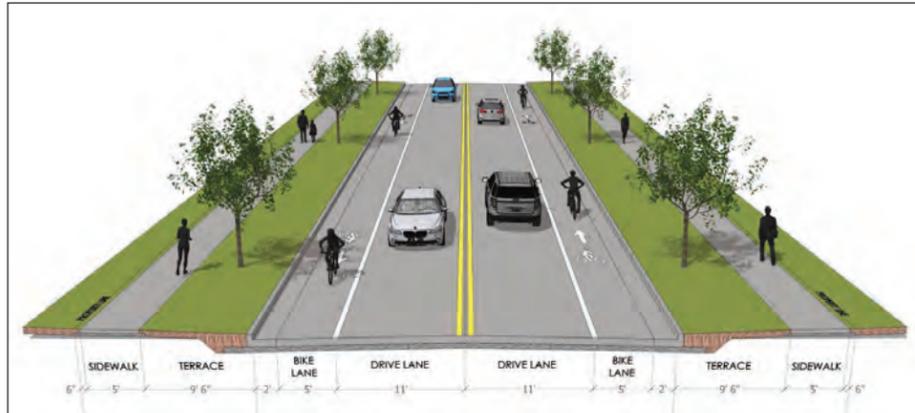
Improvements to Omro Road will include the removal and replacement of the road’s driving surface and the installation of curbs, gutters, bike paths and sidewalks.

The project originated in 2017 when the Oshkosh Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) — it includes the



Illustrations from Town of Algoma

Omro Road will be reconstructed under a project design awaiting state DOT approval.



city of Oshkosh, towns of Algoma, Black Wolf, Nekimi, Oshkosh and Vinland, and Winnebago County — applied for a grant from the DOT to reconstruct Omro Road.

A year later, the DOT awarded the MPO a \$2.5 million grant, which will fund about half of the project costs and requires the installation of bike paths and sidewalks.

“All the other municipalities (in the MPO) agreed to forgo the funding in order for Omro Road to get that money,” Heath said, “because they all agreed Omro Road was in need of repair.”

Additionally, the town and Oshkosh will share the cost of renovating the part of the road inside city limits. Algoma will fund the remainder of the project through

a capital improvement loan. Because municipalities in Wisconsin are limited in the amount of debt they can take on, Heath said Algoma will consider the cost to property owners when deciding how to finance its portion.

“Depending on what our general fund looks like, we could pay for a portion of the project with our general fund, which will reduce the amount of loan that we take,” he said. “But since we don’t know the final cost of the project, we don’t know what impact it will have on taxpayers. But we have very definitive revenue caps that we have to follow.”

Some residents oppose the project, believing it will create an undue tax burden for “conveniences” they didn’t ask for, said Robert Sawitski, an Algoma resident who started a petition that has drawn 600 signatures opposing the project.

Sawitski said residents do not want a sidewalk, curb or gutters, and would prefer walking or bike paths adjacent to the road.

“A lot of people move out to the Town of Algoma for lower taxes, and a small-town community feel. The Town Board members are failing to realize that this (project) isn’t what our town wants,” he said. “If people wanted sidewalks or curb and gutters, they wouldn’t have moved to the Town of Algoma.”

Heath said the project will not create a drastic tax increase for residents.

“We’re not looking at a 200 percent increase in our taxes — that’s just not realistic,” Heath said. “There’s restrictions on local governments as to how much we can raise taxes.”

Additionally, he says the curb and gutter will eliminate safety concerns such as steep ditches and flooding along the roadway.

“We’re working with all the homeowners, and we’re compensating them for any landscaping that will disturb the use of their property,” Heath said.

The reconstruction is expected to finish by spring 2022. In the meantime, Heath encourages residents with questions or concerns to attend Town Board meetings and contact local officials directly.

“If people have questions about it, it’s a lot easier to clarify stuff when we can talk about it,” Heath said. “We aren’t trying to ignore people’s concerns; I’ll talk to anyone about it. We’re not trying to hide anything.”

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Disturbance at prison-release home detailed

By Jack Tierney
OSHKOSH HERALD

Four police officers responded to a call June 4 that an individual living in a temporary living place (TLP) in a north-side neighborhood was demonstrating “manic” behavior, believed to be under the influence of methamphetamine and potentially carrying a weapon, according to police reports.

The incident at 1105 Jefferson St., where for the past 10 years has housed individuals on parole and registered sex offenders, according to Department of Corrections documents, added to the ongoing concerns of neighbors in the residential neighborhood.

Officers responding to the incident were familiar with the location, according to the report. The offender in this situation was on the national registry for “repeated acts of sexual assault.” Three others living in the seven-unit house were on the registry. Neighbors said they have counted over 300 registered offenders moving in

and out of the house just in the past year.

Steve Herman, former deputy mayor and a retired sheriff’s deputy, was on the Common Council when the housing issue was brought up in February. He said the house draws many offenders because of its proximity to Oshkosh Correctional Institute, a medium-security prison.

The state Department of Corrections’ 2019 report on the prison said 53 percent of the 2,055 inmates were “active” sex offenders.

Officers on the scene June 4 made contact with the man causing the disturbance. He let officers into his locked upper-level bedroom after officers de-escalated the situation, police documents state. The individual was cuffed in front of his body and taken to Mercy Medical Center after he told officers he was on methamphetamine, then booked in the county jail where he was reported in stable condition.

Brian Munsch, a contractor with the DOC who is responsible for making welfare checks at the TLP three times a day, became aware of the man’s behavior when

he heard “pounding” sounds and the individual say, “Shoot or be shot. Bang, bang, bang” on a routine midday check.

Munsch said he knew the man from prior visits and had went on a “meth-use bender” when he was first released from prison to the house.

Neighbors contend these kinds of actions happen often and say they are losing patience with the potential threats they pose. They met with city staff in February to discuss an upcoming contract renewal for the house, while the DOC has identified the need for a second TLP in Winnebago County. The contract for the house has since automatically been re-

newed through 2022.

Neighbors would like the TLP to be moved to a more appropriate area. Herman had suggested somewhere north of the city where access to transportation and work opportunities could be made readily available. City Manager Mark Rohloff said at a June 23 meeting that he is still thinking about the neighbors and how to best accommodate them.

Before COVID-19 disrupted city affairs, Jefferson Street neighbors, city administration, district representatives and DOC representatives agreed to a meeting to continue discussion of the issue. That meeting is still intended to happen.

Oshkosh Defense gets more JLTV orders

Oshkosh Defense announced last week that the U.S. Army Contracting Command has placed an order valued at \$127 million for 248 of its Joint Light Tactical Vehicles (JLTVs) and associated kits. The vehicles will be used by the U.S. Army, U.S. Marine Corps and State Department.

The JLTVs have remote weapon systems, anti-tank missile systems, anti-aircraft missile systems, unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) systems and counter-UAV systems that offer protection and defense technologies to troops.

