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Sam O'Connell makes some sweet choices during his family's apple-picking visit to Rasmussen's Apple Acres on State 21, one of the area orchards bursting in fruit for the next month. He and his mother, Abby Tritt, and sister Ida Mae from Black Wolf were choosing between Cortland and McIntosh.

Virus case rise stirs new review

Public officials look at restriction updates

By Miles Maguire HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Winnebago County Health Department warned last week of "significant uncontrolled spread" of COVID-19 and urged municipal bodies "to pass ordinances to require masking, limit gatherings and limit occupancy in bars and restaurants."

For the third day in a row, the department early Thursday reported a record number of positive cases, 149. This compares with 94 new cases reported Monday, 111 on Friday and 86 last Wednesday.

The state also set a record Thursday, with 2,034 new cases, according to the Department of Health Services.

The Oshkosh Common Council was considering a mask ordinance at this Tuesday's meeting, according to City Manager Mark Rohloff. The venue has been changed to the Convention Center to accommodate an expected large crowd.

Given the composition of the council, passage of a mask ordinance is probably a "done deal," said John Casper, president the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce. He said the local business community is taking the situation seriously and working to keep employees and customers safe.

The chamber's executive committee met Friday to discuss the situation, Casper said.

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Isolation amplified during Safer at Home orders

By Samantha Strong HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

While the impacts of COVID-19 have been felt by everyone in the Oshkosh community, one of the groups affected most has been seniors — partly due to its potential direct effects but also indirect

Self-isolation has played a role in fighting COVID-19 as Wisconsinites were under the Safer at Home order March 25 through May 13 by helping slow the rate of infection, with orders still in place to

maintain social distancing. Unessential travel and activities were halted, but that also left many seniors in their homes alone — for an extended amount of time. Those who had difficulties with technology were especially affected.

Because seniors are such a vulnerable population to the coronavirus, assisted living centers in Oshkosh implemented extra safety measures to protect their residents, as this virus is notorious for spreading easily and quickly.

At Miravida Living's Bethel Home, one



Part 2 of a series

of Oshkosh's retirement communities, 225 N. Eagle St., typically houses 105 residents. During the pandemic, center administrator Dave Merkley said residency dipped with fewer admissions from the

hospital. A majority of seniors are coming there after a hospital visit due to illness, disease or a fall. He said fewer hospital admissions lead to fewer referrals to the

"The hospital staff said people aren't going in because they're scared to get help because they don't want to get COVID," Merkley said. "So they're coming in later and later, which sometimes leads to other diseases or sickness progressing."

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U-Haul parking expansion plan forwarded

By Tom Ekvall
Herald Contributor

The Oshkosh Plan Commission recommended approval of a specific implementation plan (SIP) amendment at its Sept. 15 meeting that would enable U-Haul at 900 N. Koeller St. to add parking and transfer structures on its property.

The U-Haul facility had requested the change that would keep the facility in compliance with ordinances after city officials noted the property had not been in compliance on several occasions. The property is on the site of a former K-Mart store.

Steve Wiley, associate city planner, said that staff is recommending approval of the SIP amendment and that owners will need to add some landscaping because of changes planned for the property.

David Bynum and Theresa Smith, the applicants, said they were satisfied with recommendations proposed by planning staff and would accomplish them in the final design for proposed changes. No one spoke in opposition to the changes but commission member Justin Mitchell voted against the proposal, raising environmental concerns in his decision.

The commission also:

• Recommended approval of an access control variance for Mabel Murphy's tavern at 701 N. Main St that would replace the previous control variance for the bar destroyed by fire. The proposed variances would reduce certain footage require-

ments. The commission also recommended an increase in driveways from a maximum of one to two be approved.

- Recommended approval of a residential design standards variance at 1564 Plummer St. that will allow window closures on the street side of the property. The work had been done without required permits as part of remodeling inside the property. Staff had recommended approval, noting there was no adverse impact to the neighborhood.
- Approved changes to text in the city's zoning ordinances that are no longer needed. New zoning ordinance went into effect Jan. 1, 2017. City staff said they noticed code sections needed to be modified to match the 2017 ordinance.

Fatal shooting followed by long standoff, arrest

A 36-year-old Oshkosh man was killed early Saturday and a suspect in the shooting death surrendered to police after a sixhour standoff and negotiation.

Jarvis Gladney was the victim of the shooting in the 1700 block of Taft Avenue.

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The police department's SWAT and crisis negotiation teams responded to the suspect's address, where officers and negotiators spoke over the phone with the 27-year-old suspect for several hours. Police said the crisis negotiation and intervention skills were successful in getting the suspect into custody.

Officers were dispatched to the scene at

4:38 a.m. on a welfare check of a male lying in a hallway of an apartment building, who turned out to be the shooting victim. Police performed emergency medical response to Gladney and he was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The man taken into custody has been jailed on a homicide charge.

Neenah man convicted in two boating deaths

A 46-year-old Neenah man was found guilty Friday of homicide charges in the deaths of two Neenah women in a boating accident on Lake Winnebago in August 2018

Brian Sullivan was convicted of two counts each of homicide by use of a vehicle with a prohibited alcohol concentration and homicide by intoxicated use of a vehicle in the deaths of sisters Lauren Laabs, 26, and Cassie Laabs, 20.

The two were thrown from the boat they were in when it was struck by a boat driven by Sullivan. They died of drowning and suffered blunt-force injuries.

A jury rendered the guilty verdicts to Winnebago County Judge Scott Woldt, with Sullivan appearing by phone with his attorneys. He is free on bond until his scheduled Dec. 9 sentencing.



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Sidewalk Chalk initiative promotes civility message

The Oshkosh Civility Project and Oshkosh public schools have collaborated on a message of civility to children and the community as the school year is now underway.

Sidewalk Chalk is a project involving 5,000 boxes of chalk purchased from 4Imprint and printed with the Civility Project's message and website on the cover. Castle Pierce printed and donated 5,000 civility cards to be inserted in each.

"This was a special opportunity for our Civility Project as we are celebrating our 10th year of keeping the civility message alive and well in Oshkosh," said core team member Walter Scott Jr.

Jean Manecke, Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) coordinator for the Oshkosh Area School District, reported that the chalk was delivered to schools last week with suggestions to create #OshkoshCivility and #OshkoshStrong messages on the city's sidewalks.

"The weather is cooperating for students to get out and chalk the walk!" Manecke said in an email to Scott.

Schools also will be receiving more Oshkosh Civility Project posters that deliver the Speak Your Peace and other positive communications practices.

Municipal budget discussions presented by chamber

A three-part series of virtual town hall meetings with local community leaders is being hosted by the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce beginning Oct. 1 with City Manager Mark Rohloff.

The Oct. 8 session will feature Winnebago County Executive Mark Harris

and Oct. 15 will be with School District Superintendent Vickie Cartwright.

Each segment begins at 10 a.m. and runs for about an hour. Those wanting to participate can sign up through the chamber website by providing an email address where a link will be sent before each webinar.







Oshkosh students have been given boxes of chalk to spread the message of civility on city sidewalks.

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Thrift store tries to fill gaps in multiple needs

By Kaitlyn Scoville
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Located at 753 N. Main St. is a thrift store that may not be known to many. Run by just a manager and a full-time employee, this duo has brought happiness and deals to those in need.

"All of the items in our operation at this time is donated," Doug Reitz, general manager of Second Chance Thrift Store, said. "We don't buy anything; they're given a second chance."

"It's a never-ending rummage sale with things from many homes," said John Hobbins, Oshkosh Area School District multicultural outreach coordinator and pastor at Zion Lutheran Church. All profits support the Lutheran food pantry at 714 Division St.

The thrift store not only offers clothes but household goods, furniture and even a year-round holiday section.

Loni Beyer, the only employee, has done price shopping herself and contends that some prices at Second Chance Thrift are lower than other area resale shops.

Reitz has been general manager of the thrift store for nine years and had been involved with the store's move from Sawyer Street to its current location.

Beyer is a single mother of two, and Second Chance came around when she needed the money to survive. She was hired four years ago as their only full-timer.

"He's the best boss I've ever had," Beyer said of Reitz.

The store offers vouchers for people who need clothing. An example Reitz shared was that ex-prisoners would need clothing



Photo by Kaitlyn Scoville

General manager Doug Reitz and employee Loni Beyer operate Second Chance Thrift at 753 N. Main St.

for a job interview, or a family would be in need of support after an emergency.

They also work with the Salvation Army, offering vouchers for their patrons to go to Second Chance after it closed its storefront.

