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Businesses bracing for struggles

Latest survey finds few options for owners

Uncertainty grows for Wisconsin business leaders who responded to a recent survey as they expect another 12 to 18 months of impact from the COVID-19 virus and hold little hope for further government assistance.

Results of the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh's October COVID-19 business and economic impact survey also reveal a rekindled concern regarding long-term viability, according to Jeffrey Sachse, interim director of UWO's Center for Customized Research and Services.

"The latest survey indicates 8.8 percent of responding businesses estimate viability of no more than three months," he said. "The decrease in business confidence is again largely a function of the uncertainty that has defined economic activity under the pandemic. As the state and its communities continue to tackle the challenge of the pandemic in different ways, we should expect to continue to see similar levels of uncertainty."

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Interior designer restores her own creative energy

By Carol Heffernan Herald Contributor

If you've had the pleasure of wandering through The Waters, the Jesuit Retreat House or the Paine Art Center and Gardens in Oshkosh, you've seen the work of internationally renowned designer Victoria Holzer. While she is well known throughout the Fox Valley and beyond for transforming spaces ranging from historic landmarks to residential homes, it's her life journey that truly inspires. How did Holzer, who grew up in Detroit, lived in Florida, California and Ohio, and worked in Italy, China and New York City, come to call Oshkosh home? worked in local flower stores before returning to her interior design roots when she was hired to design The Waters.

Shortly after, Holzer opened a studio on Algoma Street before moving to the corner of High Avenue and Market Street, where she ran her retail store for the next decade. With its prominent location, Victoria Holzer Inc. became a stylish mainstay downtown, featuring furniture, lighting, pillows, jewelry and home accessories that Holzer hand-selected from design shows the world over.



When the building on High Avenue was bought out, Holzer moved to a location on North Main Street while opening a second studio in Michigan. It was only a few months later that a breast cancer diagnosis turned her life upside down.

"In some ways, cancer was the best and worst thing that ever happened to me," Holzer said. "I learned so much about patience and compassion. The nurses and doctors and staff at Aurora in Oshkosh

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Light brigade

Volunteers help with this year's Celebration of Lights setup at Menominee Park for the holidays. Organizer Leon Thompson said they don't have many of the usual groups available to assist this year due to pandemic lockdowns. Work hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Contact Jodi Jensema at the Oshkosh Convention & Visitors Bureau at 303-9200 or Thompson at 410-4624 for volunteer information.

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"You can ask my husband about that," Holzer said with a laugh.

She came to the area in 2003 after meeting and marrying Neal Weber, a lifelong Oshkosh resident. Upon arrival, Holzer Her previous experience in the Asian export business and running a studio in Naples, Fla., informed many design choices unique to the Oshkosh area.

"When I was living in Naples I met clients who lived in Hong Kong and I eventually flew all over Asia purchasing furniture, antiques and accessories," Holzer said.

She maintained those connections in

Photo by Carol Heffernan Victoria Holzer has made Oshkosh her home since 2003 after meeting her husband here.

the export business, and stocks merchandise that stands apart from what is available at other area stores. were fantastic.

"So was Aaron Sherer from the Paine. He had hired me for a big project and kept me on, saying that he understood what I was going through and that this would be something for me to look forward to. Really a marvelous thing to do for someone." Sherer, the center's executive director, didn't hesitate to accommodate in the

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School district sets 2020-21 budget

Partial return to classroom instruction reviewed

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Area School District's Board of Education approved a \$51.9 million tax levy for the 2020-2021 school year last week to support its annual budget of \$150.4 million.

The total raised through property taxes will rise by \$517,000 over the previous year, but the mill rate will fall from \$9.22 to \$8.92 per \$1,000 of a property's equalized value. A home valued at \$150,000 will be assessed \$1,341 for its school portion of property taxes, \$42 less than the previous year.

The board finalized the budget after Sept. 10 public hearing and after enrollment counts used to set per-pupil spending statewide were determined with an average count of 9,727 students in the district.

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The state increased the per-pupil revenue formula by \$179 this year for funding of schools pending any further legislative action that could reduce state aid.

Among added expenses in the 2020-21 budget, of which 72 percent goes to salaries and employee benefits, health insurance costs will rise by 7 percent, or \$996,534.

A little less than a third of the school budget is paid by local taxes, with about 52 percent coming from the state and the rest from federal and other sources.

Ahead of the budget approval, Superintendent Vickie Cartwright reviewed changes to its hybrid learning model that would return students to the classroom as one of two alternating groups for two days a week. No timetable has been set for resumption of classroom instructions but the revised Model 3 will schedule attendance on the same two days of the week (Monday and Thursday for Group A, Tuesday and Friday for Group B) with Wednesdays being a virtual learning day

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for all students.

Five mothers of school district students, including a physician and a nurse, spoke during the meeting's general public forum to make strong pleas for returning to inclass instruction, most of them citing the negative effects of virtual learning on students of all ages in the long term.

Additionally, the district will be accepting midyear enrollment for its eAcademy online school starting Monday through Dec. 4 where students will also have the option to enroll out of eAcademy for the second semester.

The eAcademy is also offering an early learning program for prekindergarten children. The fully virtual option is for families who do not want in-person instruction but want to provide children with access to virtual learning this year.

District officials said the midyear enrollment period was established based on public feedback and with the understanding that family preferences may have changed after understanding and learning what is best for individual students.