More than 7,500 JLTVs have been delivered to the Army, Marine Corps, Air Force and Navy since the production contract was awarded to Oshkosh Defense in 2015. Several NATO countries have expressed interest in the vehicle, including the United Kingdom, Lithuania, Slovenia and Montenegro.

Oshkosh was awarded the JLTV program in 2015 with an initial contract for up to 16,901 JLTVs. The Army approved its full-rate production in June 2019.

Back in the Day



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July 9, 1953

WOSH-TV is on the Air 4 p.m.: Wisconsin’s first ultra-high frequency television station, WOSH-TV, will be on the air today according to Station Manager William F. Johns. The station, UHF 48, expects to transmit 25 miles in all directions following test patterns that will run this week. It will share studio space with its radio partner WOSH radio located on Bowen Street. Already prepared for televising is a two-story, 30-foot square studio complete with a

modern kitchen and stage scenery. Beginning at 4 o’clock this afternoon, the station will be on a regular schedule of programs from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. on weekdays and from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Sundays. The station will carry news, sports, weather, women’s programs, filmed network shows and other specially produced programs. The first programs are expected to feature centennial events in connection with the Oshkosh celebration. Other programs of notable interest will include The Lone Ranger, Sky King, Wild Bill Hickock, Superman, Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet, Hopalong Cassidy, and more. Weatherman Roger Klukas will provide a complete U.S. weather report every Monday through Friday at 4:55 p.m. brought to you by Sunlite Dairy.

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restaurants and bulk purchasers.

No proof of address or income is required. Food will be given away on a first-come, first-served basis. Volunteers wearing masks will put the prepackaged boxes into vehicles' open trunks or back seats.

Local logistics are being managed by the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, Oshkosh Area United Way, UW Oshkosh, Oshkosh Area Community Pantry, Father Carr's Place 2B, Oshkosh Corp. and Amcor Cares Foundation.

Medicare introduction presentation offered

A Welcome to Medicare virtual presentation will be offered by the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Winnebago County's elder benefit specialist at 1 p.m. July 29.

The introductory program is for anyone

becoming eligible for Medicare to familiarize themselves with the various parts and understand the choices available.

Call Joan at 920-236-4685 to register for the Zoom presentation or to schedule a phone appointment.

Comic Book Challenge seeks creative contributors

An annual contest honoring a hometown comic book legend is challenging community members to embark on a creative quest.

The Mark Gruenwald Comic Book Creation Challenge honors the late Oshkosh native who drew and edited for Marvel from 1978-1996 on work that included Captain America. Gruenwald was Marvel's executive editor from 1987 until his death in 1996.

Individuals and teams will create an original comic to be judged on originality, artwork, story and character development. Extra points will be added for a character/story that honors any essential worker during the pandemic.

Participants receive a free art kit with supplies to help them bring their ideas to life. Kits and registration forms are available at House of Heroes and ZaRonis Pizza. Registration is not required.

The project is the brainchild of Jon Doemel, owner of Zaroni's; Scott Dercks,

owner of House of Heroes Comics and Games; and the Winnebago Area Literacy Council. Other supporters include the Oshkosh Public Library and Pacon Corp.

Organizers say the challenge promotes literacy through comic books and graphic novels by creating an event for everyone.

"Comic books and graphic novels include heroes of all ages, genders, abilities and social classes," said Julia Frasca of the Literacy Council. "These stories take place in a variety of time periods, in locations near and far, with themes that resonate with a broad range of readers."

Creators compete in several age categories, with a separate category for families. Registration deadline is Aug. 1. Submissions must be turned in to House of Heroes by Aug. 31.

The Mark Gruenwald Comic Book Creation Challenge group on Facebook will have contest rules, age categories and announcements.

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Mail-in voting assistance made available by city

By Jack Tierney
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh will pay to mail absentee ballots to all registered voters in the city for the Aug. 11 primary election, according to City Manager Mark Rohloff and City Clerk Pamela Ubrig. All you have to do is register.

To sign up for a ballot, go to the city website and find the "How Do I?" tab at the top of the page. Find the "voting" option at the bottom of the dropdown menu. On the voting option page will be a list of instructions for registered and nonregistered voters for mail-in and absentee ballots.

Find the instructions that describe you and follow the steps. Registering to vote and requesting an absentee ballot online can require multiple forms of valid identification. It must be completed 20 days before the election.

Once received in the mail, the absentee ballot must be signed by a witness who verifies you are the person who cast the votes. The witness must be a U.S. citizen and does not have to live in Oshkosh. More information will be included in the mail once voters receive their ballots.

The League of Women Voters of Win-

nebago County is hosting a town hall event at 6:30 p.m. Thursday with a panel that includes Karen Schneider, publisher of the Oshkosh Herald; and Nathaniel Shuda, editor of the Oshkosh Northwestern, asking policy questions to candidates.

The event will be aired live on Oshkosh Media and WOCT 101.9 FM at 6:30 p.m. and rebroadcast before Aug. 11. It will also be available at www.oshkoshmedia.org and on the Oshkosh Media YouTube channel.

The LWV said it anticipates more absentee ballots will be requested and completed ahead of election dates. That is why they are having their forum earlier than usual to better prepare voters. With absentee ballots, voters can spend significant time researching each candidate with credible information from sources like the LWV event.

On the Aug 11 ballot, a party preference section with specific instructions should be read before being filled in or not. Opposed and unopposed races include:

- Congressional District 6 candidates Matthew Boor, Michael Beardsley and Jessica King, all Democrats, are competing for the party nomination to challenge Republican incumbent Glenn Grothman.

- District 18: Senate Democratic candidate Aaron Wojciechowski and Republican incumbent Dan Feyen, both unopposed in their party.

- District 54: Republicans Pete Kohloff and Donny Herman are competing for the nomination to challenge Rep. Gordon Hintz, the Democratic incumbent.

- District Attorney Christian Gossett is running unchallenged.

- Republican county clerk incumbent Susan Etmer is unchallenged.

- Republican county treasurer incumbent Mary Krueger is unchallenged.

- Republican register of deed incumbent Natalie Strohmeier is being challenged by Republican Paul Esslinger.

At the state level, a three-judge panel

of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit restored a 2016 requirement that residents must live in a district for 28 days instead of 10 to be eligible to vote there; declared emailing or faxing absentee ballots unconstitutional; and reinstated a law that allows local election officials to offer two weeks of early voting before election day contrary to what was done in Milwaukee in 2018 that allowed six weeks of early voting.

The Wisconsin Elections Commission announced it will be sending 2.7 million absentee ballots to voters for the November general election. WEC commissioner Bob Spindell, a Republican, said mailing the absentee ballot applications was "good for both the Republicans and the Democrats."