Additionally, they have volunteers from several sectors of the Oshkosh community, and they are in need of more.

The duo have seen volunteers who have

been through the Winnebago County Drug Court, Workplace Development, disabled people, seniors and even students come to help keep the store in good shape.

"Our job (at Second Chance) is to reach people with the love of Christ. Anything we can do that's going to help the community, we look to do," said Ritchie Cole, pastor at Zion Lutheran and general manager of Jericho Road Ministries, the nonprofit entity supporting Second Chance.

Reitz said the store has a laid-back atmosphere, and Beyer explained that the job she holds there is like none other.

"I like seeing people happy with the things they find in the store," she said. "It feels like family here. It's my family away from my family."

For those interested in volunteering opportunities at the store call 420-230-3565.



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Prison able to limit COVID after initial surge

Wisconsin's largest prison kept cases controlled via guidelines

By Miles Maguire
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, was first confirmed at Oshkosh Correctional Institution in early April. The Department of Corrections started giving daily updates on its website, and two cases were listed by April 7. By April 12 a third case showed up, and three days later the total had increased to eight.

With a \$44 million annual budget and interior space that covers almost 100 acres, Oshkosh is the largest prison in the state. It was designed to hold 1,500 inmates but currently houses more than 2,000.

The situation looked like a bomb about to go off. Guards, prisoners and prison advocates alike warned that all of the elements were in place for the rapid spread of the highly contagious disease.

But then something went right.

As of last Tuesday, the total number of inmates who have tested positive stands at nine, a plateau that was reached weeks ago. No active positive cases are currently known at Oshkosh, which opened as Oshkosh State Correctional Institution and is still called OSCI.

These numbers compare to 140 positives and 66 active cases at Dodge Correctional Institution, 228 positives at Waupun Correctional Institution with no actives and 294 positives and 33 actives at Green Bay Correctional Institution.

Cathy A. Jess, a former secretary of corrections who has been the Oshkosh warden since January 2019, recalls that the



Submitted photo

Cathy A. Jess has been the Oshkosh Correctional warden since January 2019.

biggest challenge back in April was that she and other officials did not know very much about what they were dealing with.

"The unknown of the disease, I think that is challenging," she said in an interview. "The research seems to change so you have to go with the latest from the CDC," she added, referring to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

One piece of good fortune is that the first eight positives were all located in the same unit.

"That was a wet-cell unit in which there was a toilet in the cell so that they did not have to leave their cell to go to the bathroom," Jess said.

The first case in Winnebago County had just been reported on March 25, which put OSCI at the forefront of dealing with an outbreak. "We were masking everyone up in that unit before masking was required," Jess said.

She said sanitation, isolation and limiting movement in the prison were key to keeping the disease in check.

The prison has an infirmary with 24-hour nursing care where sick inmates were able to stay. None was ever so sick as to require hospitalization outside the prison, Jess said.

As of Monday, the Department of Corrections was reporting that six staffers had tested positive at OSCI, and Jess said this number could rise depending on new test results.

How the disease got into the prison and whether staffers have caught it on the inside or the outside is difficult to know, Jess said.

"It's really hard to track down how" someone gets the disease, she said. "As you know, you can get it from asymptomatic people who never tested to be positive."

Jess does not believe that overcrowding in itself has played a major role in the transmission of the disease at OSCI. "It's just the close personal quarters of people," she said. "You could compare it to a college dormitory, where you have to share a bathroom or have to share a shower area."

Where people are in "close quarters," she said, "you run the risk of it spreading."

In fact at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh the disease seems to be spreading rapidly. As of Monday, the school said 380 students have tested positive since Sept. 2. The campus increase is helping

to boost numbers for all of Winnebago County, which has been reporting a record number of new cases in recent days.

At the moment, COVID seems to be under control at OSCI, and the prison is trying to move toward some measure of normalcy, Jess said.

Educational and small-group treatment programs have been resumed, although their size is limited to 10. Masks and hand sanitation are required.

Indoor and outdoor recreational activities have started back, again with numerical caps. "You just have to really limit the numbers and have the social distancing," she said.

Family visits are not allowed, although remote meetings using ZOOM have been offered since June.

For other organizations and institutions facing the same risk of COVID outbreaks, Jess's advice is to stay calm—and prepared.

"It's here, and we have to deal with it ... in a logical and calming manner," she said. With an inmate population, it's important to provide education so that prisoners understand why steps are being taken.

"We know that this COVID is affecting a lot of different people, and we can't be so naive that we here at Oshkosh won't have another case."

If that happens, "we're prepared to take the steps in what we need to do to isolate and take tests and try to quarantine people to monitor so that others don't get exposed," she said.

Her final advice: "Take it seriously, and take one day at a time."

Miles Maguire is editor of the Oshkosh Examiner website



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Menswear store opens downtown

Oshkosh Herald

A new men's clothing store at 428 N. Main St. has joined downtown Oshkosh's business district.

Main Street Menswear had a private soft opening last Tuesday and opened to the public the next day. Owner Clark Muller said the new enterprise, featuring men's clothing and accessories, was made possible by the work downtown owners have put into their businesses to create a thriving area.

Muller, who also operates the Lunch Box restaurant downtown, said the store's tag line, Exceptional Essentials, reflects universally embraced cuts and patterns for men.

"While living in Madison I worked at a men's clothing store on State Street for over six years, it was two of the best owners I have worked for that I learned the trade," Muller said. "They were always willing to share and teach from their over 30 years of experience in the industry."

Hours are from 2 to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. The store's website is at www.mainstmenswear.com for online shopping options.



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Public high schools shift to virtual classes this week

Oshkosh North and West high schools transitioned to virtual learning today (Wednesday) amid an extensive community spread of COVID-19 in school district boundaries that forced an increasing number of high school students and staff to quarantine.

District officials said that they expect to remain in virtual learning mode for at least two weeks. School officials said the decision was made based on data and with the understanding that the high schools are trending upward with new cases of illnesses and quarantines.

All other district schools will remain in hybrid learning, which is subject to change as COVID-19 exposure is monitored at the district level. As a result, the decision to transition learning models may occur rapidly based on real time data and staffing availability amid required quarantine periods.

Additional information was shared with students, families and staff on the district's online portal.

"District and school leaders understand that transitioning between learning models can be confusing and can cause a variety of emotions," the district stated in a press release.

"It is clear that unless community spread of COVID-19 stops, providing in-person instruction is simply not possible. The decisions all community members make when out in public impact the district's ability to keep students and staff at school for in-person learning. Students, families and staff members are urged to refrain from COVID-19 transmission highrisk activities outside of school."

Public library launches photo contest

The Oshkosh Public Library began a virtual photo contest last week, inviting teens and adults to submit original pictures that convey interpretations of shelter.

"In the wake of the COVID-19 health crisis, shelter conjures up images of both physical structures and sacred places," the library said last week. "You can take shelter at home, nature, books, your personal beliefs, or the company of loved ones.

"Use your camera and creativity to tell the story of life during a global pandemic."

Entries will be accepted through Oct. 16. Rules and details about the contest are found at oshkoshpubliclibrary.org.

The library switched to its fall hours this week. Hours are from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday.





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ing Hours: All taverns must close in Oshkosh, and the sale of liquor

is prohibited all over Winnebago County, during polling hours Tuesday. Neither beer nor liquor can be sold in the city of Oshkosh until 8 o'clock in the evening. Under local ordinance, all taverns must remain closed from 6 o'clock in the morning until 8 at night. Sale of beer is permitted in some townships while in others it is prohibited. Liquor sales on election day are banned under state law.

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Family tradition: Wolfgram dedicated to racing roots

By Tim Froberg

Wisconsin International Raceway might seem like a curious place for a children's playground.

Heather Wolfgram sees it differently. She practically grew up at WIR, spending endless hours watching the big machines roar around the oval track and playing in garages while her uncle and family members tweaked high-performance cars.

Wolfgram, who just completed her eighth season as a WIR driver, caught the racing bug at an early age.

Her uncle, Oshkosh's Pete Vandermolen, is a veteran WIR driver who has been racing at the track — primarily in the super late model class — for the last 40 years. Heather's parents, Steve Wolfgram and Jodi Vandermolen, are huge racing fans and seldom missed a Thursday night at WIR, always bringing Heather along.

The zooming cars, the wonderful chaos on the track and the turning of wrenches in garages quickly became a part of Heather's life. So it's no surprise that the 2011 Oshkosh West graduate followed in her uncle's footsteps and became a WIR driver.