Also during the Oct. 28 board meeting, Cartwright said the substitute teacher pool, which is usually between 180 and 200 available instructors, has dropped to about 20 and has led the district to ease substitute certification requirements to allow other paraprofessionals with at least an associate degree to fill some of those positions.

The district is offering to pay for a onetime training session that can be taken online to provide the instruction needed for substitute teaching certification. Interested support staff are asked to contact the district for details on the training process.



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A history timeline mural was created for display inside Fire Station 15 at 101 Court St.

Fire Department history captured in museum project

An Oshkosh Fire Department history timeline mural, highlighted with photos and images of artifacts from the Oshkosh Public Museum's collection, is a new feature in the lobby of Fire Station 15 at 101 Court St.

Fire Chief Mike Stanley and his department approached the museum to create the project. Museum registrar Emily Rock researched, selected photos and wrote the text for the timeline, graphic designer Daniel Fiser designed the layout and assistant curator Katrina Achilli edited a video that features films of the department from the 1910s, 1950s and present. The video will be available on a tablet within the mural to view.

The timeline complements the historic fire bell, which the museum and other city departments refurbished and installed outside Fire Station 15 last summer.





Photos and films from the history of the Oshkosh Fire Department are part of a new mural display at Fire Station 15.

The information and photos on the timeline mural will be available soon on the Oshkosh Fire Department website.



Fire chief honored for fall prevention efforts

Oshkosh Fire Chief Mike Stanley was honored last week with a National Firefighter Hero Award from the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation.

Stanley was recognized in a ceremony Wednesday for his leadership in dealing with the root causes of falls among older adults. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, falls are the leading cause of injury-related death among adults age 65 and older.

Jennifer Skolaski, owner of Community & Nonprofit Leadership Consulting, worked with Stanley on a falls prevention initiative that created a grant-funded community collaborative effort.

"Our multidisciplinary team conducted research to understand the experience and advice of older adults, services providers and community change agents," Skolaski said. "Our results led to an action plan that only happened due to his leadership."

City Manager Mark Rohloff said of the recognition, "Chief Stanley represents the finest in fire service and service to the community. He has a passion for service."

Anthony Maglica, chief executive of Mag Instrument Inc., whose Maglite subsidiary sponsors the award, said his company is committed to supporting the program and the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation.

"I am very happy to honor this true hero with this award and a donation to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation in his name which will be permanently dis-



Fire Department photo Oshkosh Fire Chief Mike Stanley was awarded a National Firefighter Hero Award.

played on a brick at the National Fallen Firefighters Walk of Honor," Maglica said in a statement

The National Firefighter Hero program is an effort between Maglite and the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation that periodically honors single firefighters, groups or departments for commitment to excellence in firefighting and related activities. Since 1992, the nonprofit foundation has developed and expanded programs to honor fallen fire heroes, assist their families in rebuilding their lives, and reduce firefighter deaths and injuries.



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Comic Book Creation Challenge awards given

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Winners of the annual Mark Gruenwald Comic Book Creation Challenge, which encourages participants to write and draw their own comic book stories, were announced last week.

Organized through the Oshkosh Public Library with the support of the Winnebago Area Literacy Council, House of Heroes and Zaronis restaurant, the contest is named for Oshkosh native Gruenwald, former executive editor of Marvel Comics and a longtime creator for Captain America and in charge of other long-running stories including The Avengers, Iron Man and Thor. He died in 1996 at age 43.

Contest winners:

Alayna Hernandez of Oshkosh in the Sidekicks category (ages 5-7) for her "Schooltime Today" creation.

Rune Severstad of Neenah in the Heroes category (ages 8-10) for his "Yolas vs. the Creepy Corona."

Talia Tonn from Cecil for the Super-

heroes category (ages 11-13) with "PPE League: Personal Protective Equipment."

Sisters Adeline and Ruby Anklam in the Eternals category (ages 14-17) for "Honey Hammy's Great Escape."

Craig Knitt, a teacher from Oshkosh, repeated as winner of the Celestials category (ages 18 and older) for "Our World in Quarantine!" "I would encourage anybody and everybody to get out there and create a story for the Comic Book Challenge," Knitt said in accepting the award. "Every single person in the world has a unique story that they can share with the world."

Sara Klein and her children Maya and Payton Marquardt won the Incredibles family category with their comic creation titled "Ignorance Crusher."

Honorable mentions went to "Dinosaur Heroes" by Bain Schuhart, "Mythfits" by Codey Stelzner and "Esprit de Adoa" by Ari Hauck.

The awards presentation can be seen on YouTube and found on Oshkosh Media.

Library photo contest winners named

The winners of Oshkosh Public Library's F Stop: Shelter Online Photography Contest and Exhibit were recently chosen by a panel of local photo experts.

Community members ages 13 and older were asked to submit original photos and descriptions reflecting their interpretations of shelter during the pandemic. Among the prizes were professional framing services from contest sponsor Camera

Casino, gift cards and photography-related equipment.

First place in the adult category went to Sawyer Erickson. Second place was Kathy Murphy and third place went to Kelly Reyer.

For ages 13 to 17, Jaiden Malloy took first place, second was Chantell Ownes and third went to Andreas Cerney.

F Stop: Shelter's 46 entries can be viewed at oshkoshpubliclibrary.org.



"The Carp" is one of the images accompanied by a poem on display at Jambalaya Arts.