Oshkosh North graduate on lung transplant team

Dr. Elizabeth Malsin, formerly of Oshkosh and a physician at Northwestern Medicine in Chicago, was part of medical history recently as part of a team that performed the first known successful double-lung transplant on a coronavirus patient.

The patient, a woman in her 20s, was otherwise healthy but developed a severe case of COVID-19 that resulted in hospitalization, Dr. Ankit Bharat, chief of thoracic surgery, told National Public Radio in a story from its reporting partnership.

She had been in the intensive care unit for two months on a ventilator and another machine that pumps and oxygenates blood outside of the body. While the coronavirus eventually cleared from her body, she remained in severe condition and Bharat

said the patient's lungs showed irreversible damage along with signs that her kidneys and liver were starting to fail.

Malsin, a pulmonology and critical care specialist, was on the medical team led by Bharat, who performs most of the 40 to 50 lung transplants Northwestern performs each year.

"She was so young, and the only thing that was sick about this patient was her lungs and the scarring left from the coronavirus," Malsin told NPR.

Bharat said the patient's lungs are now working and other organs — heart, kidneys and liver — have "completely recovered."

Malsin, a 2003 alumna of Oshkosh North High School, graduated from Drexel University College of Medicine and served her residency at the University of Pennsylvania Health System.

Back to School Fair returns as drive-thru

The annual Back to School Fair is looking for community support as it works on helping return nearly 1,000 area students to the classroom prepared for success.

Support is needed to provide backpacks, school supplies and appropriate clothing for the coming school year. Low-income Oshkosh and Winneconne children will be helped by receiving gift cards to shop for clothes or a backpack with supplies and hygiene items.

This year the fair will be a drive-through pickup event due to COVID-19 precautions.

See the promotional ad on Page 6 to use the form for mailing a donation by July 15.

Dwelling 2:22 concert set

Arilya, a contemporary Christian band from Pulaski, will perform at Dwelling 2:22, 222 Church Ave., at 7 p.m. July 17. Made up of husband and wife Nic and Sandi Hermann, and Caleb Jensen, the group is working on a debut EP with Corey Horn of Remedy Drive.

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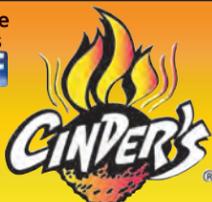
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Chief Oshkosh proved to be the ultimate leader

By Brad Larson
OSHKOSH PUBLIC MUSEUM DIRECTOR

The image of Chief Oshkosh wearing a top hat that stares back at us from the famous 1855 daguerreotype creates a misleading perception of this Menominee man. His real name was Oskas, meaning "His Claw."

He died because he was beaten by drunkards, but that is not how he should be remembered. Given his accomplishments, Oskas should be recognized as an exceptional leader who cared for his people and his culture.

The Menominee have lived in Wisconsin for more than 10,000 years. Their origin stories include no other place except Wisconsin. They claimed much of our state, and today Wisconsin place names reflect this was once the Menominee homeland.

There are about 86,500 Native people in our state; the Menominee population is about 8,700. Interesting to note, Native people are seldom included when talking about minorities.

The land is sacred to the Menominee. Since time began, it provided everything they needed, and the bones of their ancestors sleep there. By the time Oskas was an adult, the land they had lived on and cherished had been occupied by foreign people and was being altered by settlers and land speculators.

Leadership was thrust on this man from the Bear Clan during a time of enormous transformation and stress for the Menominee. The changes and challenges were so significant that it is hard to grasp what faced them. Like all Native Americans, the Menominee had little real choice in anything related to their future. The tribe had no power, no clout. They were at the mercy of a powerful and domineering federal government. To acquire Native land, the federal government intimidated, threatened and deceived.

As a member of the Bear Clan, Oskas had the responsibility for civil affairs for the tribe, including functioning as a peacekeeper and a speaker. The Bear Clan presided over meetings and ensured order, but did not have the power to demand action from the tribe. In the Menominee culture, no one person was given the right or authority to speak for the entire tribe. Decisions were made by consensus.

The federal government never understood or respected this. Instead, they required one person to speak for all and to



Oshkosh Public Museum photo

Menominee participants, including members of Chief Oshkosh's family, are shown at the Oshkosh Semi-Centennial in 1903.

have the authority to make decisions and sign treaties. Oskas became the assigned leader of the Menominee people during this heartbreaking period. Not all the Menominee approved of Oskas, claiming he was just a tool manipulated by others.

Regardless, Native leaders were acutely aware that the Menominee way of life, its very culture, was being assailed. Not only was their land being taken, but so were the things that gave their life meaning and stability: their way of life, values, religion and their history. The ability to care for their family and their people were taken from them.

With the increasing number of settlers and changes to the environment, traditional food sources were scarce. To feed their families, the Menominee had come to depend on the federal government for an annuity payment that included poor-grade food and other staples. It was a powerful incentive to leaders like Oskas when the government warned that food allotments could be withheld.

Oskas and others were told if they did not make a treaty, the government would forcibly remove them. Thus, Oskas was compelled to sign away an enormous amount of Menominee land in 1848 in exchange for a 600,000-acre reservation in Minnesota, plus \$20,000.

The reservation land consisted of a small strip between the hostile Sioux and Ojibwa tribes. Menominee oral tradition states that Oskas never intended to move

the people but used the treaty to buy time.

Oskas wanted to find a way to retain a semblance of normalcy for his people, to maintain their culture, and to keep the people on at least part of their beloved homeland. He used every tool, every obstacle that he could think of, to keep the Menominee in Wisconsin rather than move them to a questionable reservation west of the Mississippi River. Given the incredible hurdles he faced, it would have been easy to give up and let the government win.

During this troubled period, Oskas' adopted son was murdered by a white man in what is today Portage County. On New Year's Day 1850, his 17-year-old son, said to be handsome, strong and outgoing allegedly tried to take a glass of whiskey from a man named Joseph Cayau. For that, his son was stabbed to death. Cayau claimed the young man fell on his own blade.

Justice Joseph Wood dismissed the case for lack of evidence; the Menominee were enraged. Fortunately, Oskas kept the angry Menominee warriors under control. Oskas went to Green Bay in an attempt to get justice through the Indian subagent, William H. Bruce, but he refused to act. At that point, Oskas said, "It is clear that whites think less of an Indian than a dog, for if a white man's dog had been killed, he would have satisfaction for it, but as it is only a poor Indian, it is no

matter."

Yet, Oskas did not give up, but continued to seek a solution for his people and believed he could persuade the government to be fair to the Menominee.

A few months later, Oskas and 24 other Menominee leaders went to Minnesota. Game was scarce; the party only saw one deer and were unable to feed themselves. Returning in late summer, Oskas and other Menominee representatives traveled to Washington, D.C.

One potent weapon Oskas had was the fact that he was an incredibly eloquent speaker. His remarkable ability to deliver powerfully and moving speeches was a true gift. In September 1850, he made an impassioned plea to President Millard Fillmore that had a tremendous emotional impact on everyone present. Sadly, no record of that speech survives. As a result, the president agreed to delay the Menominee's move to Minnesota.

