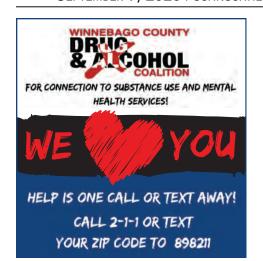
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Virus testing settles in at Sunnyview

National Guard expands work amid case rise

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Sunnyview Expo Center has become a standard location for regional COVID-19 testing at least through the end of this year with the free service conducted by the

Wisconsin Army National Guard.

The site at 500 E. County Y will be open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

"Data reports for our region consistently indicate a high COVID-19 activity level and positive case rate, however testing has been inadequate," said Doug Gieryn, health director/officer for the Winnebago County Health Department. "By partner-

ing with the Wisconsin Army National Guard, our local health care partners and health departments across the region, we are now able to offer additional testing to help all those that need a test to get one."

Anyone experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or who has been in close contact with someone who has tested posi-

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Photo by Michael Cooney

Improvised fun

Jazz in the Square opened its season last week featuring Erin Krebs with Paul Sucherman and members of the Jazz Orgy. Opera House Square was filled with an appreciative and socially distanced audience of all ages. The music event continues four more Wednesday evenings this month.

Community Bike Program keeps residents rolling

By Kaitlyn Scoville HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Situated in a donated workshop across from Sadoff Recycling at 36 E. 10th Ave., hundreds of bikes of every size and for every age are lined throughout. Helmets are stacked, waiting for their next users at the front door.

All bikes within the workshop have been donated through community mem-

bers, the Oshkosh Police Department, apartment complexes and other nonprofit organizations in the Fox Valley.

"That's why we call it 'Community Bike," retired police officer Steve Sagmeister said, "because it's not just us, it's the whole community that donates."

Sagmeister has been director of the

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Photo by Kaitlyn Scoville

 $Steve \ Sagme is ter\ has\ led\ the\ Oshkosh\ Community\ Bike\ Program\ for\ the\ past\ decade.$



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Public schools get back on track

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Oshkosh public schools' fall semester got underway last week with some staffing shortages due to COVID-19 exposure that briefly affected the hybrid attendance model at two schools.

Meanwhile, the district announced that all students participating in its food service program will receive free school meals through the end of the year as long as it receives funding.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided regardless of free, reduced or paid meal status at all schools, the district announced Thursday, made possible through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's nationwide waivers for its Summer Food Service and National School Lunch programs.

Elementary students will continue to be offered meals to take home for their virtual learning days at the end of in-person days. Middle and high school students will be offered meals for their virtual learning days at the end of either Tuesdays or Wednesdays. Students may also take meals home for their younger siblings.

North High School and Merrill Middle School had to shift to virtual learning mode for the first two days of the year before North was able to transition back to the district's alternating in-class schedule starting Thursday that began with Group B students, followed by Group A on Friday. All other schools started and continue with the alternating in-class model.

Merrill was able to transition back to in-class, every-other-day instruction starting this Tuesday with Group B students, followed by Group A students today (Wednesday).

School officials said they were able to find creative solutions to staffing challenges due to COVID-19 exposure as well as some quarantine periods ending. They emphasized that the district's safety pro-

tocols will continue to be followed.

Merrill school conducted a drivethrough Chromebook pickup process last week as students would have otherwise received them on their first day in school.

District officials said they were able to quickly transition back to the hybrid model at North by securing alternative coverage for key staff positions impacted by COVID-19 exposure. They said the required staff quarantine periods were not compromised and that additional information was shared with North students, families and staff through its parent portal.

"District and school leaders understand that transitioning between learning models can be confusing and can cause a variety of emotions," the district said in a statement. "The district's goal is to communicate as quickly as possible to provide students and families with time to prepare — mentally and logistically — for any transition."

Farmers to Families food effort extended

Local residents will benefit from the national Coronavirus Farm Assistance Program again this month.

The USDA is partnering with farmers, food processors and distributors, and local nonprofit organizations to ensure everyone has access to fresh produce, meat and dairy during the COVID-19 emergency.

Free food boxes will be distributed from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays — Sept. 14, 21 and 28 — at Menominee Park. Vehicles should enter the park on Merritt Avenue. No proof of address or income is required. Food will be given away on a first-come,

first-served basis

The boxes contain perishable food previously destined for restaurants and bulk purchasers, and keeps the food from going to waste.

When vehicles pull up to the front of the line, volunteers wearing masks will put the prepackaged boxes into open trunks or back seats.

Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin is

working with the USDA and Valley Bakers to distribute truckloads of refrigerated food on a weekly basis throughout the Fox Valley. Local logistics are being managed by the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, Oshkosh Area United Way, UW Oshkosh, Father Carr's Place 2B, Oshkosh Corp., Amcor Cares Foundation, city of Oshkosh and Oshkosh Area Community Pantry.

Mortgage assistance for county residents

Homeowners in Winnebago County who were impacted financially by COVID-19 may qualify for assistance to pay their mortgage.

Applicants must demonstrate that they were current on their home loan as of March 1 and due to the pandemic have fallen behind. They must live full time in the home within Winnebago County, and be the person responsible for the mortgage.

The money will be used to pay up to \$2,000 per household to prevent foreclosure triggered by COVID-19 for delinquent mortgage payments that may include principal, interest or escrow.