Gallery features art, poetry collaboration

Local artist Amie Brownfield and poet Troy Schoultz are hosting a collaborative exhibit at Jambalaya Arts in downtown Oshkosh titled "Remnants," a collection of found photographs, objects and memories.

"I have been collecting old photographs for quite some time. About a year ago I came across a jar full of random objects at the antique mall in town. I had the idea of pairing these objects with my photographs; matching things with what I thought the people in the pictures may have owned," Brownfield said. "Upon he was intrigued and I suggested he write a poem about each one and the collection was started."

The collection is being featured at Jambalaya during a gallery walk Saturday and later at another venue with the goal of being a traveling exhibit.

They plan on producing a short book with images of the assemblages and poems. Brownfield has produced works for the Lake Fly Sculptures and Mini Mural projects. Several of Schoultz's poems have been published, including some of those in the exhibit.







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Love Oshkosh promotes community kindness

A Love Oshkosh campaign launched this week encourages residents to show kindness and care for others in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Funded through a federal CARES Act grant, the effort features community members who work in various industries describing personal reasons for hand washing, social distancing and mask-wearing. The goal is to spark conversation and increase actions that help stop the spread of coronavirus.

'We know that there are so many people who love this community and care for one another's well-being," said Amy Albright, executive director of the Oshkosh Convention & Visitors Bureau. "That's why we're showcasing how together, we care for one another, for the health of our residents and our business community."

The campaign through social and traditional media communicates reasons residents are wearing masks, from keeping families and children safe to helping small business remain open. Among the reasons cited:

• "We owe it to the children and families we serve to do everything we can to keep them safe," said Tracy Ogden, chief operating officer of the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh.

• "I wear masks and practice safe and healthy behaviors to help save my life, that of my family and my co-workers, and to help protect our community," said Steve McCoy, production operator at Muza Metal Products.

• "It's an easy way to help out our heroes in the medical field," said Jon Doemel, owner of Zaronis restaurant.

Residents are invited to share their reasons on social media using the hashtag #LoveOshkosh.

"When people need to go out, we want them to stay safe," City Manager Mark Rohloff said. "We're asking people to show kindness by social distancing, hand washing and mask-wearing. With these simple acts of kindness, we can protect one another and our local business community."

Community members also are encouraged to take a pledge to help fight COVID-19 through the Be Safe Wisconsin website.

Strong Challenge encourages activities

The Oshkosh Community YMCA is encouraging residents to participate in a six-week Strong Challenge to add weekly activities to their fitness goals for a healthier spirit and mind.

Activity suggestions that can be done at the gym, home, in the community or virtually will be provided each week, and participants can create their own ideas to play, connect, rest, serve and celebrate successes.

The challenge can be joined by signing up at www.oshkoshymca.org/programs



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or at either YMCA. Families are encouraged to sign up together. Participants will receive three weekly emails on goal setting, motivation and challenges. A Facebook group will provide a way to share progress and successes.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has worn us down. It has isolated us in so many ways," said local YMCA president and CEO Jeff Schneider. "This challenge provides an opportunity to get active and healthier by yourself or as a Strong family."



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Barrel-aged sours serving a fresh generation

By Lee Reiherzer Herald contributor

A sour beer can be a tough sell. For the casual beer drinker, the mere idea of sour beer can be off-putting. But that's a rather recent bias.

Before the 19th century and the rise of industrial lager brewing, tart and sour flavors in beer were not only common, they were sought after and appreciated. Drew Roth isn't thinking he's going to undo a couple of centuries' worth of ideas about flavor. He's just trying to offer an alternative for those interested in exploring the breadth of what a traditional beer can be.

Roth is brewmaster at Fox River Brewing and earlier this year launched what is now the most extensive barrel-aged, sourbeer program Oshkosh has seen. To date, Fox River has released three beers in its "Foxxine" series of small-batch sours.

Roth had been hoping to work something like this into the Fox River lineup since becoming the brewmaster there last year. He spotted an opportunity after the pandemic struck.

"We hit the shutdown period and had this fully fermented batch of beer in the tank that we didn't think we were going to need," Roth said. "And we had these empty wine and bourbon barrels sitting idle that had outlived their use for nonsours. So the thought was, we've got these barrels, and I've got these sour cultures I know work, so instead of just dumping the beer, let's put it in the barrels. Worst-case scenario, we dump out the barrels."

The beer that went into those 59-gallon oak barrels just happened to be ideal for



Fox River Brewing brewmaster Drew Roth stands with his Foxxine barrel-aged sour.

Roth's purpose.

"The original batch was the base beer for our Red Bobber," he said. "There's a sizable amount of wheat in there, which those mixed cultures love, and the hops are low enough not to inhibit the growth of the culture."

Roth has been working up his various sour cultures since his homebrewing days. They're a mix of wild yeast and bacteria that have the ability to re-ferment beer that has already undergone primary fer-

mentation. The "bugs," as brewers sometimes call them, tend to work slowly and perform best in warmer temperatures.

"We kicked the barrels out to a secondary storage facility where we filled them and inoculated them with the sour culture," Roth said. "They sat out there in a non-temperature-controlled environment. During the summer I'm sure it was up to 90 degrees in there. That beer soured very quickly."

Some four months after the barrels had been filled, Foxxine #1 was released Sept. 17. It was the first mixed-culture beer Fox River had ever produced. Roth had made the most of the bad situation the pandemic had handed him. A beer on the verge of being flushed had been re-made into a tart, dry ale with notes of pineapple, vanilla and oak similar to those found in bar-



per Genworth 2019 Cost of Care Survey HAPPY HOLIDAYS! rel-aged Chardonnay.