In the autumn of 1852, the Menominee were camped around Lake Poygan to receive their annuity payment when word came from the government that they could temporarily have land around the headwaters of the Wolf River. However, it came with the stipulation that they had to move north immediately. The village consisted of children, women, the elderly, as well as young men. The weather was cold, and with each passing day winter loomed closer.

Oskas led the Menominee on the cold, grueling 75-mile trek north. Two years later, in 1854, a new treaty granted them about 250,000 acres as a reservation. Oskas was not satisfied and refused to sign until Congress gave them more compensation, which it did. He signed the new treaty with great reluctance.

The Menominee people did not abandon their identity. They remained united, held together in part by the gift the man we now call "Oshkosh" gave to his people. Today, the Menominee live on part of their ancestral homeland. It is unfortunate that this remarkable man is not remembered for his achievements.

Our identity as a people is tied to our history. Our shared story is the glue that binds us together as Americans, create unity and gives our nation strength. Through peace, turmoil and war, we draw on the knowledge that our country has seen worse, yet we endure. The Menominee kept their identity and culture, and a small part of their ancestral homeland was because of Oskas' leadership.

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Landlord survey identifies COVID-19 impact

By Candice Lane
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The Wisconsin eviction moratorium ban was set to lift May 26 when a group of 12 local organizations collaborated to form the Winnebago County Eviction Prevention Task Force. In an effort to further understand the ripple effect of the COVID-19 crisis on rental housing in Oshkosh and how best to respond, a survey was distributed to county landlords to identify key data points: number of renters falling behind on payments, number of filed evictions, state of landlord/tenant relationships and landlords who were financially struggling due to rent nonpayment.

Out of 75 respondents, the survey indicated that 11 percent were unable to meet their April, May or June rent obligations. Financial assistance may be available to these renters through Wisconsin Rental Assistance Program (WRAP). Landlords must submit information as part of a renter's application. Lu Sheer, affordable housing director at ADVOCAP, was hopeful the program would be a win-win for both parties. However, in some cases cooperation seems to be a challenge.

"Unfortunately, we are finding a few landlords are not returning the necessary paperwork to complete the applications, therefore blocking financial assistance, giving the landlord the right to evict," Sheer said. "We attempt to advocate for the tenant and remind landlords that we're all in this together, but we're not always successful in changing their minds."

The survey found almost 40 percent of landlords are trying to assist tenants, whether by offering payment plans or for-

bearance for missed payments. A few have reported helping renters find temporary employment. One tenant, who wished to remain anonymous, was able to secure a part-time job through the landlord's personal connection. While still working to get caught up, the partial payments proved helpful to the landlord and have kept the tenant from eviction.

Tenant advocacy is a top priority for Legal Action of Wisconsin, a nonprofit law firm that provides civil legal aid to low-income people. Legal Action attorneys are available to advise low-income people and seniors about their rights and options.

Jacquelyn Jaworski, managing attorney of Legal Action's Oshkosh office, reports, "We've seen a significant increase in the number of housing calls since the statewide eviction ban expired."

Legal Action staff has had to shift resources but still can't meet the need. In the 20 business days after expiration of the statewide ban, more than 1,000 housing-related calls were received, a 20 percent increase over the same period in 2019. In some cases, landlords have refused to offer reasonable rent payment plans.

In talking about the housing cases, Jaworski stressed the importance of tenants reaching out as soon as possible.

"Tenants who receive an eviction notice should contact us immediately regardless of whether they think they have a defense," she said.

The Winnebago Conflict Resolution Center is another resource for landlords and tenants seeking mediation. CEO Michael Rust said the county has seen a spike in evictions filed weekly throughout

the month of June. What is unknown is whether the spike is due to evictions not associated with the moratorium.

The overall number of evictions for 2020 is lower than in 2019, which may show that some landlords are willing to work with their tenants to prevent eviction and homelessness.

Most landlords do not want to evict since it is an expensive process, explains Donn Lord, head of the Winnebago Apartment Association. The total cost of an eviction for a landlord can be anywhere between \$2,000 and \$5,000 including costs for filing, rent loss, and cleaning, repairing and relisting the unit. This is on top of the fixed monthly costs of a unit: mortgage, property taxes, insurance and routine maintenance.

An eviction can result in a net loss for a period of one to two years, often leading to deferred maintenance, lower property values and a potential foreclosure.

"If we can assist in keeping a tenant in a rental, it helps us both. Many landlords never see the judgment paid after an eviction," Lord said.

If rental income isn't coming in, landlords often can't pay their bills. Seventeen percent of survey respondents indicated they have been forced to default or seek forbearance on mortgage, utilities or property tax bills. An anonymous survey respondent reported seeking financial assistance since the tenant is not yet receiving unemployment. Another stated they had to adjust personal finances to ensure their business did not suffer due to non-payment.

While it is helpful to have financial assistance options for tenants, some landlords would like support for both parties. An anonymous survey respondent wrote, "There have to be laws to protect both landlords and tenants. Right now, it seems like tenants hold all the power and landlords are suffering because of it."

The Winnebago County Landlord Survey will be sent out monthly to continue collecting data. Landlords who want to be included in July's survey can email candice@oshkoshunitedway.org. More information on resources available to tenants and landlords is at oshkoshunitedway.org.

Neighborhood improvement grants available

Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods has Good Neighbor Grants for homeowners in neighborhood associations through a partnership between the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation and city.

Grants are available through 2022 for porch improvements, landscaping, stump removal and other efforts to improve curb appeal.

Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods met its limit for 2020 grant allocations and

said it is encouraged by the wide range of planned projects. Nine associations received grants for 20 projects to be completed in the River East, Ferry Crossing, Menominee North, Congress Field, Middle Village, North Shore and Stevens Park associations.

"We are excited to see the changes and improvements and will be sharing before and after pictures of each project," neighborhood coordinator Cora Strand said.

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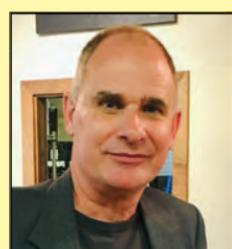


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Former quarries

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have continued ever since.

Most recently the city acquired and removed four houses off West 17th Avenue and a portion of a parcel that fronts Knapp Street earlier this year and installed a methane venting system to counteract high levels of the gas. Public Works Director James Rabe said that area comprises the limits of the former Kienast and Paulus quarries.

“The contractor for the project has completed the construction of the active landfill gas mitigation venting system. The system is operational, and we are working with our environmental consultant to fine-tune the operation of the system,” Rabe said.

The city has budgeted about \$2.2 million in the last four years for the work related to those two former quarries through its capital improvement program. Rabe said the costs take in all aspects of the project: engineering, acquisition, demolition, construction, and testing and operation of the system through this year.