"It (auto racing) has been in my life since I was born," said Wolfgram, who is an office manager at Aquire Restoration in Oshkosh. "With my uncle racing all these years, it's kind of a family tradition. I was always interested in the mechanics of racing. As kids, we were always at the shop with the guys, running around and having fun.

"When I jumped into racing, I wasn't quite sure if it was going to click for me. But it did."

Wolfgram has developed into a skilled, highly competitive driver. She began her WIR racing career in 2013 and competed for six years in the Fox River Racing Club's Sizzlin' 4 class, motoring her way to multiple feature wins and second-place finishes in overall points in 2018 and 2019.

Wolfgram then decided it was time to step up her game. She moved into the quarter-mile late model class after purchasing a quarter-mile car from WIR veteran Pete Berken and spent the summer making the adjustment. Wolfgram finished 11th in the class with 662 points. She had an average time of 15.567 seconds, with a fast time of 15.300.

Pete Vandermolen finished 11th in the super late model division, while his son, Trevor, was 15th.

"It's definitely been a learning curve," Wolfgram said. "But it's been an absolute blast. I like to challenge myself and see how far I can take things. This seemed like the perfect next step. I could still kind of do it on my own. I didn't need a full (pit) crew like the higher classes and it didn't push me in a much higher price range.

"I can't complain. I thought overall it went very well and I'm just hoping to continue to improve."

With Heather and the Vandermolens competing weekly, with Steve and Jodi assisting Heather on her small pit crew, the family racing tradition continued.

"My parents have kind of been at my side with this since I started and I thank them for that," Wolfgram said. "I don't think they've ever missed one of my races. As for my uncle, I always looked up to him and he always inspired me. As a kid, I'd always be playing in his (race) car and we'd always say that one day I'd get into one of these cars.

"Thankfully, I've had the opportunity to make my dream come true."

Wolfgram drove a 2003 Chevy Cavalier while competing in the Sizzlin' 4s (four-cylinder) class. Adjusting to a faster,



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Heather Wolfgram (left) is shown racing at Wisconsin International Raceway.



Heather Wolfgram has been competing in the quarter-mile late model class at WIR near Kaukauna.

Lefthander Chasis car in the quarter-mile late model division was tricky.

"It's obviously a much larger car, so there's a lot more speed involved," Wolfgram said. "Plus, the setup of the car is totally different. It was a pretty dramatic change. The way the car handled was the biggest thing. Luckily, I knew the track well— knew all the bump and grooves. I personally feel like I grasped onto the car very well. Everything is just a lot faster, but I learned all the way through this.

"There's just a lot going on with racing. It's like a never-ending battle. One week everything is perfect; the next week everything goes wrong."

Wolfgram is among the growing number of female racers at WIR.

"At WIR, we actually have a handful of women drivers, which is really nice to see compared to other tracks," she said. "I've always been treated the same (as male drivers). Well, there's a couple of incidents that stick out a little, but you just try and prove them wrong."

Wolfgram feels fortunate that she even had a chance to get behind the wheel at WIR this summer. The coronavirus pandemic wiped out many summer sports and activities, but the wheels didn't stop turning at WIR, despite a late start to the racing season.

"We were all a little concerned at the beginning, wondering if there would be a season," she said. "So we're thankful that we were able to step away from a lot of the trouble in the world and do what we love, and be around the people we like being around. It was like we were able to breathe."



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Leadership Oshkosh program graduates 42

Forty-two students graduated from the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program in a Sept. 2 ceremony at Oshkosh Corp. Global Headquarters.

The nine-month program, started in 1989 by the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce, has served 1,086 current and emerging leaders with information about the community's opportunities and challenges. The program brings together a diverse group who become better equipped to make key decisions affecting their own organizations, the community and themselves.

Participants serve as adjunct mem-

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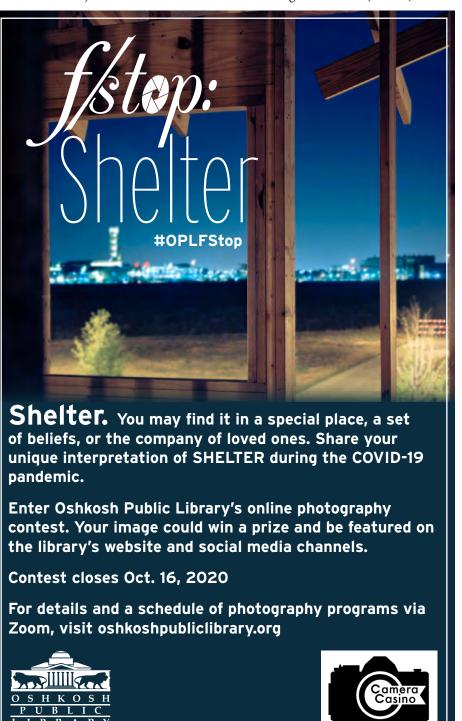
bers of various boards and committees throughout the community as well as leading a community fundraiser.

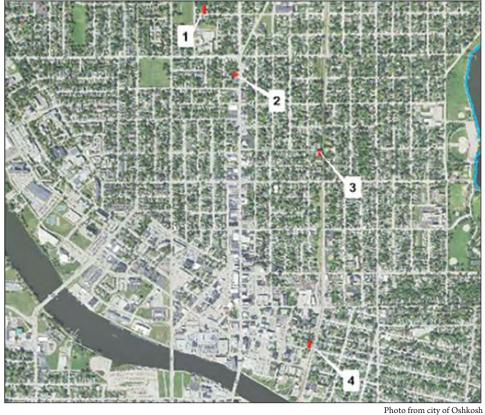
Recognized during the ceremony were Barbara Rau, dean of the UW Oshkosh Business School, for her continuing leadership within the program and community service; and Chad Engstrom, vice president of operations for Northern Wisconsin Medical Group, Advocate Aurora Health, with the Ed Williams Leadership in Action award for his leadership within the Day by Day Warming Shelter.

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The identified locations are where some community gardens are plotted to go.

Community gardens initiative advances

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The city's Redevelopment Authority offered a draft document at its Sept. 16 meeting that will seek agencies interested in putting community gardens at various sites owned by the redevelopment authority on the south side within the South Shore Redevelopment Area and the Sawdust District Master Plan.

The RDA has identified six garden sites and will be sending out request for proposals (RFPs) to potential applicants such as neighborhood associations, garden groups and others that reflect an aesthetically pleasing design for multifamily residential or mixed-use commercial/ multifamily neighborhoods.

Community Development Director Allen Davis said he hopes that successful proposals will be able to start up garden design plans by spring.

The RDA also held a public hearing

on the Community Development Block Grant program for 2019 as detailed in the city's report to HUD called the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). No one appeared in reference to the draft report.

Staff noted that the city met all expenditure requirements for which the federal agency wants information. The report must be submitted to HUD by Tuesday and does not require action by the Common Council. The report covers the time period of May 1 through April 30, which differs from the city's fiscal year.

City attorney Lynn Lorenson briefed the authority on legal issues. She said the city spent \$69,695 for legal counsel related to Menominee Nation Arena's financial defaults and monitoring of the Fox Valley Pro Basketball bankruptcy proceedings.

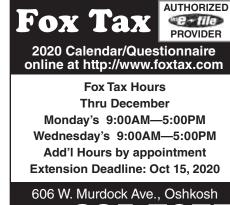
"This was a little more of a big deal bankruptcy than we typically deal with through our office, so we hired outside counsel to help with that," she said.



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UWO Foundation names its new executive director

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Foundation has named Greg Giles as the organization's new executive director.

The 1991 UW Oshkosh graduate brings experience in rebuilding and advancing nonprofit funding initiatives. He



will be responsible for fundraising initiatives through collaborating with university leaders, faculty, staff, board members and supporters throughout the community and UW system. Giles and his team will oversee major and planned gifts,

alumni relations, special events, annual giving, and corporate and donor relations activities.

"It's an exciting time for the UW Oshkosh Foundation and we welcome Greg back to the community. With his leadership and expertise, we look forward to the next chapter of the Foundation and advancing our mission of positively impacting students and faculties' lives," said Tim Mulloy, UW Oshkosh Foundation chairman.

While in bankruptcy the UWO Foundation continued to disburse scholarship money but was unable to engage in new fundraising. The university supported a second foundation to take on this role, and the two nonprofits recently merged.