That degree of flavor complexity is what differentiates Fox River's barrel-aged from the more commonly found and quickly produced "kettle sours" many craft brewers now offer. The latter beers tend to lean heavily on fruit juices, sugars and other flavorings to quell the blunt acidity "quick souring" produces.

Or, as Roth said, "by adding anything to it to make it not sour anymore." He isn't opposed to using fruit in his sours but would rather employ it as an accent rather than making it the main feature.

For Foxxine #2, he used black currant to highlight the jammy, dark-fruit flavors produced from a separate sour culture working in tandem with the barrel aging.

"I don't foresee these super fruity, super sweet sours lasting too much longer," Roth said. "It just seems like every year or two we rediscover a beer that has already existed."

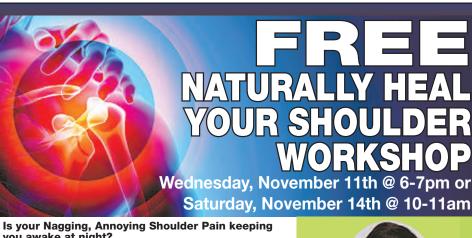
He's hopeful that the barrel-aged sours he's making will get to see their time come again. In the meantime, Roth continues to build up his barrelage.

"I have eight barrels going right now," he said. "The ninth one will be added soon and that's about as far I want to carry it for now.

"The goal is to keep bringing them out. I want to get to the point where we have a barrel-aged sour on at all times. It's going to be an ongoing project. I want to concentrate on the flavors we develop from the mixed cultures and the barrels and eventually get into blending beers from the different barrels to achieve specific flavor profiles. I love making them. As long as people keep drinking them I'll keep making them."

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."





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UWO theater streaming its fall productions

By Shane Nyman UW Oshkosh Today

Where some might have seen insurmountable obstacles, the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh theater department saw opportunities.

It was clear well before the start of the fall semester the coronavirus pandemic was going to disrupt daily life on campus. So department leaders got to thinking—and later got to work—on how to safely stage theatrical productions under these circumstances.

The result of that planning will be in the spotlight soon, as the UW Oshkosh theater department will present its 2020-21 season, titled Love, Guilt and Other Family Values, in a virtual-only format beginning in late November. It consists of two plays, both of which will be available to stream online Nov. 28-Dec. 6. A single ticket purchase grants access to both performances, which will be filmed without a live audience on campus in the coming weeks.

Both shows will be produced for online audiences in what's become a new and exciting collaboration with the UWO radio TV film (RTF) department.

"It's way different from what normally happens," said theater professor and department chair Merlaine Angwall. "Completely different. We're in uncharted territory here."

The first production is the play "Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike," written by Christopher Durang and directed by



Actors rehearse for "Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike," a UW Oshkosh theater production that will be filmed for livestreaming this season.

Angwall. The second is "The Glass Menagerie," written by Tennessee Williams and directed by Richard Kalinoski.

Tickets for access to the YouTube streams are \$8.50 for the general public and \$2 for students, faculty, staff and alumni. One ticket grants access to both productions.

"Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike" is a comedy about three middle-age siblings—two who've never left their childhood Pennsylvania home and a third, a successful world-traveling actress. The actress returns home and upheaval ensues.

"The Glass Menagerie" is an autobiographical Williams classic about a

Hunters urged to watch for 'invaders'

The state Department of Natural Resources is reminding waterfowl hunters to help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species in hunting areas and adjacent wa-

ters during this migratory bird season. Mud can hide seeds, the bulbils of starry stonewort and the eggs or larvae of tiny invaders like spiny water fleas. The faucet snail, which carries intestinal flukes that can kill ducks if they consume them, is also of particular concern.

Before launching into and leaving a water body, hunters are asked to inspect waders, boats, trailers, motors and hunting equipment; remove all plants, animals and mud to the best of their ability; drain all water from decoys, boats, motors, livewells and other hunting equipment; and not to move plants or live fish away from a water body.

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frustrated writer, his nagging and often lost-in-memory mother, and shy sister. It launched the concept of a "memory play."

Theater students were hard at work on preparing for the filming of "Vanya" planned for last Sunday at the Theatre Arts Center. The filming of the second play will take place later this month.

"We're all practicing COVID protocols and using those guidelines. We're rehearsing in masks. For performances we're wearing these face shields," Angwall said. "It's weird but it just kind of becomes another convention and I think after you see the first minute of it you forget it's there.

"We're very careful and I chuckled when I saw the sports teams staying in their own bubble because we're kind of doing that too."

The plans on how students could execute

a theater season were put together using guidelines from various groups, including the Association for Theatre in Higher Education, the U.S. Institute for Theatre Technology and the Actors' Equity Association.

"It really is mutually beneficial," said Justine Stokes, who, as director of television services, is managing the RTF involvement. "Typically we'd be spending our fall live broadcasting sports. That's a big part of what we do at Titan TV."

With no football, volleyball or other athletic action to film, the opportunity to work with the theater department on two projects works out for all involved. There are about 16 students from two of Stokes' classes, either Studio Production or Television Practicum, with roles in the filming, editing and other work to bring the plays to a YouTube audience.

The students have been enthusiastic about taking on the challenge, and have been using the recently released Hamilton performance on Disney+ as inspiration.