Applications will be accepted until Oct. 15. More information and the application is found at www.co.winnebago.wi.us or calling 920-236-1144 and leaving a voicemail to request an application.

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Comics customers search with their imagination

House of Heroes marks 25 years downtown

By Joseph Schulz HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Scott Dercks has loved comic books most of his life and has spent the last 25 years sharing that passion with the Oshkosh community.

His path to ownership of House of Heroes Comics and Games on Main Street, a hub for geek culture in the middle of downtown, started in Kaukauna as a youngster discovering comic books.

"When I was a kid, there was 'The Electric Company' show on TV and they had 'Spider-Man' on, so that might've been where it started," he said. "To be honest, as long as I can remember I was reading comic books. I don't know a life without it."

At that time, there were very few comic book stores in the area as they were mostly sold on newsracks in convenience or grocery stores.

Dercks recalled when he was about 10 years old he went to Valley Fair Shopping Center in Appleton and explored the comic book store there. When he returned to the mall the next year, the shop had closed.

He collected comics until he was about 12, deciding "I'm too old for that." Dercks put the hobby aside for a few years. After high school, he went to college for about a year before deciding to leave.

Around that time, Dercks met Bob Larson, owner of Power House Comics in Appleton and soon he was "addicted"

But the medium had changed. The sto-



The House of Heroes Comics and Games team includes (from left) Kevin Kimmes, Tripper Pech and owner Scott Dercks.

ries being told featured more adult themes and subject matter. Titles such as Alan Moore's "Watchmen," "V for Vendetta" and "The Killing Joke," as well as Frank Miller's "Dark Knight Returns" and Neil Gaiman's "Sandman," pushed the boundaries of what was acceptable to print in comic form.

"All of those things weren't kid's books. They were more geared toward adults and that's what I was into at the time and what got me back into comics," Dercks said.

After a few months shopping at Power House, Dercks got a job there. Four years later, he and Larson saw a void in Oshkosh after a comic book store closed here in

On Sept. 11, 1995, House of Heroes

Comics and Games opened downtown, offering comic books and "Magic: The Gathering" cards.

Dercks said the store has since become different things to different people. For some, it's where they found Pokémon cards as a kid, for others it's where they find the latest Funko collectables.

"The cool thing about the shop is that it's always changing and it's always evolving — it's not just a comic book shop," he said.

Dercks has seen geek culture transform from something on the fringes of society to a predominant part of the public psyche. He attributes the massive rise in popularity of comic book properties to successful adaptations, including "The Dark Knight," "The Walking Dead" and the smorgasbord of Marvel movies.

Even so, he said adaptations don't always directly translate into comic book sales. For example, the "Iron Man" movies didn't create an uptick in sales of the relat-

But for properties that are more self-contained, such as The Walking Dead and Umbrella Academy, Dercks says adaptations have boosted sales.

In 2012, Larson retired and Dercks purchased House of Heroes. He and Lee Marohn are the only remaining original employees.

The store has weathered 9/11, the Great Recession and, most recently, the coronavirus pandemic. To service customers during the Safer at Home period, it held auctions on Facebook and Ebay.

Dercks had initially planned on hosting a 25th anniversary celebration at the shop, but said that's on hold until the COVID-19 crisis is more under control.

He said it's been rewarding to build relationships with customers through pop

"It's always fun when I'm out at a bar or something and a kid who used to buy Pokémon cards at the shop says hi and he's like 30 now," Dercks said.

Overall, he's looking forward to the store's future and excited to see it continue to evolve.

"I really don't know what to expect and that's the thing that makes it fun — it's always changing," Dercks said. "As a small business owner, you're kind of rolling with the punches — that's part of the deal."

Public library taking online appointments

Oshkosh Public Library patrons have another option to schedule appointments for curbside pickup and computer use through calendly.com/oshkoshpubliclibrary, where time slots can be reserved.

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Opioid recovery funding aimed at career support

The U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration has awarded \$5 million to the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development to provide training, career services and supportive services to individuals impacted by the opioid crisis.

Under the Support to Communities: Fostering Opioid Recovery Through Workforce Development Partnership Grant, DWD will subgrant to five workforce groups, including the Fox Valley Workforce Development Board, to build local coalitions surrounding opioid recovery and workforce development. Community coalition partners may include employers or industry organizations, treatment and recovery centers, educa-

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tion providers, legal services, community-based and faith-based organizations.

"Through these local partnerships, DWD seeks to promote a holistic path to employment for individuals impacted by opioid addiction or other substance abuse," DWD Secretary Caleb Frostman said. "The community partnerships will focus not just on career services, but also bring in experts on treatment and supportive services to help participants succeed."

Additionally, workforce boards and partners will also provide training for individuals interested in pursuing careers in the field of substance abuse and recovery.

"Slowing the ongoing misuse of opioids and other substances across the state re-

quires well-trained health care workers," Frostman said. "By investing in training in these fields, DWD will expand the population of healthcare workers equipped to aid in opioid recovery, and their work will empower Wisconsinites whose ability to maintain employment has been hampered by opioid addiction."

Second statewide drive thru job fair set

While the majority of Wisconsin's job centers are offering only telephone or virtual assistance as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and unemployment remains at a record high, the Fox Valley Workforce Development Board (FVWDB) has scheduled two regional Drive Thru Job Fairs from noon to 4 p.m. Sept. 17 at the Fond du Lac St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, 330 N. Peters Ave.; and the Menasha Job Center parking lot, 1802 Appleton Road.