State Department of Natural Resources officials with oversight on the project said test pits determined that the extent of the problem came close to the residential homes.

“That was one of the driving reasons for deciding to acquire those properties just because they found that those waste limits did extend pretty close,” said Tess Brester, DNR waste management engineer.

Valerie Joosten, an engineer plan review expert for the DNR, said the city started the investigation on their own and identified the problem, and have been working with them to deal with it.

“They need the space for the solution,”

Joosten said. “A lot of times with these older sites the waste limits aren’t necessarily well defined and so it extended farther out than just the property boundaries.”

Parcels that show gas levels exceeding 25 percent of the lower explosive limits allowed are required to submit a remediation plan and take steps to deal with the problem within a certain time frame. Those locations are unlikely to be restored for residential use since methane production is expected to continue there at some level.

“This case is kind of unique — although there are probably other cases out there like it — this was a site where it didn’t have any required gas monitoring probes and it was also a nonapproved site because of the age of it,” she said. “So it was kind of before a lot of the requirements came in for monitoring and things like that.”

AECOM Technical Services and parent company STS Consultants have been involved with several of the city’s abandoned landfills since about 1976. Paul Timm, AECOM’s environment account manager, has worked on the former quarry projects since 1993 involving gas system design, permitting, construction management, operation and maintenance, and gas monitoring.

“The monitoring and operation and maintenance of the landfill gas systems will continue on all sites for the foreseeable future. The active landfill gas systems at Quarry Park, and Kienast and Paulus quarries are functioning as designed,” Timm said.

The Paulus quarry was the first to begin taking fill materials, according to “A History of the City of Oshkosh Sanitation Department” by Steve Langkau, which was owned and operated by the author’s great-grandfather and grandfather, then known as the Langkau quarry.



Map from state DNR

This map identifies the boundaries of the former Faber Quarry landfill, Oshkosh Stone Quarry landfill, and the Kienast and Paulus Quarry landfills.

The Oshkosh Stone Co.’s quarry, originally owned by Edward Last and later by William Faber, was the second and largest to be filled starting in 1958. Modern landfill techniques were used there, which included layers of clay between the 382,000 cubic yards of refuse brought in.

The three-acre Faber quarry at Knapp and West South Park Avenue was next to be filled with 108,000 cubic yards of refuse. The last was Kienast, which took 109,000 cubic yards. The goal was to reclaim the space by “squaring off” the properties for alternative uses.

The city council approved Paulus as a city dump in 1962 for construction and demolition debris, and Kienast was designated for municipal garbage and other

general waste to replace the current Red Arrow Park as a sanitary landfill location, but only long enough to level off the land and turn it back to its owner.

“Filling of these quarries presented some problems, primarily the contamination of several nearby wells,” Langkau wrote. “However, most people were happy to see them being filled as many swimmers had been killed in diving from the edges and ledges of the quarries only to strike against the sides, submerged ledges and shallow bottoms.”

South-side water well issues became better understood and dealt with through city service extensions while methane

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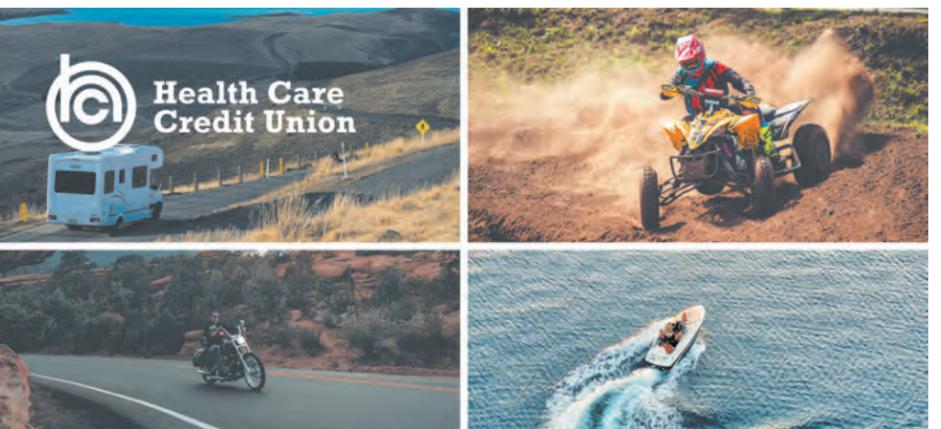
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emissions in some locations have been unrelenting.

An early site proposal for South Park Middle School was rejected in 1969 by the city due to the high methane levels found there, forcing the school district to move its search farther east. The public works director at that time said it would take another 20 years to mitigate the methane to a safe level at that site.

A decade later — March 19, 1979 — an explosion and fire that heavily damaged one of three new apartment buildings in the 1500 block of Knapp was blamed on methane buildup. Situated near Quarry Park, created from three of the former quarries filled and leveled off for a city recreation area, the apartment buildings were evacuated and eventually removed.

Other major explosions in the mid-1990s that damaged homes and were felt up to two miles were linked to a working limestone quarry farther north on Knapp near 12th Avenue. Blasting operations at the former Vulcan Materials Co. site and trapped methane were considered likely sources by neighbors who formed a committee to seek more information.

Ground vents were added in 1994 at the Faber and Oshkosh Stone sites while well and methane testing continued. Fifteen years later it was determined the passive vent method wasn't working and an active system would need to be added as part of an estimated \$1 million project. Rising groundwater levels also worked against gas mitigation.

The city acquired four duplexes on the west side of Knapp Street close to South Park Avenue in 2010 that were in the high-level zone that required installation



Photo courtesy of Dan Radig

Visitors to the 17th Street quarry when it was an unofficial swimming hole are shown in this circa 1950s photo.

of active methane venting.

“The work was similar (to the recent acquisitions),” Rohloff recalled, “but totally coincidental due to the fact that multiple quarries existed in the same area and were all filled independent of one another, and all resulting in methane gas.”

Brester said the city also installed combustible gas detectors in homes surrounding the former Faber and Oshkosh Stone quarry locations, the majority of which are still in place.

“Not only are they monitoring at their actual (landfill) boundary and the system, but a lot of those individual homes have their own system to make sure that there is no gas that is somehow getting into their basement,” she said.

With the current methane mitigation effort on West 17th, Rabe said the city's consultant is sampling and will be reporting results to the DNR in compliance with its environmental requirements. He said the sampling protocol is much the same as that being done at the nearby Quarry Park

and Knapp Street sites.

Joosten and Brester said park space is usually the best use of the reclaimed areas as was done in the creation of Quarry Park in the late 1960s, which has offered a skating rink, ball field, playground and picnic areas.

City survey seeks input on COVID-19 response

The city is looking for feedback from residents on their needs and challenges amid the COVID-19 pandemic using the Polco online survey platform, including how they are receiving health information related to it and the comfort level they feel with certain activities.