Stokes said the two departments getting together in this way is a fine example of how the University has responded to the pandemic—not just with keeping its community safe and open, but within its academic programs.

"We're shifting with our industries," she said. "What we're doing isn't a UW Oshkosh fix. This is something that our two fields have had to figure out and they have had to answer the call of how to still produce content safely during a pandemic and how to still bring theater to audiences at home.

"That is what I'm really trying to instill in my students, that this is still preparing you for your careers."



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Council approves duplex project, solar panels

By Tom Ekvall HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Common Council last week approved a conditional use permit for Midwest Real Estate Development of Oshkosh to build seven residential duplexes in the 3200 block of East White Tail Lane.

The permit was required because there are more than three principal structures to be built on a single tract of land. The developments will include a single-story, two-unit structure that will be leased to tenants in an area that already has condominiums. The Planning Commission had recommended approval of the development.

Another conditional use permit was also approved for installation of roof-mounted solar energy panels on a house at 924 S. Sawyer St. owned by Grant Schlieve. Mayor Lori Palmeri said she was excited to see more solar energy panels being used in the community.

Council members also approved an

operating budget request by the Greater Oshkosh Business Improvement District Board for \$140,610 to fund activities promoting the downtown area. The amount is the same as adopted for 2020. This includes the salary and other expenses for the Downtown Improvement manager, special events promotion and beautification activities. The district is bounded by the Fox River to the south, Division Street to the west, Parkway Avenue to the north and Jefferson Street/State Street to the east.

The budget was recommended by the BID Board and does not require city expenditure of funds. Costs are self-assessed by businesses in the district based on a formula. A new project in 2020 was implementation of a mural grant program to encourage artists and business owners to showcase art murals of the community. The group also supports the Saturday Farmers Market, a holiday parade and other special events.

In other meeting topics:

Trivia fundraiser supports shelter work

The Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Oshkosh class of 2020 ran a virtual trivia contest and silent auction Sept. 24 that netted \$13,310 in support of the Day by Day Warming Shelter and the chamber's Foundation for the Leadership Oshkosh program.

The fundraiser was a component of the group's program to develop current and emerging leaders from the community and train them to become active and involved citizens.

"Because of their generosity, we were

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able to provide additional summer outreach services that allowed us to see and help more people and implement a new street outreach program," said Molly Yatso Butz, the shelter's executive director. "In addition, with the hiring of a full-time program coordinator, we were able to create our new Gateways to Goals programming model to be used with guests for Season 10, that will help Day by Day guests achieve success towards a life of independence."

• City Manager Mark Rohloff and Finance Director Russ Von Gompel highlighted the proposed city budget for 2021, which is presently at \$41,952,700, which represents a 2.98 percent increase at \$1,215,300 over the present budget.

• A budget hearing will be held at 5 p.m. Wednesday with a workshop to follow. The council is scheduled to adopt the budget at its Nov. 10 meeting. Residents interested in taking up budget issues must do so through remote participation because of the ongoing pandemic. There are no city meetings where people can testify in person at the present time.

• Rohloff noted that the city had a high rate of return of absentee ballots arriving with the last week before the election. The city was providing free rides on GO Transit buses to anyone going to the polls or for other business that day.

• The council approved a one-year

Back in the Day



Nov. 5, 1957 Cornerstone Laid for New Washington Elementary School: The cornerstone for the new Washington Elementary School was officially laid on Monday afternoon. The school is located on the old Frentz School site which extends from Winnebago Street through to School Street. Presiding over the event was school Principal Paul R. Schwandt and Perry A. Tipler, school superintendent. Students from the fourth, fifth and sixth grade classes participated in the program by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and singing

contract extension with Runnin, Inc. to provide nonambulatory auto service for those with disabilities at a negotiated rate of \$35 per one-way trip.

• Transportation Director Jim Collins said the firm has experienced losses to date and had sought an increase because expenses exceeded revenues. The firm was the only firm submitting a bid to provide services. The firm had requested a rate of \$39.92 for 2021 in comparison to the present rate of \$24.25. The one-year extension will mean that both the nonambulatory and ambulatory rates will be bid out together, with a potential for savings to whichever firm is awarded the contract.

The federal and state governments will pay 53 percent of the additional costs. Winnebago County will pay 30 percent, with the city covering the 17 percent balance through GO Transit funds.

"America." A copper box was placed in the cornerstone containing such items as the school history, a photo of the present pupils, history of the school's PTA, copies of the Oshkosh Northwestern, report card forms and several other items. The architects are Sandstedt & Knoop and Irion & Reinke of Oshkosh. The contractor is Ben Ganther. The present Washington School, located at Otter and Mill Streets, traces its history back to 1861. The original building was largely destroyed by fire in 1875. Rebuilt, then enlarged in 1883, the name of the school was changed to the Second Ward School. It contained a tower and belfry, which was considered dangerous and was torn down in 1884. The current site was once the location of the Frentz School that was demolished during World War I.

> Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, Nov. 5, 1957

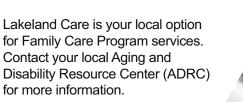


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midst of Holzer's health crisis.

"Anything I could say about Victoria would be raving," he said. "She's extremely good at what she does. She was the perfect fit for the projects at the Paine. She really appreciated the period and quality and wanted to make sure that the projects we did measured up to that. She's also just a joy to work with. She works really hard and is willing to keep at it until we get it right."

Holzer's projects included redesigning the lower level into a lounge and art-making area – preserving the style of the Paine period - along with redoing the master bedroom.