The drive-thrus are a statewide effort in 21 locations on the same date and time. Job seekers are invited to attend the event closest to their home; although there is no limit to the number of sites someone can visit.

While July numbers from U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics show that Wisconsin's unemployment rate fell to 7 percent from June's rate of 8.9 percent, there are still more than 211,000 unemployed in the

The first job fair held July 15 saw more than 3,900 cars in 16 locations across the state. The local site in Oshkosh was visited by more than 400 cars.

Each car will receive a packet of materials listing open roles throughout the Fox Valley region and surrounding area. Workforce Development Area 4 includes the counties of Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago. Attendees are asked to remain in their cars and to wear a facemask. Information about job fairs can be found at www.wwda.org/drive-thru-job-fair.













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On the syllabus: 'Embrace change. Embody safety. Exemplify inclusion'

By Andrew J. Leavitt
UW OSHKOSH CHANCELLOR

Today marks the first day of class for the new school year at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.

In any ordinary year, this is a significant event in the lives of our students, faculty and staff.

This year, the opening is nothing short of remarkable.

If I could offer a single syllabus for the entire university, it might plainly read: "Embrace change. Embody safety. Exemplify inclusion."

There are some things even a pandemic cannot alter, namely the sense of renewal and opportunity the first day on a college campus brings. It reminds us of the uplifting power of education. New students arrive at UWO with a world of possibilities ahead of them. Continuing students push forward on their journey to complete a degree that will forever elevate them to better opportunities.

Like schools across the country, we reopen under almost impossible circumstances. The COVID-19 virus itself is but one adversary. Uncertainty and self-doubt comprise another. And still there is an epidemic of systemic racism and injustice

adding to our anguish. We are faced with pressures and choices that feel daunting.

In spite of this, the UWO community knows we must be safely open — to honor the life-changing, on-campus experiences nurtured here for nearly 150 years and to continue a mission built for the betterment of society.

We know we can do this if we rise together.

One of the greatest moments of my professional life occurred last spring as I watched faculty, staff and students pivot from on-campus learning to completely online learning in just two weeks. There was a can-do spirit and a laser focus on accomplishing a task that would normally take years. No one complained. The resilience and ingenuity of everyone involved was inspiring as we all learned what we are capable of doing under seemingly impossible circumstances.

At UWO, dozens of faculty and staff members have worked throughout the summer to open our university safely. Faculty voluntarily "went back to school" to learn new skills and strategies for teaching in an online or hybrid format. The campuses were physically transformed to prepare for the safest possible environment.

Working side by side with the Winnebago County, Fond du Lac County and Menasha City health departments and local health care system physicians, we have crafted an excellent Titans Return plan that outlines necessary measures from masking and physical distancing to disinfection and testing.

This plan is robust and flexible. It sets the goal of completing the entire semester while remaining on our campuses. There is great concentration on the classroom, which we believe is the safest environment due to the measures we have put in place.

Any plan is only as good as its implementation. This is where we need the help of the entire Fox Valley region.

If you want UWO to remain campus-based, we must all do what we can to reduce community spread. This means a rigorous adherence to CDC recommendations including the use of face masks, hand washing and avoidance of large gatherings. What's at stake? Aside from the obvious public health benefits of reducing the viral spread, there is our region's shared economic and societal wellness.

UWO has an at-least \$500 million per year economic impact on the region. Consider, too, the positive ripple effects of hundreds of student internships, thousands of community volunteer hours and that rich calendar of cultural and athletic events we are all yearning to repopulate. All of this will be possible when we do what is necessary to stamp out COVID-19 and help students, faculty and staff thrive on the university's campuses.

UWO's students and stewards will do our best to keep moving forward during these difficult times. I consider it an enormous achievement that we reach this day with students living and learning on our three campuses.

We ask that you be our partner in ensuring a successful semester.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

Sept. 1, 1910

Red Light on Point: A novel idea has been carried out by Assemblyman William M. Bray who resides at Bray's Point, better known as Gruenhagen's or Fisherman's Point. A solid concrete lighthouse has been constructed with a powerful red light and now serves to

make the rocky point prominent to those navigating Lake Winnebago by night. It marks the entrance to the Fox River and it not only serves as a warning to those who might otherwise strike the rocks off the point, but is a valuable guide position of the river and of Oshkosh. It is located on Lake Street on private property. Oshkosh native George A. Rockwell designed the lighthouse but died before it could be built. Bray purchased the Rockwell property and had the lighthouse built after finding Rockwell's plans.

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, Sept. 1, 1910; Oshkosh Public Library

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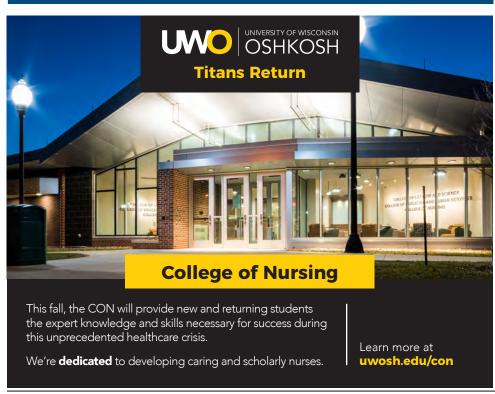
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The Transition Plan provides information about the DOT's efforts to ensure accessibility throughout the state highway system, including roadside facilities and

navigability within public rights of way. Under federal law, the transition plan is regularly maintained with opportunities for public input.