The deadline for the survey, which can be found at www.ci.oshkosh.wi.us under

the Services pulldown, is July 30. The city's website also has a dedicated section on COVID-19 topics.

The results will be shared with the city's Emergency Operations Center to inform the city's response to the pandemic, along with the Common Council, its partners and the community.

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Lourdes gets green light from diocese for classes

The Diocese of Green Bay announced Thursday that its Catholic schools, including Lourdes Academy, will open this fall for in-person classes.

Lourdes officials announced its plans for all students — all-day 4K through high school — to return to full-time, in-person instruction starting the first day of school Aug. 25. The academy has a document titled “Our Commitment To You for the 2020-2021 School Year” on its www.lourdesacademyoshkosh.org website, where it will post ongoing updates.

“We are pleased to announce that we will be ‘open for business’ in grades PK3-12 for the 2020-2021 school year,” said Superintendent of Catholic Schools Todd

Blahnik. “Our schools will be sharing plans with their community in greater detail as the summer unfolds.”

Under orders from the state and Department of Public Instruction, students and faculty left their schools and moved to virtual education in late March as the coronavirus impact began to be felt.

“I cannot tell you how impressed and proud I am of how quickly our students, teachers and parents were able to switch gears and embrace this new learning situation,” said Bishop David L. Ricken. “I am fully behind our leadership in their recommendation to begin in-person class when school opens this fall.”

Vinland Street reconstruction work set

The Town of Oshkosh and city of Oshkosh have partnered to repave Vinland Street from Morgan Avenue to Snell Road through funding under the state Department of Transportation Multi-Modal Supplement Program.

Earlier this year, the city was notified that the town received its funding for the project, of which the state will cover 70 percent of, while the town’s portion is 24 percent and the city’s is 6 percent.

Bids were solicited to pulverize the existing asphalt, overlay with new asphalt and perform ditch regrading in spots. The project has been awarded to Northeast Asphalt, which is coordinating with the Canadian National Railroad to work in the vicinity of the railroad crossing of Vinland.

The project will start with approval of those permits and the work is to be completed no later than Aug. 28.



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Employees of the new Mineshaft Oshkosh at 2041 S. Koeller St. take part in a food tasting Sunday ahead of Monday's opening of the restaurant.

Mineshaft restaurant opens

The wait is over for those anticipating the Mineshaft Oshkosh restaurant as it opened its doors Monday morning at 2041 S. Koeller St.

Owner Tom Masters was on site Sunday afternoon helping his team with finishing touches as staff sampled items from the menu such as Irish nachos, wings and pizza.

The restaurant has a 35,000-square-foot dining area that can seat 700 in addition to a 16,000-square-foot game room and a To

Go Store for pickup convenience. Masters said 50 percent of the seating is booths with high backs forming barriers for social distancing.

The restaurant also boasts nine party rooms of varying size to accommodate private gatherings and a large game room that will be continuously sanitized by attendants.

Mineshaft will be open seven days a week from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Oshkosh brewers are popular picks

Three Oshkosh breweries have been named among the state’s top 20 in an ongoing Travel Wisconsin social media survey asking residents to nominate their favorites in a Wisconsin Brewdown.

Based on more than 2,500 responses, Bare Bones Brewery, Fifth Ward Brewing and Fox River Brewing were recognized by beer aficionados and novices, who can vote as often as once per day through July 24 at TravelWisconsin.com for the “Top in Hops.”

“We are incredibly proud and excited to have three Oshkosh breweries recognized as the best breweries in the state,” said Amy Albright, executive director of the Oshkosh Convention & Visitors Bureau.

“We appreciate Travel Wisconsin putting a virtual spotlight on our state’s breweries, helping them to stay in business and keeping people employed.”

With a mix of mega-breweries that made Wisconsin famous for beer and innovative craft breweries, Wisconsin remains at the center of the beer universe. More than 200 breweries and brewpubs offer tours or tastings to visitors looking for a unique culinary and cultural experience.

“With so many great breweries throughout the state, the Wisconsin Brewdown is a fun way to support your local favorites and learn about new must-try breweries to visit in the future,” said Tourism Secretary-designee Sara Meaney.

Spectrum store opens on Koeller Street

Charter Communications announced Monday the opening of a new Spectrum store at 1925 S. Koeller St. in Oshkosh.

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County cases

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16 Board of Supervisors meeting.

The ordinance would have established guidelines on what a health officer could do to prevent communicable diseases and protect residents that Doug Gierny and other health officers swear to protect.

Business interests pushed back on the initiative as an overreach that would harm free enterprise. Chamber of Commerce President John Casper sent an email immediately to his membership once the ordinance proposal was on the agenda, telling them to contact their supervisors and express dissent.

The proposal was removed from the agenda and reduced to a presentation slideshow and there has been no future date set on a vote for such an amendment.

“Due to misinformation that has been

circulating in the community, there are rumors that the health department wants to shut down businesses or put a new blanket order into effect for COVID-19. This is not the case,” Gierny said.

Casper said residents and business owners are smart enough to make decisions and protect their own lives.

Gierny said he will continue to provide guidance and recommendations for the county regardless of an ordinance change.

“We have no intent to put an order in place that shuts down businesses. We do want to be able to address those specific situations that place our community residents at unnecessary risk,” he said.

Gierny’s office said they will report to the media what the CDC reports to them once they are finished. He said he won’t stop trying to protect the community from the disease and is taking the community feedback given at the June 16 board meeting into consideration for any future ordinance amendments.

“To clarify,” he said, “the ordinance amendment is most simply the referencing of existing state statute in our local ordinance, which helps clarify any confusion about the health department’s ability to enforce local orders related to communicable diseases.

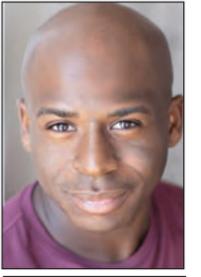
“This is being done at the recommendation of the state attorney general. There are no new powers nor any plan to issue immediate orders as a result of the amendment.”

According to the Mayo Clinic, communicable diseases are different from diseases like diabetes in their ability to transfer to others. There are a wide range of communicable diseases as odd as athlete’s foot and as undiscovered as the coronavirus was last year.

UWO theater earns awards

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Theatre Department and recent graduate Bryan Carter have each earned an award from the National Committee of the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival.

UW Oshkosh won the Kennedy Center Citizen Artist Award, an honor given for “programs in higher education using theatrical production to promote long-term societal impact through an artistic, empathetic exploration of our complex cultural and physical world, and advocates for justice on campus and throughout the world.”



Carter

Carter, a Racine native who graduated with a political science degree, received an Outstanding Performance by an Actor award for his portrayal of Nat Turner in “Nat Turner in Jerusalem” last fall. The play, directed by professor Merlaine Angwall, earned UWO both honors after its selection for the regional festival earlier this year.