"The bedroom had been put together in a hodgepodge way," Sherer said. "We went back to original drawings, plans and fabrics, and looked at the period and what the Paines were planning, then did our best to create the room in that style. I am thrilled with the outcome."

While working on select projects, Holzer endured chemotherapy, surgery and radiation - and is extremely grateful for a clean bill of health. She decided to take a step back from her life of hustle and bustle but continues to do interior design locally, helping families and businesses create the spaces they've always wanted.

Oshkosh resident Ann Wing is among them, hiring Holzer to help design her new home.



The master bedroom at the Paine Art Center was refurbished by designer Victoria Holzer.

Photo courtesy of the Paine and Weston Imaging Gr

"I reached out to her and after the first 10 minutes of our conversation, I knew I had found the designer I was going to work with," Wing said. "What was originally the need of a second opinion about paint choices became expert help with furniture purchases, room layouts and a kitchen redo.

"I appreciated how important our projects

were to her, but also the way that she made us feel; it was as if we were her only clients. We love all the decisions Victoria helped us with in our home and are very grateful to have found someone so talented."

Holzer offers services ranging from hourly consultations to working with a team of owners, crews and contractors. Regardless of the project, Holzer says her favorite part of the job is the people.

"There's nothing like the feeling of seeing my clients' design visions come to life," she said.

After closing her Michigan store, Holzer is hosting a final clearance sale in Oshkosh at a temporary location, 2359a Bowen St., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 12-14. With up to 75 percent off merchandise, Holzer hopes to offer the community an opportunity to purchase special furniture, lighting and jewelry at a deeply discounted rate.

"Oshkosh has been great to me," Holzer said. "The people here are wonderful and supportive. I think of my dearest friend, Kim Price, who was with me through everything. There are so many others I can't even elaborate. But it's all about the people."

Talk to any of the countless friends Holzer has made here over the last 15-plus years, and they would say they're the lucky ones.



Breast cancer support

Miravida Living celebrated and supported those who have fought breast cancer during October's National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Miravida team members and survivors Catharine Tesch (from left), Laura Tod and Sandy King prepared a celebration cart with pink treats for its residents.

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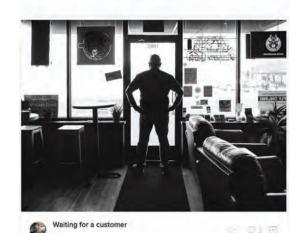
The Library of Congress selected Oshkosh photographer Jim Koepnick's photo of Kenneth Osmond standing in the doorway of his Planet Perk restaurant as an addition to its "Covid-19 American Experiences" Flickr Gallery.

Osmond has been one of the leaders in the community for promoting safe business operations during the pandemic. Koepnick's photo was part of a Sigma Corporation of America blog on essential workers that the global company's U.S. subsidiary provides for photography interests.

Koepnick is an independent digital journalist specializing in aviation, sports and street/ documentary photography. His clients include Sigma Corp.,

Flying Magazine, Plane and Pilot, Our Wisconsin Magazine, Cirrus aircraft, Ripon College and the Oshkosh Convention & Visitors Bureau.

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Aerial assault pushes Lourdes past Coleman

By Dustin Riese HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Another week and another schedule change that didn't affect the Lourdes football team as the Knights made the trip to Coleman for a match between unbeatens.

Thanks to Josh Bauer, who accounted for six touchdowns, the Knights held off a late rally in a 39-32 win to move to 6-0 on the season.

Bauer and Preston Ruedinger connected all night as he found the star wideout in the endzone four times. Bauer finished with 303 yards and five touchdowns while Ruedinger had five catches for 190 yards and four touchdowns.

"I'm really proud of our effort," head coach Kevin Wopat said of the win. "We thought going into this game we may need our offense to do more of the heavy lifting as Coleman is really good offensively. We had two fumbles in the late third and early fourth quarter that allowed this game to be a four-quarter game. We've struggled holding onto the ball the last two weeks but have found ways to get it done. We didn't run a lot of offensive plays, but they didn't get us off the field either."

After jumping out to a 20-point lead midway through the third quarter, Coleman rallied and cut it to 6 points late in the third before cutting it to just one point at the 7:18 mark in the fourth quarter.

However, Lourdes answered with a touchdown 20 seconds later on a game-sealing touchdown from Bauer to McKellips for 68 yards to make it 39-32.

"We got up 26-6 and seemed to have the game in control," Wopat said. "They completed four passes on back to back possessions, and three of those completions felt like they could've hit our defensive back in the head. Like the Randolph game, we could've knocked a ball down or picked it off, and they ended up with the ball and in or near the end zone. We lost Gabe Bohn to injury in the first play of the third quarter (starting for injured Tim Kaull at running back) and that left a big hole on both sides of the ball for us."

Bohn finished with 48 yards on 10 carries while Will Pollack had 37 yards on six carries in Kaull's absence.

But the big story was the air attack for the Knights, especially in the third quarter. Bauer found Ruedinger to open the game for a 77-yard touchdown and then found him for a 47-yard touchdown early in the third quarter. He found Ruedinger twice more in that third quarter as the two dominated all night long.

"The best thing that happened tonight was in the 3rd quarter when Bauer was under pressure on their second connection and threw the ball on time and on a cut," Wopat said. "Their defensive backs weren't in bad positions, the throw and catches were better. Both kids are special players and we needed all their connections last night. To be honest, the biggest throw Bauer had was staring down Preston and throwing a great ball to McKellips for our final touchdown after Coleman had made it a one point game. Jack ran a great route and Bauer hit him in stride and got momentum right back on our side."