Giles comes to the UW Oshkosh Foundation from the YMCA of Greater Houston, where he served as executive vice president/chief advancement officer and focused on unifying the marketing and philanthropy departments while growing annual support. He successfully increased annual support by 33 percent.

Before his work in Houston, Giles was the executive director and chief executive at the Fond du Lac Family YMCA for 16 years where he directed a \$12.6 million capital campaign to build a new home for the YMCA and built annual support from \$25,000 to \$250,000.

Chamber Singers cancel concerts

The Oshkosh Chamber Singers has canceled the fall concert and Lessons and Carols holiday performances for this year because of ongoing COVID-19 restrictions.

Contributing to the decision were the circumstances and logistics of conducting rehearsals with masked and distanced singers, as well as risks associated with choral performances in confined spaces to significantly smaller audiences.

Season tickets will not be available this year, but individual tickets will be sold at the door when the ensemble is able to safely resume concerts. The 2019-20 season ticket that included the spring 2020 concert will be honored for a future performance.

Tasty Thai closing

Tasty Thai restaurant announced this week that it is closing its doors after five years at 1027 S. Main St.

Owner Mike Ehaney said in a Facebook post that they would not be renewing their lease on the Thai and Asian cuisine restaurant's building and its last day will be Saturday.



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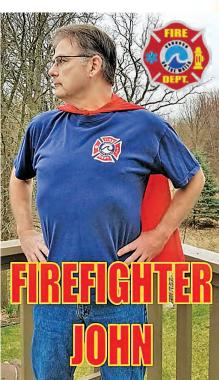


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Virus spread

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"We could fight. We could argue," Casper said, but he thinks there are at least five votes for a mask requirement.

"That's not the worst thing that could happen in the world," he said. "Certainly a worse thing would be if they think about closing businesses down. The result of that would be far worse."

Several business groups have already endorsed a voluntary program of mask wearing. These include the Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corp.

With more than 300 new positive cases over the last two weeks, the Oshkosh Area School District has been placed in the "critical" category as it announced shifting this

week to a virtual learning mode for both of the high schools until further notice.

The health department puts the blame on the behavior of residents. "A lack of community participation in physical distancing, mask wearing, and disregard for quarantine and isolation recommendations" are the underlying causes for the surge.

"The uncontrolled spread of cases is threatening the schools' ability to remain open for in-person education and employers' ability to keep a healthy workforce, and it is rapidly increasing the burden of our area hospitals and health care workforce," the department said.

"The rapid acceleration of cases is largely being driven by the young adult population with spread to other age groups in household, workplace and educational settings."

Wisconsin is under a statewide mask order, but it lacks any serious enforcement mechanism. The order expires Monday.

The county uses a two-week timeframe to track cases.

"Numbers of new cases continue to accelerate upward and are exceeding the ability of testing and case investigation to control the spread of illness," the health department said. "The number of cases in the first week of this two-week timeframe was 140 and for this most recent week is 374 — a 167 percent increase in cases in one week."

One of the centers of COVID spread is the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh campus. As of Monday the school reported 380 positive cases. The first positive was reported Sept. 2.

On Thursday, UWO closed the Einstein Bros. Bagel outlet in Sage Hall until next Monday "due to staffing shortages" after an employee tested positive for COVID-19.

"Other staff members have been deemed close contacts of the individual and are unable to work," according to an email sent to students and staff. "The university's food service provider, Aladdin, does not have staff members available to work in this location."

The school said it is expanding testing capacity.

Casper said the fact that outbreaks are occurring mostly among younger people could keep the situation from getting out of control.

"Local hospitals are positioned well to handle what may come their way," he said. "We know that younger people are not impacted as drastically as an older individual who has pre-existing conditions.

Miles Maguire is editor of the Oshkosh Examiner

Oshkosh lab to test wastewater for COVID-19

UW Oshkosh Communications

In another effort to catch potential on-campus outbreaks of COVID-19 before they happen, the Environmental Research and Innovation Center (ERIC) at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh will regularly test residence hall wastewater for evidence of the virus.

"Wastewater testing has historically been a useful tool for the early detection of other diseases," said ERIC lab manager Carmen Thiel. "Monitoring the dorm wastewater on the UW Oshkosh campus for the presence of COVID-19 will assist university and Oshkosh area health officials in public health decision making, as COVID-19 can be shed in the feces of both symptomatic and asymptomatic

ERIC is a certified laboratory for both chemical and biological contaminants. The lab already is testing sewage at some local health care facilities for the same purpose.

The results from the wastewater testing will be an additional piece of data available for university officials keeping a close eye on the spread of COVID-19 among the UWO community—especially the nearly 2,300 students living on campus.

Greg Kleinheinz, ERIC director and environmental engineering technology professor, said the tests will give UWO officials a general idea of how much COVID-19 is in each residence hall. It's not a strategy to find specifics on the number of cases in a building.

"We'll get a relative abundance—is it high, low, is there any?" Kleinheinz said. "That'll help kind of drive what happens next. If all of a sudden after several tests with no virus, then a huge spike and a big number arrives, it won't tell you how many people are infected but it can give you an indication that a number are, or just one or two."

Tests will be run once or twice a week to start, Kleinheinz said, but the plan is flexible. The lab will collect and process the samples, then send them off to a private lab for analysis. Results will be available within three days.

"UW Oshkosh is fortunate to have the ERIC lab as a testing resource on campus,"

UW-Madison also is conducting these kinds of tests, Kleinheinz said. The University of Arizona announced last month it likely prevented an outbreak in a residence hall thanks to an early red flag in wastewater and an immediate response of tests and quarantines. University of Idaho made a similar claim last week.

For more information on the steps taken by UWO to keep students, faculty and staff safe during the pandemic visit the Titans Return website. As of last week, UWO had 333 active cases with a 9.7 percent positivity rate. One professor has tested positive for this disease.

Club announces continuing scholarships

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The Oshkosh Garden Club's annual scholarship luncheon will not take place this year due to the coronavirus. In past years, funding for two scholarships came from those returning guests and members. Since 1982, \$35,000 has been awarded to deserving college students.

The club will again award \$1,000 scholar-

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ships to Aristidis Giannopoulos at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and Aiden Gehrke studying at UW-Stevens Point.

Donations can be addressed to Mary Ellen Sedlachek, 2800 Marine Drive, Oshkosh, WI 54901-1004. The club plans to hold its next scholarship luncheon at the Best Western Hotel in November.





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Early on, only one patient with COVID-19 was admitted to Miravida early in the disease's manifestation in Wisconsin, but Merkley said that patient contracted the virus before arriving. Over the duration of the pandemic, these numbers increased to 19 people infected, and two deaths, in May.

Aside from the usual increase in cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting of surfaces, wearing masks and social distancing, Miravida implemented a no-visitor-or-pet policy. In addition, the center restricted its staff from having any outside jobs. To ease any financial instability, staff members were given a choice to work their other job or to pick up more hours at Miravida to make up the difference.

"We've tried to take away the financial insecurity so they can keep their focus on the elders," Merkley said.

While all of these changes had an impact on the seniors in the center, the one with the biggest impact was to social activities such as dining and bingo. The layouts of communal dining areas were changed to maintain social distancing, and bingo is now played in the hallway with seniors spread out 6 feet apart.

Miravida also has a nondenominational chapel program to serve in a support capacity. Additional activities were added, Merkley said, and the center's staff works hard bringing the activities to the seniors so they can stay safe.

"The worry we have, though, is the people who have decided that rather than eat in our social distancing space to dine in their room, and then they stay and never come back to the dining room when it opens back up," he said.

This is concerning to Merkley and others because a lack of social stimulation and isolation has been clearly linked to depression and cognitive decline.

"It's very much on our radar, and I've seen people who self-isolate, so we make sure to try to engage them as much as possible," Merkley said. "It's the seniors at home alone I'm most concerned for, though, because a lot of times when they come here, they really blossom."

Technology has proven to have a big impact on staff and residents of Miravida during the pandemic by providing an alternative way for residents to get health care and social interaction from family. Many of the residents use telehealth services to get physical care from qualified professionals, and the center purchased iPads that residents can use to communicate with loved ones. If an individual is unsure or unaware of how to use the technology, staff mem-





Photos from Joel Rasmussen

Donna Rasmussen is shown in February and later in June, by which time she had been experiencing deteriorating health during isolation while living with dementia before her death June 18.

bers are easily available to assist — something not all seniors have in place.

One segment of the population that faces difficulties using technology and relies on human-to-human contact are those with dementia. Winnebago County Board supervisor Joel Rasmussen experienced this personally with his 90-year-old mother who was living at Bethel Home, one of Miravida Living's facilities, at the time of her death.