If not for the coronavirus pandemic, Carter would have traveled to Washington, D.C. in April for the award ceremony in the Kennedy Center’s Terrace Theater. He was among the 125 student artists invited. The award winners were announced June 27.

Carter plans to again portray Nat Turner in a Chicago production. He also was chosen to attend the school at the Stepwolf Theatre Company, but the residency is on hold until next year.

Verve ranks high in Forbes survey

Verve, a Credit Union, earned second place in Wisconsin on the 2020 Forbes Best Credit Unions list. With more than 5,000 credit unions with 117 million members across the U.S., only 182 earned a place on the list. Five credit unions and five banks in Wisconsin earned a place on the list.

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Spartans sweep FVL for perfect baseball week

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

After it was known that the 2020 American Legion season was canceled, much of the Oshkosh community feared there would be no summer ball this season. But things worked out and the Oshkosh North baseball team got off to a roaring start in its first week of play, winning games 11-5, 19-0 and 10-1 over Fox Valley Lutheran.

Head coach Jenson Hinton couldn't be happier with how his team has started off this season.

"I think our start to this season has been great," Hinton said. "We have been building on things and improving each game, but we still have a long way to go before we hit our peak and there are a lot

of things we need to clean up before we hit that point."

Sunday was just another day at the office as the Spartans were greeted by an impressive outing from Dominic Kane, Max Bittner and Collin Ryan as the three combined to allow just one run.

The Spartans offense made things easy for the pitching as they jumped to a lead three innings in, scoring one run in. Bittner got the scoring started with a double in the first before a second-inning error and Carson Krumrei third-inning ground-out made it 3-0.

FVL refused to go down quietly and after a scoreless first four frames they managed to get a run back in the fifth. With runners on the corners, Ethan Melso put an end to the shutout bid as his RBI



Photo by Dustin Riese

Collin Ryan pitches for Oshkosh North against Fox Valley Lutheran in a Sunday victory.

ground out put the Foxes on the board. Looking to put the game away, Oshkosh's six-run fifth was the telling point in the game.

With Ben Buehring leading things off with a triple, it didn't take long for Pinkerton to bring him home as his single made it 4-1. After consecutive errors pushed the lead to 5-1, Krumrei had another RBI hit and made it 6-1.

In the sixth, a pair of walks and a fielder's choice gave the Spartans a bases-loaded chance with one out. After Matthew Schallhorn popped out, North was in danger of failing to score, but a wild pitch

allowed Ryan to trot home making it 10-1 heading to the seventh. FVL staged their biggest comeback attempt of the night and were one hit away from making things tight.

Kane earned the win in relief, going two innings and allowing a run while striking out two. Bittner and Ryan combined to throw four scoreless innings allowing just two hits while walking three and striking out nine. Krumrei, Stini and Bittner each had two hits with Bittner and Krumrei leading with two RBIs each.

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West sweeps Xavier for first diamond victories

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

After a disappointing 12-2 loss to open the 2020 summer campaign, Oshkosh West was looking to get on the winning side of things as they hosted Appleton Xavier for a doubleheader Sunday. The Wildcats came ready to play as they doubled up the Hawks 5-3 and 18-5 to earn the sweep.

Head coach Joe Berndt was happy with how the team responded after the opening loss.

"I am very happy that as a team we started to hit the ball," Berndt said. "I am also very happy with my pitchers and how they came out tonight. We are only going to get better as the season goes on, so this was just the start."

With both games being shortened to five innings, West knew it was imperative to score early. With Andrew McCoy getting the start and limiting the Hawks to two hits while striking out eight in four innings of work, West would return the favor by backing him with the right amount of runs of support.

With both teams held scoreless through two, West took the lead for good in the third as they pushed across four runs. Colton Tirpe started the rally with a lead-off triple before coming home on a wild

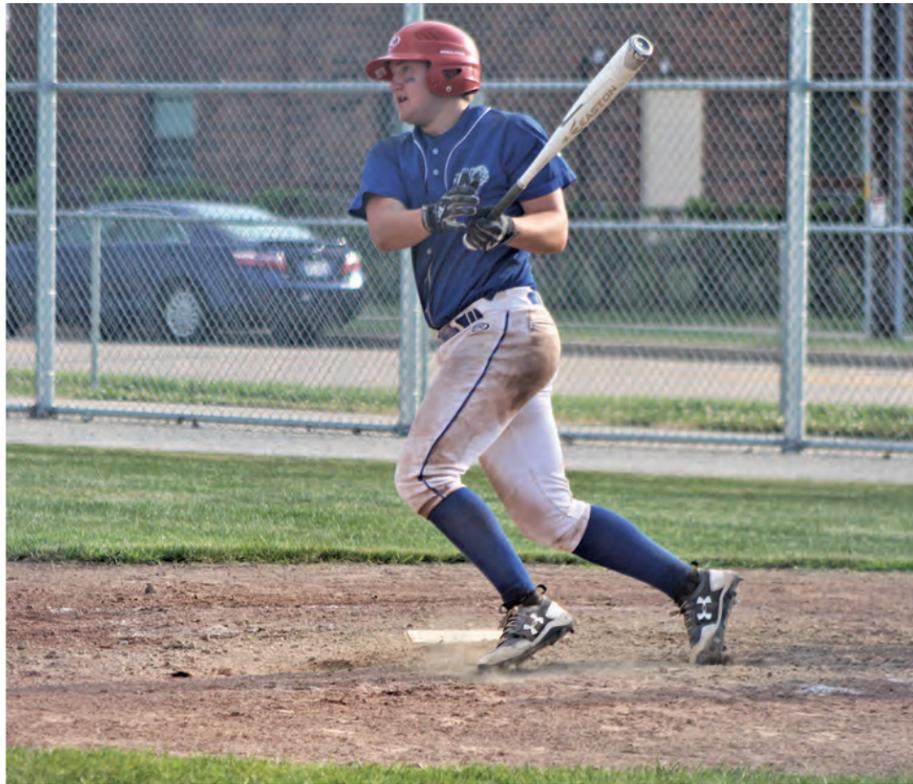


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Aidan Berndt rips a first-inning single for West in a Sunday game against Appleton Xavier.

pitch later. Cole Krueger doubled the lead with a sacrifice fly and an error helped push the lead to 3-0. Aidan Berndt doubled to cap off the scoring.

West added a run in the fourth before

things got interesting. With a 5-0 lead, Zach Rebholz entered the game to close things out in relief and struggled with command. That allowed the Hawks to load the bases several times, mounting a late-inning surge that saw a Connor Bleck sacrifice fly and Ryan Daniels single make things 5-2. After a wild pitch made it 5-3, Rebholz was able to weather the storm by striking out Eddie Flottmeyer to end the game.