The win moves Lourdes to 6-0 on the season as they head to Fall River/Rio on Friday for its final regular season game.

After Lourdes led 7-0, Coleman made it a 7-6 game before Bauer ran a touchdown himself from 2 yards out to make it 13-6 going into the half. After the big third quarter, where Bauer threw three touchdowns, Coleman scored back to back times to make it 33-32 before Bauer found McKellips for the game-sealing score.

Coleman rushed for 201 yards as a team while Cayden Bintz threw for 125 yards and two touchdowns.

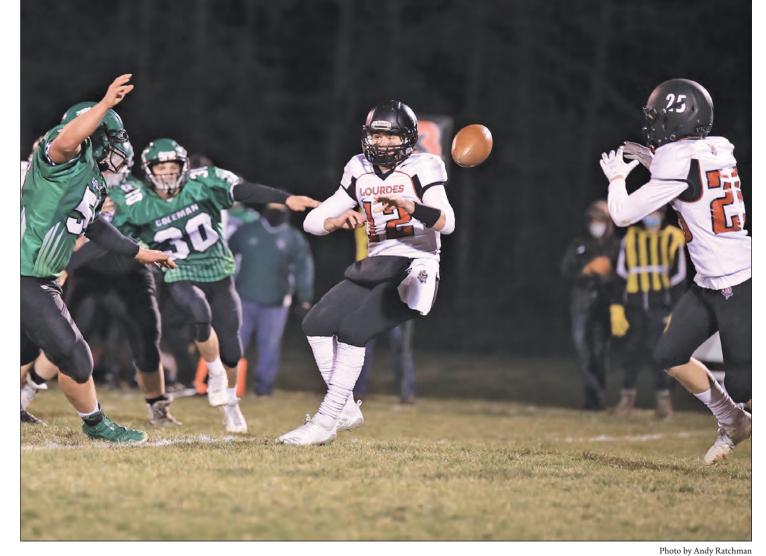
Dominic Kane had five catches for 37 yards for the Knights while Charlie Weber had a big day on the defensive side, recording 15 tackles while Pollack and

Lourdes quarterback Josh Bauer tosses the ball to Will Pollack for a gain Friday night against Coleman.

Thomas Derleth had interceptions.

The Knights are scheduled to meet Fall River/Rio this Friday in a Trailways/ Small conference matchup.





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CROSS-COUNTRY

Patterson finishes 16th at Division 3 state meet

Valley Christian's Leah Patterson had the best finish among Oshkosh runners at the WIAA Division 3 state championships on Saturday, finishing 16th.

Patterson completed her race in 20:01.07 while Lourdes had two runners competing. Mary Husman was right behind Patterson, finishing 19th with a time of 20:10.89 while Molly Moore was 46th with a time of 21:12.97.

The winning race came from Manitowoc Lutheran's Brooklyn Luebke, who won with a time of 18:55.53. Lancaster won the team title.

FOOTBALL

Belmont stops St. Mary/ Valley Christian in 8-man

The St. Mary Catholic/Valley Christian 8-man football team got behind early in a 54-6 loss against Belmont on Friday night.

Belmont found itself ahead 30-0 after one quarter and added 22 more in the second. Valley Christian/St. Mary Catholic got its lone score in the fourth quarter when Luke Steffen found Atticus Johnson for a 5-yard touchdown.

Steffen led the team in rushing with 29 yards as St. Mary Catholic/Valley Christian had a hard time getting its offense going, totaling only 23 total yards.

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Study finds high school sports not boosting cases

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In a recent study conducted by the University of Wisconsin, participation in high school sports in Wisconsin has not led to an increase in COVID-19 infections among participants.

The study showed that the contraction rate was actually lower based off a statewide sample of 30,000 student-athletes for 14- to 17-year-olds overall.

"Nonetheless, we acknowledge that COVID-19 is a dangerous disease that continues to spread throughout the country," the study's authors wrote. "It remains unclear, however, whether sport participation with risk mitigation procedures in

Survey

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The 422 responding state business owners — representing 19,700 employees report the following changes in the past month: \$1.4 million in income losses, \$218,000 in inventory losses, \$838,000 in lost wages and productivity, 1,907 lost positions, and \$3.2 million in other financial gains.

The October results continue to show the renewed downward trend observed last month with some exception, Sachse said. Businesses continue to report other financial gains generally associated with future activity, suggesting that they may be exchanging current revenue for future revenue.

Sachse added that 42 percent of respon-



place increases the risk of children contracting COVID-19 and potentially passing the virus on to other individuals."

In the statewide sample, 271 COVID-19 cases were reported out of the 30,000 athletes. Those attributed to sports were just 0.5 percent. The greatest percentage came from household contact (55 percent) and community contact (41 percent).

Lourdes Academy had a COVID-19 outbreak last month that resulted in the boys soccer team and girls volleyball team not having enough players to roster a team in the playoffs, which ended their seasons.

The study also showed no difference in the rate of contraction between athletes attending schools virtually or in person.

dents believe that they will be dealing with the pandemic for at least the next year, with 14 percent suggesting the impact will continue through 2022 and beyond.

Similarly, business respondents believe that the state's economy will begin to recover in the latter half of next year with 34 percent suggesting the economy may recover to pre-pandemic levels in the second half of 2021 and 31 percent seeing recovery in 2022.