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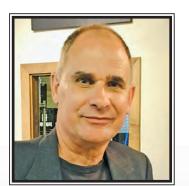


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For local comedian, life writes the material

By Jack Tierney
OSHKOSH HERALD

Comedian Carl Strong has been on a national and international touring circuit for more than 30 years, starting his career after attaining a master's degree in psychology from UW-Whitewater, where he was an All-American defensive back and had a pro football team recruit him for all of 20 seconds.

After getting wiped off his feet by a large offensive lineman on the first play of the tryout Strong knew comedy would be his fortune, but "for a while I thought I was going to be a professional football player," he said.

He's now 13 college credits away from a doctorate in psychology and makes it a point to encourage the pursuit of education to kids who attend his shows.

Strong's comedy career started at Whitewater, talking about the happenings of a college student to other students, which he said is the thing about comedy.

"It grows with you; it's about your life," he explained.

Now at 64, Strong finds himself satirizing — not making jokes— about aging, people getting in his way, bringing people together, and how he just wants some peace and quiet every now and then.

He makes most of his money doing shows on cruise liners where he said the audience is totally receptive and does not mind when a show goes into the early hours of the next morning.

He describes the cruise liner audience as distinct, of a certain demographic, but always friendly.

"They may fight in the parking lot," he said, "but once they get on the ships it's always a good time."

The pandemic spelled out an end to cruise ships for Strong and other entertainers who occupy them, such as magicians and musicians.

That meant about 80 percent of Strong's revenue was taken away in a year where he expected to do numbers that would allow him to take next year off, or at least a year performing fewer shows and spending more time at home in Oshkosh where he has lived for the past 27 years.

The pandemic, however, has afforded Strong a special opportunity.

"I don't really do comedy clubs," he said, explaining he prefers the big crowds on cruise liners where attendance numbers can reach 3,000 and where he can do shows five nights a week.

Lyle Sidney, producer of Fox Valley Comedy, arranged a benefit event for the Oshkosh Boys & Girls Club with Strong

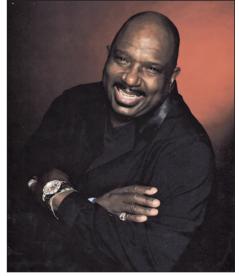


Photo courtesy of Carl Strong

Comedian Carl Strong underwent a heart transplant in 2013. He's still headlining shows

as a headliner at Time Community Theater on Aug. 28. Growing up in Milwaukee in the 1960s, Strong said he benefited from the club immensely.

"Let me tell you something," he began, "the Boys & Girls Club probably saved my life

"It was something to do. It was a place to go after school and it taught you a lot. It taught you about respect, honor and respecting other people — how to wait your

"You know, back then we didn't have a lot of electronic games. We played better games. You had to wait your turn to get on the pool table, there might have been nine people before you. But it taught you how to communicate with other people.

"Kids these days go to school and do what they do. They come home and go

to their computer or to video games and social interaction is not happening like it used to be.

"That's why the Boys & Girls Club is a good thing: It gets you to get out of the house, talking to people and meeting new people."

Strong said he made Oshkosh his home because it is quiet, but it was a love interest that pulled him in this direction originally. The people and peace of mind here have given him everything he has wanted and needed in his life.

"Moving here is one of the best decisions I've made in my life," he said. "I like that I can go to the store, get what I need and not be bothered."

Strong received a heart transplant in 2013 from a 23-year-old man, giving him a second chance at life after being on a waitlist for more than three years.

The stress of an entertainer's lifestyle contributed to his need for the transplant. Though his comedy is clean and widely accepted —he frequently gives thanks to God — Strong admitted that it led to substance use and added to the need for the operation.

Years later, he is feeling better than ever. He describes his comedy as a relief for the people who attend.

"It's important to me that people leave my show with an experience of forgetting their problems for a little while," he said. "For 45 minutes you forgot your kids were driving you crazy; you forgot you have all these bills; you forgot the pandemic won't let you enjoy yourself. You forget that you have to wear a mask.

"You leave my show and you want to tell somebody: Man, that was refreshing."







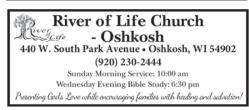


















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City water rate increases expected to keep flowing

By Miles Maguire
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

If the city's water rates seem too high already, they're about to jump 9 percent. And in 2023, they'll go up another 8 percent. And in 2025, brace for another 5 percent bump.

It's not just water rates that are going up. Next year residents can expect to pay 3.4 percent more for sewer fees and 7 percent more for stormwater.

In each of the next 10 years, expect to see an increase in overall utility costs for water, sewer and stormwater. The biggest jump will be in 2021, when the costs will rise 6.3 percent. That will be followed by total rate increases of 6.2 percent in 2023, 5 percent in 2025 and 3.2 percent in 2027. And there doesn't seem to be anything

anyone can or will do about these increases. When the Common Council was presented with these projections last month, no one challenged the rising rates. When several individual council members were asked for comment, they did not return phone calls.

The city's financial consultant made these estimates based on planned construction

"I want the story told," said City Manager Mark Rohloff. "Even if people don't like hearing it, they need to know it. We want them to know it."

What's driving the rate increases is simple: an extensive program of capital improvements.