The second was a different story as the Wildcats jumped to a 5-0 lead in the first and cruised to an 18-5 win. Mason Rohr got the start and looked strong through two innings before handing things off to David Kohl and Tirpe. While Kohl struggled through his two innings — walking five and allowing five runs — the West offense backed him up with an impressive showing at the plate.

Jacob Cops was in for a long night as the Wildcats showed great patience in the first. Two walks and a single to open the

game had the bases loaded before Berndt came through with a single to put the Wildcats up 2-0. After a Nathan Schultz ground out made things 3-0 the Wildcats were able to capitalize on sloppy play to take a 5-0 lead.

That lead grew in the second as Tirpe led off with another single before a Rohr single had two runners on with no outs. Up 6-0 after another error, Rebholz smoked a triple into the gap bringing home two more as West led 8-0 before stretching the lead to 11-0 after two and 12-0 after three.

Xavier did their best to make a comeback, pushing across five runs in the fourth to make it 12-5. The Wildcats offense responded as a Krueger triple was the big hit in a six-run inning to end the game early.

Obituaries

Gary A. Adams

Gary A. Adams, age 79, of the Town of Algoma, died on Wednesday July 1, 2020 at his residence. He was born on June 20, 1941 in Oshkosh a son of Walter and Luella Kuhn Adams.

He was a veteran of the United States Army and for many years was an owner of his own plumbing business. He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

He is survived by three sons Brian (Dailin) Adams, John Adams, Ben (Kate) Adams, one daughter Sarah (C.J.) Sloan, his grandchildren Christopher Adams, Maria Adams, Talor Sloan, Lainey Sloan, Sophia Sloan, Ella Adams, Olla Adams, Max Adams and his brother Richard (Lois) Adams.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his son Samuel Adams.

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"The Wisconsin Herd and Salt Lake City Stars are exceptional organizations and well deserving of this recognition," said league president Shareef Abdur-Ra-

him. "Both teams played with purpose throughout the season to earn their spots at the top of the NBA G League."

The Herd finished with the league's best record at 33-10 under first-year head coach Chase Buford. The affiliate of the Milwaukee Bucks led the league in net rating and ranked third in defensive rating.

Led by coach Martin Schiller, the Stars finished with a 30-12 record.

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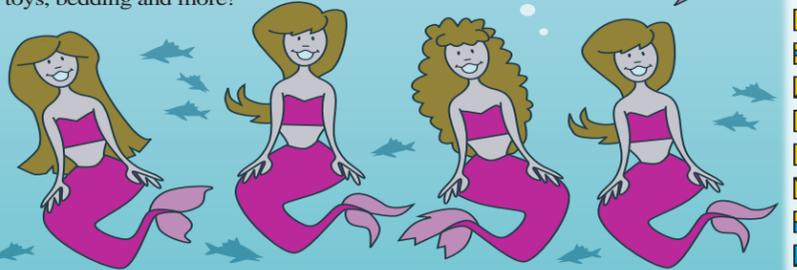
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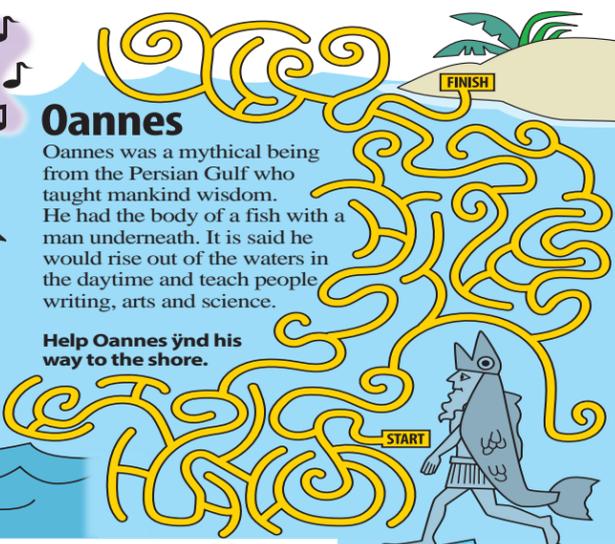
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How many differences can you find between these two mermaids?

The Fiji Mermaid

In the summer of 1842, a report went out that there was proof that mermaids were real. What looked like a mummified creature was displayed at P.T. Barnum's American Museum of Oddities for many years. **Was it real?** No. The dried skeleton was manmade by combining the skeletons of two animals. Unscramble the letters to find out which two.

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Create a Creature

Cut out different body parts from people and animals in photos in today's newspaper. Combine these in new ways to make a new creature. Give your creature a name and write a story about it.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written instructions.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Cross out the one thing in each row that does not belong.



Double Double Word Search

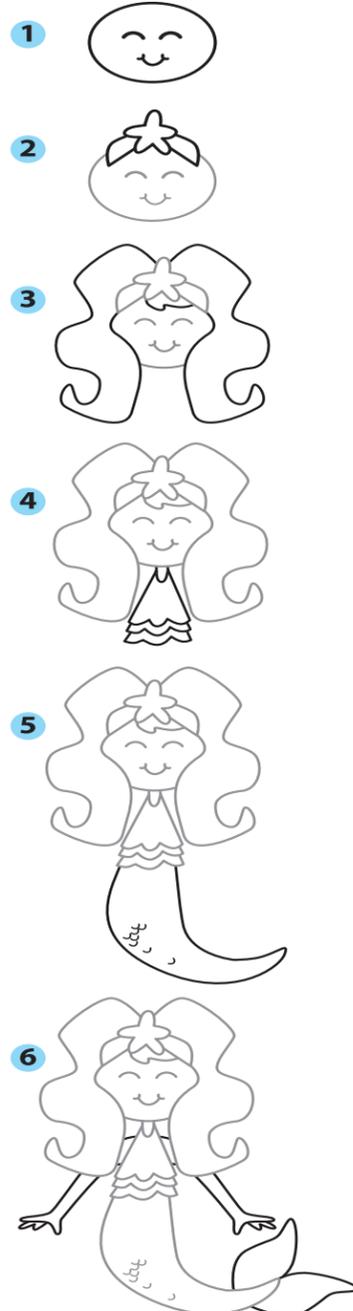
- CREATURES
- EVAPORATE
- MERMAID
- ODYSSEY
- SAILORS
- OANNES
- WISDOM
- TONGUE
- PRINCE
- LURES
- RISKS
- LEGS
- SONG
- TALE
- WAX

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

Y	E	S	S	Y	D	O	C	G	E
S	G	E	L	E	L	D	N	T	
A	W	R	S	L	R	I	A	O	A
I	I	U	A	E	A	U	N	S	R
L	S	T	S	M	N	G	L	I	O
O	D	A	R	S	U	N	S	W	P
R	O	E	I	E	C	K	A	S	A
S	M	R	T	O	S	X	R	O	V
I	E	C	N	I	R	P	E	S	E

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

Kid Scoop Together: How to Draw a Mermaid



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