Rasmussen said his mother, Donna, was in a special part of Bethel that focused on memory care due to her dementia, so she was not included in the general population of the center — already adding an isolating component to her day.

Rasmussen said his mother was fairly active up until restrictions were put in place that families were not allowed to visit.

"She had her family here, my sister and I, and that's all she had in her life," Rasmussen said. "All of a sudden with the COVID shutdown her family wasn't there anymore, and everyone had masks on, and no one could explain to her what was going on."

Even with technology such as FaceTime or email, Rasmussen said his mother wouldn't have been able to understand.

"We watched my mother in three months go from vibrant to withering away," he said. "She died of isolation from COVID."

Toward the end of Donna's life, the family was able to see her through a glass door. After that day, Rasmussen said, she didn't get out of bed again. A few days later, the

family was finally able to be with her for her last moments of life, able to touch her and hold her hand. Donna passed away June 18.

Rasmussen said he and his family were not required to wear masks during their final visits with Donna, which he said was a good thing because she wouldn't have been able to recognize her family otherwise. No one has since experienced any symptoms of COVID-19.

Her cause of death was initially listed as respiratory failure due to pneumonia and possible coronavirus, but after requesting another autopsy be done by the coroner's office, it was changed to vascular dementia due to small vessel cerebrovascular disease. She never had any symptoms of COVID-19, according to Rasmussen.

"They don't need to look at someone through a piece of plastic," Rasmussen said. "They need to touch you."

He said the situation speaks to the broader issue of isolating seniors.

"The way the world is going, we're losing human contact," Rasmussen said. "Just pick up the phone and talk to somebody. The way we look at this is the (no visitor) policy killed our mother so the person in the next room might not get the flu."

Isolation in real time

Not all seniors in Oshkosh live in a retirement community, and there are plenty who live alone or with other family members. Those fortunate enough to have a support system before Safer at Home orders were able to maintain personal connection.

Patty Shea and her mother, Grace Martel, were able to shelter in place together with Patty's husband, Dan, at the couple's Oshkosh home. Even though the three were together, the required isolation hit Mertel particularly hard, Shea said.

"I can definitely tell she misses her routine," Shea said. "She's used to going and exercising, seeing her friends or even just the people she would bump into when she exercises. I've also noticed she's stopped doing some of the things she would normally do, like coloring."

Martel lived with the Sheas for 16 years before the Safer at Home order, which allowed Patty to notice when Martel started to change behaviors such as becoming more withdrawn and anxious. Martel's daily routine had involved a lot of interaction with others, especially at the Oshkosh Seniors Center. Martel would visit Monday

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through Friday to exercise and see friends.

"This break in the routine is so traumatic for (seniors)," Shea said. "Her biggest fear is going anywhere by herself. She can't hear very well and her eyesight isn't the greatest, so it's those vulnerabilities we take for granted even during COVID."

Shea said another change the family had to make was limiting TV time because the constant influx of news seemed to make Martel nervous.

"I would just try to reassure her she's in a safe place, but it's something that we forget — how vulnerable our seniors feel,"

During the Safer at Home order, Shea said one of the things that always perked Martel up was receiving phone calls and letters from friends. Shea also said the time at home with her mother made Shea become more cognizant of the time they were spending together.

"I learned I need to be more frequently stopping my world for a moment of time throughout the day to check in and spend time with my mom," Shea said. "We see each other every day, but that doesn't mean we're spending time together."

A community alone together

The Oshkosh Seniors Center typically sees 200 to 300 people daily between the two buildings. It was closed from April through July, with limited capacity in August. Center director Anne Schaeffer said she worries for those seniors who didn't have the ability to remain connected to others during that time, as the center is often the main source of socialization for those who live alone.

"What we're hearing is most people don't want to be a burden to family or friends, and many aren't reaching out for fear of losing their independence," Schaeffer said. "Luckily, we're mostly hearing that people's basic needs are being met. But we're also hearing the isolation is difficult and that it's really hard for some to have their routines change."

Schaeffer said a lot of the center's guests visit regularly to attend programming, socialize with others and receive health and wellness care. Many seniors are wary about coming back, though, because they have underlying health conditions that make them particularly vulnerable, she said.

The lack of in-person guests is forcing the center to look at the future of its programming and how to bring seniors together virtually in spite of challenges such as money, technology and time.

The center moved some of its events online using video chat programs like Zoom — Knitting with Friends, Book Club and Mah Jongg — but Schaefer said this isn't the cure-all as some seniors have had trouble figuring out the technology.

In addition to virtual programming, staff are working on initiatives to try to keep spirits high and maintain those much-needed social connections.

"We've had our volunteers place a lot of phone calls to our seniors, and we've been trying to buddy them up with another senior who will touch base with them a couple of times a week," Schaeffer said. "It's hard to do though when we can't physically meet. We're hoping this fall we're able to hold very small groups where social distancing can be maintained."

This article is the second in a series exploring the issue of Oshkosh seniors in isolation, why it's a problem and how the community can help. Prior week's stories are available at oshkoshherald.com.

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Knights bring winning attitude to new season

By Dustin Riese
Herald Contributor

Just when things started to get back to normal after the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association ruled that fall sports could continue, more schools have pulled the plug on that option and shifted them to spring.

For Lourdes Academy, that is not the

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case. That is good news for a Knights team that is coming off a historic 2019 season.

After breezing through the regular season, the Knights cruised through their first two playoff rounds before winning a tightly contested 14-7 battle with Hilbert in WIAA Division 7 Level 3 playoff game. Lourdes would eventually fall in the Level 4 playoff game, falling to state champ Blackhawk/Warren.

"We thought we had a chance to be special," Wopat said. "We knew we had a good crop of kids who had experienced success in 2018, suffered a frustrating playoff loss which served as motivation, then added all of our varsity hoops kids who didn't play and had a talented group. The biggest key was how much the team pulled for each other. It was an unselfish team."

Usually, this would be when Lourdes, along with every program in the state, would be putting its final preparations together for its first game.

"We have been providing strength and conditioning opportunities to keep kids active, our senior leaders have been great about getting people together to work on skills," he said. "The toughest part as a coaching staff is continuing to push social

distancing and the importance of wearing a mask, even during certain football activities. Our mindset is we will do whatever we have to do, in order to give ourselves a chance at a season."

With the Trailways Conference proceeding with the football season as planned, Wopat and his staff will do the same. This should be another excellent season for the Knights as they have most of their team back from last season's team.

"We should have a strong team with outstanding senior leadership," Wopat said. "We have good numbers in our program and the confidence to win every game we play."

The season opens Friday against Bonduel in a game at St. Mary Catholic Central High School's Zephyr Field in Fox Crossing near Neenah, where Lourdes will have all of its home games this season.

A big reason for the Knights' success last season was at the skill positions where juniors occupied most of those spots. However, the offensive line will see the most turnover this season as four seniors helped pave the way for the offense last year.

"We need to replace four offensive linemen (Reid Spanbauer, Tyler Bromberek, Keagan Stelzer, Patrick Derleth)," Wopat said. "We will have solid options, but getting that group to gel will be key. Our two specialists were heading to college football programs, so they will be important to replace. (Gavin Meyers and Tyler Johnsen). Caden Chier will be a tough kid to replace on both sides of the ball."

Offensively, the Knights will be led by senior quarterback Joshua Bauer, who is returning after a fantastic season. Bauer threw for more than 30 touchdowns and 2,000

yards, but he was also the team's leading rusher with nearly 1,000 yards last season. Tim Kaull is back as primary running back, bringing his 861 yards with him.

On the outside, you will find 700-yard Preston Ruedinger set to return along with Jack Huizenga, who will look to step in as one of the men to replace Chier as the team's No. 2. Jack McKellips, Gavin Stelter, Jack Seibold, Adam Arnoldussen and Nathan Slagter will be receiving options this season as the Knights offense shouldn't miss a beat.

Defensively, Lourdes will once again post a stingy unit led by two-way player Will Pollack. Not only will he be a factor in the passing game, but he will anchor the defensive back unit of the defense as the Knights will look to slow down passing attacks in 2020. Jayden Lewan will be another critical piece to the secondary with Charlie Weber looking to become one of the conference's best linebackers this fall. Gabe Bohn (LB), Kaull (LB), Liam Hamill (LB), Tyler Budde (LB), Aiden Pettibone (DL), Xavier Force (DL), Michael LaMore (DL) and Rudy Kuklinski (DL) are just a few of the many defensive contributors that are set to return.