Some of those improvements are due to regulatory requirements, some are due

to sewer pipes that have been around for a century or more and some due to the fear of disastrous rainstorms that would swamp a city built between a river and a lake.

"It's not because our operating costs are going up," Rohloff said. "Our operating increases are pretty modest."

While ratepayers will be putting a lot of money into infrastructure, many of the projects, such as water, sewer and stormwater mains, will be placed underground and out of sight.

The biggest project in the current plan, worth \$22 million, was supposed to get started two years ago but has been hung up by disputes between the Public Service Commission (PSC) and state Department of Natural Resources, Rohloff said.

The agencies have disagreed about how the city should go about replacing the "clearwells" that sit underground at the water filtration plant on Lake Winnebago. These wells, which can hold 2.4 million gallons, have been deemed an environmental hazard because they are too close to groundwater and could be contaminated.

The city had hoped to have the replacement tanks, which will stand about 3 stories tall, almost finished by now. The current plan calls for spending \$10 million next year, \$8 million in 2022 and \$4 million in 2023 to complete the project.

Rohloff said the city has tried to come up with a schedule of rate increases across the city's three utilities to smooth out the rise

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in prices. In some years, all three are expected to boost their rates, but in others only the stormwater cost will go up. In 2027, just water and sewer are projected to rise.

The alternative, he warned, would be less frequent rate increases but much sharper ones.

Rohloff said the city is simply following formulas that are provided by the PSC. These formulas require rates that are high enough to pay back the debt that is incurred for construction costs.

"We could stop investing in infrastructure," he said. "But that was the mistake that we made back in the '40s and '50s, and we're still paying for that."

While no one likes rate increases, it is the stormwater pricing that bothers local businesses the most, said John Casper, president and CEO of the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce.

Water and sewer rates are at least tied to consumption and can be controlled by users. Stormwater rates, by contrast, are based on the amount of impervious surface on a property, which is typically greater for a business site compared to residential.

"Stormwater utility increases feel like an unbridled expense, the lion's share of which is hung around the neck of the business community," Casper said.

Miles Maguire is editor of the Oshkosh Examiner website.



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First-time brewers' blend serves area groups

By Lee Reiherzer Herald Contributor

For the first time, two Oshkosh breweries have teamed up to collaborate in making beer. Bare Bones Brewery and Fifth Ward Brewing joined forces Aug. 27 to brew New Top Dog, a honey golden ale, that will be released at each brewery's taproom Saturday. The idea for the collaboration came up as part of a fundraiser benefiting the Oshkosh Area Humane Society and Oshkosh Mid-Morning Kiwanis Club.

Steve Romme of the Kiwanis suggested that the two breweries get together. "Steve asked me what I thought about doing a beer for a fundraiser that would feature dogs," said Zach Clark of Fifth Ward. "He thought we could also get Bare Bones in-

volved with it. So I got together with Jody (Cleveland, head brewer at Bare Bones) and we put together a recipe. A couple of weeks later we're here brewing it."

"This thing came together really fast," Cleveland said. "It all just fell into place."

As part of the release Saturday and Sunday, each brewery will have a photo booth at their taprooms where dog owners can have their pets photographed. People will then vote for their favorite dog with the winner's picture going on the label of next year's collaboration beer. Photos can also be voted on and submitted online at gogophotocontest.com/newtopdog2021.

The beer at the center of it all was produced in Fifth Ward's brewery. It's an English-style golden ale made with additions of honey and spelt.



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Shown working on the brew deck at Fifth Ward are (from left) Ian Wenger and Zach Clark of Fifth Ward, and Jody Cleveland of Bare Bones Brewery.

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"We wanted to make something super approachable," Clark said. "We used local honey from a producer in Neenah that has hives all around this area. We included some spelt in the grain bill to give it a nice kind of nutty aroma that should go well with the biscuity flavor we get from the English malt we're using."

With Oshkosh's lengthy history of beer making it would seem that a collaboration such as this one would have happened long before now. But while there are numerous examples of Oshkosh breweries assisting one another, never have two of them gotten together to make a beer.

And apparently, this won't be the last time. Next year's collaboration between Bare Bones and Fifth Ward is already being discussed.

"We're thinking this is going to be an ongoing thing," Clark said.

Lee Reiherzer has been writing about Oshkosh's beer and its brewing history since 2010 when he launched the Oshkosh Beer website. He is co-author of "The Breweries of Oshkosh" and author of "Winnebago County Beer."



Photo from Society of Oshkosh Brewer

Sharing project

Society of Oshkosh Brewers board members Logan Anderson (left) and Travis Sullivan help fill member's sanitized fermenters with freshly brewed Fifth Ward Octoberfest. The brewery donated up to 100 gallons of Octoberfest wort (unfermented beer) for the club's second Wort Share event, where club members took home the malty lager to create their own Octoberfest style, while some fermented it as an ale, added fruit, different hops or oak chips. Members will sample the beers at their next meeting.



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Create plan to manage time at home with kids

By Cassandra Wallace
ThedaCare media relations consultant

The coronavirus pandemic has brought with it a difficult adjustment for many people trying to figure out how to work while also parenting children at home. This unusual time together can bring opportunities as well, according to Dr. Kevin Hayes, a pediatrician with ThedaCare Physicians Pediatrics.

"It's important to keep things as normal as possible for our kids," Hayes said. "These times have been anything but normal. So it's OK to make adjustments and be flexible where we can."

It can be tough for parents to manage all the new responsibilities while keeping school-age kids on task, or while trying to care for young children as they're also working from home. Allowing children and teens to entertain themselves in front of screens may be tempting, and it's important to manage that time as well.

"Parents may need to allow for more screen time out of necessity, such as for online classes or communicating with friends," Hayes said. "It's still important to regulate time spent online, especially for younger children, when we can."

Some suggestions to manage screen time:

- For fun and entertainment, kids will need some screen time. Letting kids know that you understand their needs is a simple way to reduce stress for everyone.
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nus. Try using extra screen time as an incentive for good behavior. If you go this route, be sure to let your child know exactly what is necessary to earn the extra time.

- Let them also know what they can and cannot be viewing keeping them safe online is critical during this time.
- Try not to limit time when children are using screen time for social connectedness. Take advantage of technology to stay connected with friends and family, even if doing so means your child spends a little more time on screens than you typically allow.

Establishing a new, pandemic-adjusted schedule that includes online and offline time can help.

You can create schedules that work for your family, building in school or learning time, outdoor time, reading or art time, communicating-with-friends time, and other activities.

"Having a schedule can help both your kids and you to navigate time at home," Hayes said. "It gives your children a structure and stability to these strange, unstructured days, and offers you some windows to get your work done."

Having a daily schedule also signals to your children the times when they'll have your undistracted attention and helps them to begin to manage their time independently as well as learn how to work around the needs of others in the family. The schedule should include time together, such as weekly board game nights, time

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Filzen said the group scrambled to

adjust the dates and procedures surround-

ing the exhibit while it changed them as

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to make dinner together, taking walks or making video calls with distant family members. Try activities like making family albums together or recording funny videos. Families can get creative about how they spend this time together, she said.

Hayes also explained it is important for parents to model healthy screen use.

"If you ask your child to put down the screen, you should do the same," he said. "Lead by example and they will likely follow."

Prioritizing wellness is also an important part of managing screen time. Hayes recommends looking at how the child is spending their time overall:

- Is my child sleeping enough and eating a somewhat balanced diet?
- Are they getting some form of exercise every day?
- Are they getting some quality time with family?

- Do they use some screen time to keep in touch with friends?
- Are they invested in schoolwork and keeping up with homework?

If you can answer yes to most of those questions, then it's probably not a huge deal if your child is getting some extra screen time these days.

"Also, think about how technology can get kids moving — active video games and online exercise classes as a way to stay healthy at home," he said. "This is a good solution because it provides both physical activity and entertainment."

Hayes also wants parents to give themselves some grace.

"Right now, having compassion for yourself and your family is much more important than getting the rules just right," he said. "This is new for all of us and we're navigating this together."

Local author releases fantasy e-book 'Withered Kingdom'

New author and Oshkosh resident Nathan Orgill has released a fantasy novel "Withered Kingdom" this week on Kindle devices and apps.

"It's like if Bourne Identity' took place in the world of 'Lord of the Rings' with a magic system like 'Avatar: The Last Airbender." Orgill said in describing the novel. "A man wakes up on a planet with no memory, and most people start believing he is an angel, but he doesn't want to be one. As he goes out into the world in search of his memories he gets wrapped

up in a war around him and has to fight for his survival and his right to understand who he is."

Available through Kindle Direct Publishing (KDP) for \$3.99, it will be an e-book initially with plans for paperback distribution next year.

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Hortonville stops Oshkosh Black in 6-2 victory

By Dustin Riese
Herald Contributor

On a windy afternoon in northeast Wisconsin, Oshkosh Black traveled to Hortonville to take on the Polar Bears. What looked to be a hitter's day proved to be a one-sided affair as Cam Kuhnke and Nate Vela kept the Oshkosh offense in check in a 6-2 win.

Collin Ryan got the start for Oshkosh and immediately found himself in some trouble. Caleb August and Austin Raddatz led the game off with singles, and Kuhnke's single put Hortonville in front 1-0.

With one out, Kolden Hunter ripped one down the third base line that appeared to be foul. The umpire didn't see it that way and two runners scored as Hortonville took a 3-0 lead.

With one down in the second, Ethan Bennett picked up the first hit of the night for Oshkosh. Jack Kese followed with a hit by pitch.

After a Cam Nozar fielder's choice, Oshkosh was able to score a run on an error to



Photo by Dustin Riese

Oshkosh catcher Ethan Bennett tries to prevent a Hortonville runner from scoring.

cut the lead

In the third, Oshkosh took a pair of

walks from Spencer Gassere and Carson Krumrei, setting the table for the middle of the lineup. With runners on the corner and Max Bittner at the plate, Kuhnke bounced one in the dirt as the ball got by the catcher. But Gassere was thrown out at home to keep the game 3-1.

That mistake proved costly for Oshkosh

as the Hortonville offense went to work again off Ryan. A leadoff walk and steal by Raddatz set up Kuhnke for his second RBI knock of the game to make it 4-1. Ryan bounced back to retire the next two hitters, but a wild pitch allowed Kuhnke to come home extending the lead to 5-1.

Kuhnke continued to keep the Oshkosh offense in check while Isaiah Humiston entered the game in the fourth as the new Oshkosh pitcher.

After yielding a pair of singles to Sam Fassbender and Ethan Peters, Humiston worked out of the jam to keep things at 5-1.