With so many players back, the Knights may not need to count on as many younger players in the past. Wopat expects the upperclassmen to carry the load this season as they make up most of the varsity rosters.

"At this moment, we will have 25 upperclassmen," he said. "I expect most of them to be our key varsity guys this season."

Heading into this season, the WIAA went through another statewide confer-

ence realignment for football. Fortunately for Lourdes, their conference was not affected as St. John's Military Academy added to what was a strong league a season ago. Both Johnson Creek and Randolph made the postseason while the Lancers' lone losses came against Lake County Lutheran and Racine St. Catherine. The league was strong last season and could be even stronger this year.

"I thought the Trailways had an outstanding league last year," Wopat said. "St. John's only losses were to D5 state champ Lake Country Lutheran and defending D4 state champ Racine St. Cat's. They can be a wild card in our league. Randolph should have a strong team, Cambria will be solid, and Johnson Creek has been on a strong run the past few years."

Even with new additions to this league and a cast of teams who made the post-season a year ago, no one has the roster Lourdes has in skill players returning. Most coaches will never look at their team as the favorites going in, but Lourdes is not only the conference favorite among the eyes of many, but one of those teams that was looked at to contend for state. Wopat knows his team may be viewed as the favorite but doesn't want them to play that way.

"I think we're the favorite, but we will play with a chip on our shoulder as there are plenty of things we feel disrespected about," he said. "I think Randolph and St. John's Military Academy are the top challengers. The bottom line is we need to take care of what we can control, and good things will happen."

WIAC suspends competition through year

The Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference recently voted unanimously to suspend all winter sports competition through Dec. 31 after an evaluation of all COVID-19 risks and safety protocols.

The suspension, which includes UW Oshkosh sports, includes men and women's basketball, women's gymnastics, men

and women's ice hockey, men and women's indoor track and field, men and women's swimming and diving, and wrestling.

WIAC officials said they will continue to gather information and monitor developments in order to best determine a competitive structure during the spring semester.

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Lourdes looking to defend Division 3 state title

By Alex Wolf Herald Contributor

The Lourdes girls cross-country team had an amazing 2019 campaign.

The Knights won a Trailways conference championship, a sectional championship, along with a WIAA Division 3 state title.

At state, the Knights had three top 10 finishes, led by Ellen Moore - who has since graduated – who finished runner-up.

The Knights come into the new year losing three seniors from that team, but they return four runners who were freshmen.

"Last year was an incredible season," head coach Tim Moore said.

Lourdes lost Moore, Addie Masini and May Dunn, but return sophomores Mary Husman, Molly Moore, Mackenzie Stelter and Addy Hafemeister. Husman and Molly Moore finished eighth and 10th, respectively, at state last year.

CROSS-COUNTRY Hope Burns, a

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standout softball and basketball player,

will also join the team this season and Tim Moore is expecting her to compete at a high level.

"With the addition of Hope Burns, a competitive athlete in softball and basketball, we are looking to compete at a high level when the championship part of the year rolls around," he said.

Other new runners this year for the Knights include sophomore Chloe Studinski and freshman Ella Slusarski.

On the boys' side, the Knights are expecting big things as they return every runner from last year - including senior Peyton Kane, who had a spectacular junior season.

Kane won the Trailways Title before making a trip to the WIAA Division 3

State Cross Country Meet, where he finished 17th overall.

"Last year our boys had success and we return everyone from last year," Moore said. "We have a core group of seniors who are looking to improve within the conference ranks."

Returning from last year are seniors Kane, Gavin Gresser, Logan Wolff and James Gross, along with junior Isaac Kohls.

Moore said that senior Will Navin is a newcomer that could make an impact and has had a good summer of training.

Valley Christian

Last year was the first time in Valley Christian team history that a girl made it to state, as Leah Patterson finished 40th overall. The good thing for the Warriors is that she's only a sophomore.

Patterson finished last year's race in just over 21 minutes and will look to carry a Valley Christian team that has not had a

Wopat had no doubts that McKellips

"Jack's willingness to compete is what

had the competitiveness and athleticism

makes him a good football player," Wopat

said. "As a first-year player, he was willing

to try a lot of new things. The same drive

and desire you see on the basketball court

and baseball diamond shows up on the

McKellips is excited about the 2020

Knights and grateful he will get a chance to

play football this autumn. Many schools,

including Oshkosh public schools, have

defense and I like the mindset."

to make a fast transition to football.

complete team in years.

"I hope we can place well at the meets we are entered in," head coach Carrie Holtz said. "It will be great to get a placement at the conference and sectional meet. I hope we can send at least one girl to state this year (again)."

Joining Patterson on the team are junior Cielo Gutierrez, and freshmen Norah O'Brien and Rebekah Freund.

On the boys' side, the Warriors had their highest finish in conference last year, finishing third.

"It was a fun year for us as we continued to build a strong team and had some very competitive guys," Holtz said. "Our boys team has several incoming freshmen. They have all competed in cross-country before so they have a strong foundation."

Top returners are Elijah Wade (senior), Joshua Geffers (junior), Joshua Lehman (senior), as well as Taylor Westpfahl (ju-

switched their football seasons from fall to

spring. McKellips and the Knights open

their six-game schedule Friday in Fox

who will be denied fall football)," McK-

ellips said. "Our season has been short-

ened, but at least we're getting the chance

to play. We feel like we have something to

play for and this team has a great family

McKellips hasn't settled on a college but

hopes to play sports there. He's a strong

student, carrying a 3.5 grade point aver-

age, and plans to major in business.

"You've got to feel for them (athletes

Crossing against Bonduel.

All-around athlete McKellips immediate hit in football

By Tim Froberg HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

It took the powers of persuasion to get Jack McKellips onto the football field.

That nudge is something that McKellips will always appreciate.

McKellips didn't let a late start prevent him from making an immediate impact with the Lourdes Academy football team.

who hadn't played organized football

McKellips, a three-sport athlete, had

previously bypassed football, preferring

to focus on basketball and baseball. However, Knights coach Kevin Wopat and bas-

ketball teammate Josh Bauer persuaded

McKellips, along with other basketball standouts like Preston Ruedinger, to give football a shot. McKellips relented and

made a substantial contribution as a ju-

"It's been so much fun and I'm glad I did it," McKellips said. "Everyone always

talked about Friday Night Lights — about

how much fun the atmosphere is and how

much of a family your team is. I was really

McKellips, a lock-

proved to be an impact

player in his first season

of prep football, land-

ing first-team honors

on the 2019 all-Trail-

ways Small Schools

Conference defensive

Not bad for a guy

cornerback,

McKellips

since elementary school.

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surprised at how accurate that was. There is really nothing like it."

And there aren't many athletes like the 5-foot-10, 155-pound McKellips. He has been an all-conference performer at Lourdes in all three sports, landing second-team all-Trailways East honors in basketball last season and first-team all-conference honors in baseball his sophomore

In addition to being a ballhawking (two interceptions) corner, McKellips was also a playmaker as a wide receiver and kick returner. He caught 22 passes for 259 yards and two touchdowns and averaged 23.4 yards per kick return, including one he brought back to the house.

"In basketball, I was more of a defensive guy my first two years, so they thought I'd fit right in at corner, and they were right," he said. "You have to be tough to play on

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Slow start dooms Lourdes in 3-1 soccer loss

By Dustin Riese HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Coming into the season, the Lourdes/ Valley Christian boys soccer team had high hopes. After a delayed start to the season, the Knights' preparation changed as they now had to make do with a new schedule and practice format.

With just a week of prep, the Knights hit the field for a pair of games tying Central Wisconsin Christian 2-2 on Tuesday before falling 3-1 to St. Lawrence Seminary on Friday. It was the Knights' home opener Friday as a fast start by the Hilltoppers ultimately doomed the Knights in the pro-

Head coach Peter Lacourse gave the Hilltoppers a ton of credit for taking his team out of the game.

"The results were not what we wanted today, but the team played well the last 30 minutes of the match," Lacourse said. "We had to make some adjustments today prior to the match that made the start of things much more difficult than we expected. Those adjustments made it impossible to play the way we wanted to play. Give St. Lawrence some credit, they attacked us early which led them to the win."

While it is unclear what those adjustments were, it was evident from the opening kick that the Hilltoppers spotted something and took immediate advantage of it. Lourdes may have gotten the first shot off two minutes with Isaias Gutierrez putting one wide, but the rest of the first half was dominated by St. Lawrence Seminary.

Four minutes into the game and Chas



Photo by Dustin Riese

Lourdes' Michael Tushar battles for possession against St. Lawrence Seminary.

Muhlbauer began to get tested as the Knights defense was caught on their heels. That led to a pair of goals less than three minutes apart by Alex Puente giving the Hilltoppers a 2-0 advantage. As the first half continued, the Knights continued to have a difficult time mounting any sort of offensive attacking ability. That led to many counter attacks that had the defense guessing early.

Sixteen minutes into the match, the Lourdes defense did themselves no favors as a tough challenge inside the box led to a penalty kick. Isidro Vargas took the kick and put it just out of Muhlbauer's reach for the 3-0 lead. It took over 20 minutes for Lourdes to finally get a look on goal when Ryan Kroll got a shot off only to be denied by Max Gamino in goal.

In desperate need of offense, the Lourdes attacking third came out with a much better pace as you could see a different sense of energy with the team. That lasted for around 10 minutes before the Hilltoppers began to control the ball once again, forcing Muhlbauer to make several key saves to keep the score 3-0.

With time running out, Lourdes was finally able to put an end to the shutout bid beating Gamino in the 72nd minute. It was only a matter of time as a mix of long ball over the top and constant pressure around the penalty area led to a goal. As Chartier and Kroll controlled the ball far side, Chartier played a perfect cross field drop pass to Gutierrez who took care of the rest making it 3-1.

Six minutes later saw the Knights with another great opportunity only to see Chartier's shot curl wide late with the score still 3-1. As time winded down, the Hilltoppers tried to add to their lead only to see Muhlbauer make save after save to give his team a chance. Lourdes had a few opportunities late, but nothing came from them as the Knights dropped their home opener 3-1 to fall to 0-1-1.

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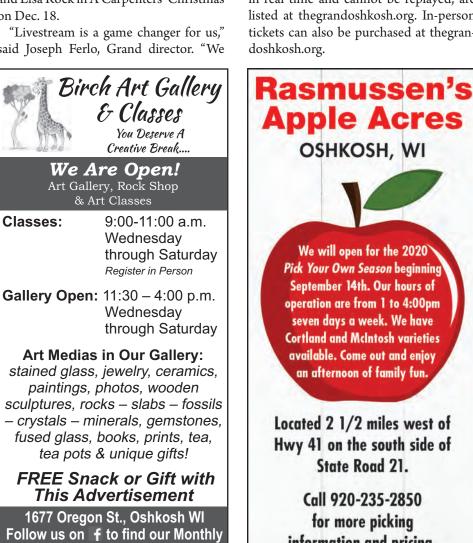
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Girls in Aviation Day returns with online segment format

The first virtual Girls in Aviation Day, co-hosted by the three Wisconsin chapters of Women in Aviation International, is set for Saturday in a Zoom format with programs for three different age groups.

The interactive event will feature female pilots and aviators from across the state. There will be online rooms with age-appropriate content for three age groups: upper elementary (ages 8-10), middle school (ages 11-13) and high school (ages

The Oshkosh, Milwaukee and Madison chapters created the event that will kick off the launch of the Girls in Aviation Day app, which will include year-round activities for girls and families to explore avia-

While women make up only 8 percent of U.S. pilots, Girls in Aviation Day is dedicated to showing girls the wonders of aviation and aerospace. More information about the event is on the Oshkosh Chapter of Women in Aviation International's Facebook page.

Gift cards will be given to participants selected randomly at the end of the event. Participants must preregister and will receive the login information with their registration confirmation.

DAV Day proclaimed in Winnebago County

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In recognition of DAV's 100 years of service, Winnebago County Executive Mark Harris proclaimed this Friday as Disabled American Veterans Day in Winnebago County and commends its observance to all citizens. On hand to accept the proclamation was Rod Kalata, commander of the county's Ray H. Fuller DAV Chapter 17.

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Prep sports roundup

BASEBALL

Late surge pushes Blue past Hortonville

Led by a strong pitching performance from Sam Blaskowski, the Oshkosh Blue baseball team handed Hortonville its first loss of the fall, winning 7-1.

Oshkosh scored seven runs across the final two innings to secure the win. Blaskowski had three hits while Brady Block and Ben Buehring added two hits a piece.

Block had a two-RBI triple in the sixth to give Oshkosh a 3-1 lead before Buehring and Aiden Berndt added doubles to increase the lead.

Oshkosh Black tops Neenah in 3-2 victory

The Oshkosh Black baseball team got a good performance out of its pitching staff as they picked up a 3-2 win over Neenah on Sunday.

Matthew Schallhorn and Jack Kese combined to allow only two runs as

Oshkosh took an early lead after scoring two runs in the second inning after a bases loaded hit by pitch by Alex Stini, which was followed by a wild pitch.

Neenah answered with two runs in the third before Kese provided the game-winning hit with a single in the sixth inning.

The team committed five errors in a 12-10 loss against Appleton last weekend. Ethan Bennett had a big day at the plate, pounding out four hits while driving in four runs with two doubles. Spencer Gassere and Carson Krumrei added two hits for Black, who collected 10 hits as a team.

VOLLEYBALL

Knights girls dealt pair of match losses

The Lourdes volleyball team lost in straight sets to Fall River, falling 25-12, 25-21 and 25-22.

Olivia Hawley led Lourdes with 13 digs and had two aces while Carmen Lowe had five kills. Chiara Chier added 10 as-



Lauren Hamill of Lourdes Academy attacks the net against Fall River.

sists while Lauren Hamill recorded three blocks in the loss.

The Knights were swept Saturday by St. Mary Catholic – 25-18, 25-12 and 25-19.

Warriors swept on road

The Valley Christian volleyball team was swept last Tuesday by scores of 25-12, 25-20 and 25-10 against Central Wisconsin Christian.

Camryn Hass had four kills for the Warriors, along with two assists and two aces. Grace Rolston led the team with seven digs while Allison Duehring added six.

GIRLS TENNIS

Lourdes shut out in loss

The Lourdes girls tennis team lost a 7-0 match against St. Mary Catholic in a match played last Thursday.

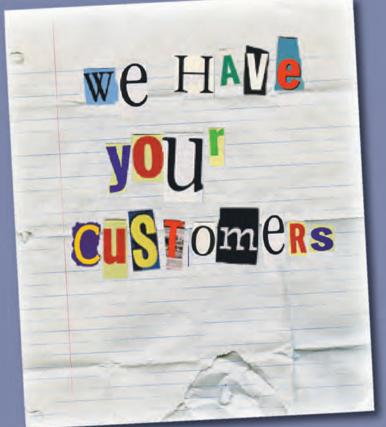
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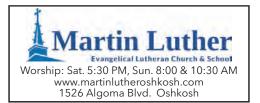














Trick-or-treat survey offered online

Feedback is being sought from residents on their plans for Trick-or-Treat. As people will be planning somewhat differently this year for Halloween, the city of Oshkosh would like to know residents' thoughts and ideas about how they plan to proceed with the event. The city is asking residents to take an online survey and help planning their efforts. The survey is available on www.ci.oshkosh.wi.us website under the services menu at the top of

"It's not that we're going to be suggesting that we're not doing Trick-or-Treating," City Manager Mark Rohloff said. "We are looking for ideas about how it can be done, if there are any suggestions or concerns that people have and if we can make any adjustments."

The survey is open until the event begins. A second survey on diversity, equity and inclusion is also on the Polco website.

City reminds residents of voting location changes

At a recent city manager's report, host Andy Radig reminded voters that some polling locations have changed since the previous general election.

District 4 moved from Webster Stanley Elementary School to the Public Library. District 15 moved from Wittman Regional Airport to the Hilton Garden Inn due to construction at the airport. District 9 moved from the Alberta Kimball Auditorium to Father Carr's Place 2B Mother Teresa Center.

City Manager Mark Rohloff encouraged voters to request an absentee ballot at myvote.wi.gov as soon as possible.

Obituaries

Doris M. Crane

Doris M. Crane, age 95, passed away peacefully at the Waterford assisted liv-



ing building #3 on September 11, 2020 from congestive heart failure. She was born September 3, 1925 in Grand Rapids, Michigan the first of six children to the late Edward A. and Johanna J. (Klompstra)

Watson. Doris just celebrated her 95th birthday with her family. She was so proud

As a teenager Doris moved with her family to Oshkosh when her father started working as a salesman for Strunsee. She married her high school sweetheart John "Jack" G. Crane on January 3, 1946. They were married 62 years when Jack passed away on March 20, 2008. Doris a beautician in Oshkosh before her two children were born. She then became a fulltime mother until her youngest son was in high school. She then worked for the Oshkosh Daily Northwestern as an ad inserter. There she made many wonderful friends than have continued their friendships for

Doris and Jack loved to go camping with his sister Theresa's family. They also loved dancing to big band music. Doris made the very best cookies. Her recipes were often copied but the results were never as good as hers.