With the lead comfortably in hand in the fifth, Hortonville changed pitchers as Vela entered and forced a double play as part of six consecutive hitters being retired

The Polar Bears extended the lead to 6-1 in the sixth as three singles and an RBI groundout got the job done. In Oshkosh's final at bats, Bittner ripped a single to center and advanced on a wild pitch. Logan Pinkerton ripped a single to left to make things 6-2.

A pair of walks from Kese and Ryan Koelbl loaded the bases as Oshkosh was one big hit away from making things interesting but a line out ended the game.



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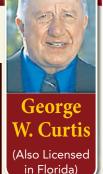
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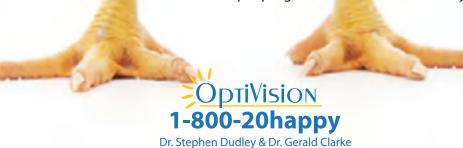
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Turner appearance with EIL goes online

Excellence in Leadership, a local faith-based group of business executives and community leaders, is marking its 20th anniversary with a virtual presentation Oct. 20 featuring Dee Ann Turner, former vice president of Chick-fil-A restaurants.

The online event will run from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and includes appearances by Bob Lenz, Jenni Catron and Franki Moscato. Participants will need to register to receive a log-in; go to www.eilgroup.org for details and to register.

Before retiring in 2018, Turner was vice president for talent and sustainability sectors at Chick-fil-A. She was selected as the company's first female officer in 2001 and was instrumental in building and growing its culture and talent systems. Turner worked closely with founder S. Truett Cathy and other leaders on their organizational culture.

Turner now leads Dee Ann Turner LLC, writing books, speaking appearances and consulting and coaching leaders globally.

She is the author of the best seller, "It's My Pleasure: The Impact of Extraordinary Talent and a Compelling Culture."

Her latest book, "Bet on Talent: How to Create a Remarkable Culture and Win the Hearts of Customers," was released in 2019.

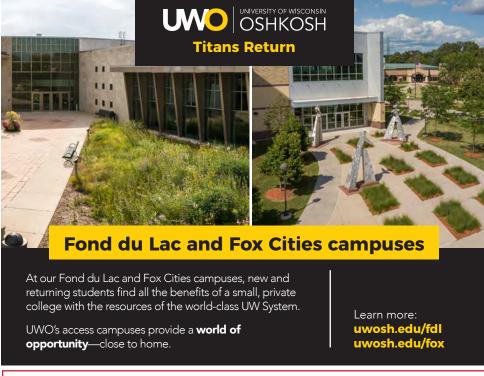
Questions for Turner can be submitted through the registration form. Preference will be given to guests who were registered for the original live event that was canceled due to the pandemic, and they will have preferred seating at the next live event at the Convention Center set for April 20 with Lenz of Life Promotions.

Those unable to attend the rescheduled in-person event can request a refund through walterscottjr8@gmail.com.



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Former Chick'fil-A executive Dee Ann Turner will be the featured speaker for the Oct. 20 Excellence in Leadership event.





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More than 400 bikes are donated through the Oshkosh Community Bike Program each year to community members. People who need transportation to work are common beneficiaries.

Bike program

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Oshkosh Community Bike Program for 10 years, coming out of the Interfaith Needs Response, where he was repairing bikes as an alternative form of transporta-

He first noticed a need for transportation for those who, for example, could not get a driver's license or who worked too early to take public transit.

"Transportation is always a need within the community, whether it's giving out bus passes, whether it's (getting) vehicles or — what we do — providing that leg for people who can't afford those for just doing basic needs of getting groceries and things like that," Sagmeister said.

Each year, Sagmeister said that they aim to donate more than 400 bikes back to the community.

He added that the Bike Program can only be accessed by referral from places such as the Christine Ann Center, Human Services, churches, the Oshkosh Area School District and the Salvation Army.

The program is only open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays but the group of six retired men is working on expanding hours.

Sagmeister said those who would like to donate can leave materials by the door outside and that Sadoff employees are helpful in bringing anything they see out there inside the workshop when it's

At the moment the program is most in need of bike locks, while anything is appreciated. No matter what the condition of the bike, the group will either make them street-safe again or scrap them for parts in other bikes.

Some of Sagmeister's co-workers said that repairing a bike can take anywhere from 30 minutes to a few days, but every fix is worth it when they know it will help someone who needs it.

"This is my first volunteer job that I've ever done," Jack Verwiel said. "I get a lot of satisfaction out of giving when families come in and you see mothers and fathers who can give their kid a bicycle to ride with them."

John Hobbins, pastor at Zion Lutheran Church and multicultural outreach coordinator for the school district, said the crew's effort to repair the bikes and give them back to the community always out-

"(They're) giving things to everyone else - their time, their talents, their space, repossessed bikes - everyone's working together," Hobbins said. "There's almost zero exchange of money. There's a lot of that going on more where it's not really about profit; it's about helping one another."

Obituaries

Laurel J. Markofski

Laurel (Lolly) J. Markofski, age 79, passed away surrounded by her loving



family on August 29, 2020 in the comfort of her home. She was born to the late Elmer and Geraldine (Stoddart) Hildahl on June 21, 1941 in Oshkosh, WI. She graduated from Oshkosh High

School. She married Kenneth Markofski on June 27, 1959 at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Oshkosh.