She was a wonderful wife, mother grandmother and friend. She was a people person and loved making people feel special with her kind words and actions. She had many friends who loved her and had a special bond with her four sisters: June, Vervaine, Gloria, and Darlene. They were THE WATSON GIRLS.

At the age of 91 she moved from her home to Waterford Assisted Living. She absolutely loved it there and enjoyed being an active participant in cookie decorating and making crafts. Doris had a special place in her heart for Lisa who was the activities director at Waterford. Doris loved her like a daughter.

Throughout her time in Oshkosh Doris was a faithful member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Her memory will be cherished by her two sons, James John (Diana) Crane of Tallahassee, FL., Paul William(Pamela) Crane of Oshkosh, four grandchildren, Christopher J. Crane, Melissa (Mark) Cesario, Bryan W. (Tianna) Fritz, and Jason M. Fritz. Her grandchildren: Byshop and Celeste Fritz, her loving sisters: June Binder and Vervaine Kimball, both of Os-

hkosh, Darlene Bruner of North Fond du Lac, and Gloria Ayers of Pennsylvania. She is further survived by many nieces including special niece Theresa Ostertag, nephews, and many friends especially very special friend and fellow Waterford resident Ted Doehling.

Doris was preceded in death by her parents, and her brother Edward Watson.

The family would like to thank Waterford Assisted Living building #3 for their wonderful care, friendship, and making her feel like it was her home, especially Sharon and Tineesha. She loved you both. A thank you also to Heartland Hospice for their compassionate and loving care, especially Debbie.

Per Doris's wishes private graveside services will be held. Memorial condolences may be mailed to Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes.

Doris thank you for being the best mother-in-law and like a mother to me, we will always love you, we will miss you and you will be in our hearts forever.

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Gary D. Tesch

Gary D. Tesch, age 61 of Oshkosh,



passed away at ThedaCare Regional Medical Center-Appleton on Saturday, September 19, 2020. Gary was fortunate to have his last wish granted by having his sister, brother, and best friend by his side. He was born on

May 9, 1959 to the late David and Patricia (Lewellyn) Tesch.

Gary worked as a roofer throughout his life. Some of his greatest joys were taking trips to Canada to fish with his dad or spend time with his best friend and "brother", Bill Monteith. Gary was also a doting uncle to his nieces.

Gary is survived by his siblings, Linda (Steve) Schueler and Steve Tesch; nieces, Elaina Schueler, Stacey (Rob) Summers, and Kaitlyn (Joey Stutz) Tesch; aunts: Gail Korn, Jeanne Lewellyn, and very special aunt, Della Tesch. Gary is further survived by many cousins and friends.

In addition to his parents, Gary was preceded in death by his toddler sister, Sandra Tesch.

Per Gary's wishes, no formal services will be held, however a celebration of life will be at a later date.

A memorial will be established.



Seniors Center offers program to reduce falls

One in four older adults has a fall each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Wisconsin leads the nation in fall-related deaths for people ages 60 and older.

The Stepping On program offered by the Oshkosh Seniors Center, shown to reduce falls by about 31 percent, will be held from Oct. 7 through Nov. 18 from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays in the Oasis Room of the South building.

The two-hour weekly sessions offer participants balance and strength exercises, home safety check suggestions and medication review. Guest experts visit over the course of the sessions.

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Sevis-Irish

Long ago, a group of people who lived in what is now western Scotland and north-eastern Ireland came to America to escape

English rule. Today, they are called the Scots-Irish.

Each year they celebrate this heritage with festivals. This year, because of the COVID-19, many festivals are cancelled, so they celebrate and share their traditions by educating kids!



Map Math

Do the math to identify each country. Then, draw a line from the name of each country to its location on the map.

Scotland = 22 - 11Northern Ireland = 34 - 16

Ireland = 23 - 10England = 31 - 16Wales = 30 - 13

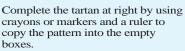
Tartans

A **tartan** is fabric with different color stripes that criss-cross to form a pattern. These fabrics are also called **plaid**. Traditionally, each family or clan had its own special tartan pattern.

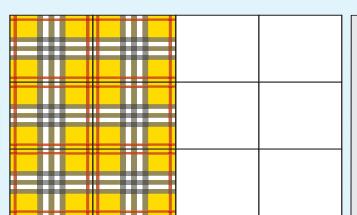








Standards Link: Math: Repeat geometric patterns



Paper & Plaid

Make your own tartan using the newspaper. Color the columns of text on a page of the newspaper different colors to make the tartan stripes going one direction. Then, using a ruler, make stripes going across. Use different colors to create your own plaid design.

Standards Link: Use the newspaper to locate information.

A Scots-Irish Tale

Circle each word when you find it in this old Scottish story.

heilan: highland coo: cow wee: small glen: field loch: lake

kelpie: a mythical water monster, often shaped like a horse.

dagger: a kind of knife
braw: good, fine
middling: medium size
muckle: large size
bonnie: pretty, attractive

ong ago, three coos lived in a bonnie glen with lots of fresh, green grass.

They ate the grass from sunrise to sunset and soon it was all gone.

There was more yummy grass across a bridge. The bridge was guarded by a terrifying Kelpie that loved to eat coos!

Wee Heilan Coo was the first to reach the bridge. She tried to walk very softly, but the Kelpie heard her. It rose from the water with eyes burning red and teeth bared like daggers. "T'm going to have you for my supper!" roared the Kelpie.

"Oh no!" Wee Heilan Coo cried. "I am only wee. Wait for my sister. She is much bigger and tastier than me."

The greedy Kelpie sank beneath the water to wait for the bigger meal and Wee Heilan Coo galloped over the bridge.

When Middling Heilan Coo began to cross the bridge, her bigger hooves clipped and clopped noisily and the Kelpie had no trouble hearing her. The Kelpie leaped onto the bridge.

"On no! You don't want to eat me," said the Middling Heilan Coo. "My big sister will make a meal fit for a braw big beastie like you." The Kelpie thought that idea sounded good. It sank below the water again and waited. Muckle Heilan Coo hurried to join her sisters on the other side of the bridge. Holding her horns high, she clopped onto the bridge. The Kelpie rose from the loch. But Muckle Heilan Coo was not scared



The Kelpie and Muckle Heilan Coo rushed at each other and met in the middle of the bridge. Muckle Heilan Coo caught the Kelpie in her homs and threw it from the bridge into the deep, dark water of the loch below.

The Kelpie disappeared in a huge splash and sank. It was never seen again. Muckle Heilan Coo shook the seaweed from her horns and walked across the bridge to join her sisters. The glen was full of delicious grass. But the coos had learned their lesson and ate only what they needed.

Adapted from visitscotland.com

Thank you to the **Scots-Irish Festival** in Dandridge, Tennessee for their help with this page. Visit them at **scotsirishfestival.com**

Kid Scoop Puzzier 📣

A Scots-Irish food that is enjoyed by some people but disliked by others is made from parts of sheep, oatmeal and spices. Circle every third letter to reveal the name of this sausage dish.

AD(H)BGAMLGTWGYOIDAS



Long ago, men in Scotland and Ireland displayed their athletic skills by putting two swords on the ground in an "X" shape and then dancing within the edges of the swords. Music was played on a traditional Scottish instrument. Circle every third letter to reveal its name.

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Double Word Search

FESTIVALS
HERITAGE
MIDDLING
HERDING
TARTANS
HEILAN
KELPIE
DAGGER
MUCKLE
IRISH
GLEN
LOCH
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DOGS

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

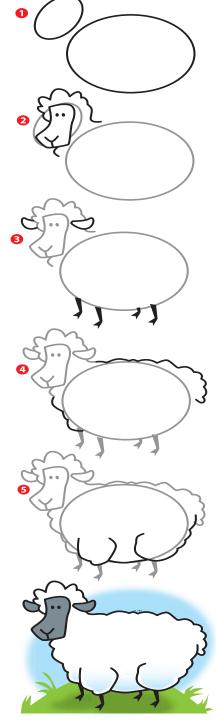
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recongized identica words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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