Laurel worked at Walmart as a department manager for 15 years. Laurel enjoyed spending time outside, gardening, fishing, camping, shopping, and collecting. She loved going on car rides with Ken and looking for deer, and occasional trips to casinos to play bingo. While on some of her car rides with Ken, she loved to find little treasures at what she called the "Terrace store" that she would refurbish and gift to her kids and grandkids. Laurel loved her family dearly, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Laurel is survived by the love of her life, Kenneth; daughter, Lisa (Frank) Combes; three sons, Scott (Kathy), Michael (Heather Kern), Eric (Anne) Markofski; 10 grandchildren, Amber (Antwaun), Ben (Jess), Zach, LaurelAnn, Brianne (Josh), Berklee (Jayson), Brooklynn, Will, Claire and Sam; 7 great-grandchildren, Kamyah, Keelan, Lucas, Carter, Makayla, Antwaun Ir. and Kendra. She is further survived by

Sharon Ann Mushack

Sharon Ann Mushack of Oshkosh, age 72, passed away on August 31, 2020. Private family services were held with burial at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.

For complete obituary visit funeral home website: www.churchandchapel.com

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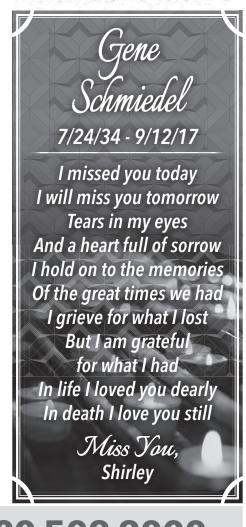
her sister-in-law Susan Hildahl.

In addition to her parents, Laurel was preceded in death by her two brothers, Michael "Unc", and Gerald "Butch" Hildahl.

A service for Laurel will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home Eastside location (402 Waugoo Ave.) on Saturday, September 12, 2020 at 1:00 PM. Pastor Andi Wolf will be officiating. A visitation will take place from 11:00 AM until the time of service (masks required).

A special thank you to her cousin and friend, Doreen Bonfigt, for her special visits from time to time and for being by her side, and to the rest of her family and friends for their love and support.

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You may have seen pictures of Uncle Sam and heard his name. Did you know he is based on a real person? Read the story, then number the pictures on this page in the correct order.

hen Samuel Wilson was 14, the American colonies declared their independence from British rule. Samuel ran away to join the revolutionary army. But he was too young to fight, so he took care of the cattle that were the meat supply for the revolutionary army.

After the war, Samuel and his brother Ebeneezer, moved to

Troy, New York and started a

meat business. They salted

and packed meat into harrels

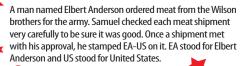


Troy, New York and started a meat business. They salted and packed meat into barrels so that the meat would keep on the pioneers' long journey traveling west.

Their business was very successful. The employees liked Sam so much that they called him their "Uncle Sam."

This 1917 poster is the most famous image of Uncle Sam

In 1812, a second war broke out with England. The army stationed six thousand troops in Fort Crailo, just a few miles from Troy. Those 6,000 men had to eat.

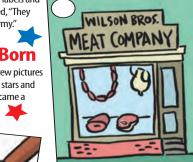


ne story says that a man working in the kitchen saw the EA-US label and asked what it meant. Someone joked that EA means eat away and US are Unde Sam's initials to show that he inspected the meat. The joke caught on and was repeated over and over by other soldiers.

When Elbert Anderson visited the fort, he saw the labels and asked what they meant, and a dockhand answered, "They stand for Uncle Sam. It's his meat that feeds the army."

An American Symbol is Born

Newspapers wrote about this story. Cartoonists drew pictures of the Uncle Sam character wearing clothing with stars and stripes—like our flag! Before long, Uncle Sam became a symbol of the United States itself.



How many stars can you find on this page in two minutes. Have a friend try. Who found the most?

First Letters

Look through the newspaper for a word that starts with every letter in the word NEWSPAPER. Try to pick words that say something about your newspaper. For example, N could be a word like "New."

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Standards Link: Writing applications.	

Kid Scoop Puzzler

The Statue of Liberty is a famous American symbol of freedom and hope. A gift from France, it has stood on a pedestal in New York Harbor since 1886. A poem written for the Statue by Emma Lazarus has a famous line that is quoted often. Fill in the missing vowels, then talk with your family about what this quote means.

Look carefully. Can you find each matching hat?

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Double Word Search

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AWAY

WEST EAT 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.

Kid Scoop Together

Work with a family member to replace the missing words.

WROTE SYMBOL
FIGHT PICTURES
WORE POEM

Columbia Another American Symbol

Before Uncle Sam, the
United States had a
woman as a _____.
She was called Columbia.

Columbia, sometimes called Goddess Columbia, appeared in a _____ by Phillis Wheatley.

Although Wheatley was a slave, she ______ a poem to encourage George Washington in his _____ for freedoms she would never enjoy.

The poem's closing lines are:

Proceed, great chief,
with virtue on thy side,
Thy ev'ry action let the Goddess guide.

A crown, a mansion,
and a throne that shine,
With gold unfading, WASHINGTON!
Be thine.

Columbia was dressed to show the ideals of the new country. She ______ the cap of Liberty and carried the sword of Justice, the olive branch of Peace, and the laurel wreath of Victory.

In 1920, Columbia became the symbol of a company that makes movies called Columbia



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