"The October survey again confirms our assertion that the impacts of COVID-19 on the state's economy are both lengthy and varied," Sachse said. "We will continue to explore the sources of the uncertainty expressed in recent results to better understand the potential impacts of future policy as we survey businesses through the end of this year."

The survey is a partnership of UWO, the state's nine Regional Development Organizations, including New North, and the Wisconsin Economic Development Corp. Results can be found at uwosh.edu/ ccrs/covid-19-survey. The next survey be-

Audrey Poberezny dies

Audrey Poberezny, wife of the the Experimental Aircraft Association's late founder Paul Poberezny, died in Oshkosh

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as a sophomore, throwing the shot put

and discus for the first time. There was no track season last year due to the pandemic.

"The shot and discus were like wrestling

— new to me — and were very frustrating

at first because I didn't understand form

and what exactly I was supposed to do,"

he said. "But you meet new people and get

your form down as the year goes on. Like

Stobb has been weight training and

sprinting on a regular basis to prepare

for both the upcoming wrestling and

spring football seasons after the school

district postponed its fall sports season. A

rock-solid student, Stobb plans to attend

college next year and hopes to play foot-

"I'm bummed that we don't have foot-

ball right now, but down the road we'll

be playing new teams and there will be

new opportunities," he said. "I'm do-

ing all kinds of stuff to stay in shape. My

dad (Bob) has even put me on a workout

program that he used to do when he was

younger. I'll be ready for it."

wrestling, track was a blast."

ball at the next level.

West's Stobb makes impact in two sports

By Tim Froberg HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Combine hustle, muscle and a desire to dominate. What you get is a heck of a football player. What you get is Riley Stobb.

Stobb's focus, work ethic and aggressiveness has made him an anchor in the trenches for the Oshkosh West football team and a successful Wildcats' wrestler in the upper weight classes.

"He's a tremendous kid who I'm happy to coach," said West football and wrestling head coach Duane Hartkopf. "He has a hunger to always learn more and craft his abilities. He's an athlete you can de-



pend on. He does the right things. He's also a phenomenal leader, a great teammate who is always willing to put in the work and not complain."

Stobb

Stobb's hard work has paid off. He was a twoway starter last season for the Wildcats and an

all-conference lineman on both sides of the ball. The 5-foot-11, 229-pound Stobb was a member of the all-Valley Football Association Southern Division first-team offense as a lineman and landed second-team honors at defensive end.

"I've been playing both ways since I was on the Flyers in sixth grade," Stobb said. "I want to dominate when I'm out there."

He gets plenty of chances to do that along the Wildcats offensive line as the team's right guard.

"I think my strength is that I'm more of a fast pulling guard type than someone who downblocks a lot," Stobb said. "I like to get there and meet the guy first, make contact and destroy the guy. I'm faster off the ball than most guys and I like to use my speed.

"Pass blocking is a lot tougher. You don't get to run through people and dominate.



Riley Stobb was named to the all-Valley Football Association Southern Division first-team offense as a lineman and second-team defensive end.

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You have people coming to you."

Defensively, Stobb had a team-high two sacks for the Wildcats last season along with 39 tackles, including three for losses.

Stobb is more than just a quality football player. He's a highly competitive wrestler who was a sectional qualifier and had a winning record last season despite little experience on the mat.

The 2019 season was Stobb's first in organized wrestling. He gave it a shot upon the urging of one of his football coaches and it turned out to be a great decision.

"It's a lot of fun to compete (in wrestling)," Stobb said. "Wrestling keeps you focused. Keeps you on your toes. I kind of muscled some kids at times rather than use good technique, but I learned a lot about technique as I went along.

"I really enjoyed it. I felt like I learned something new almost every day — not

Community garden proposals sought

The city's Redevelopment Authority is seeking proposals for creation, management and operation of community gardens on five separate properties.

The parcels are on West Custer Avenue, North Main Street (south of New York Avenue), East Lincoln Avenue (adjacent to railroad tracks), 422 Otter Ave. and on Oregon Street adjacent to Oaks Candy Store. Applicants will be required to obtain a conditional use permit and follow zoning and land requirements.

If parcels are leased, the RDA requires the applicant to construct raised beds and

use a solid, appropriate barrier between the soil and ground as to not disturb the soil.

The community garden concept seeks to provide residents with gardening, recreational and socializing opportunities; enabling residents within city boundaries to supplement diets with home-grown produce; and provide space for community members to learn about resource conservation, urban gardening and related issues.

Visit www.ci.oshkosh.wi.us under the Economic Development tab. All proposals need to be submitted to bwustmann@ ci.oshkosh.wi.us by Nov. 20.

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Stobb also competed in track and field



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Obituaries

Paula C. Rumbold

Paula Christine Rumbold died on October 26, 2020, at the age of 67.

Paula retired from Trinity Lutheran School after teaching for over 40 years. After retirement, she continued on as church organist and choir director deriving much pleasure from the beautiful music her choir made. Paula was a loving wife and mother. She was born on December 23, 1952 to Edward Lathrop and Lola Kively in Stockton, California. Paula met and later married David Rumbold while attending Concordia Oakland. She earned her bachelor's degree from Concordia Teachers college in River Forest, and a master's degree in elementary education from SUNY-Oneonta while serving in Schenevus, NY. Paula earned her PHT (Putting Hubby Through) from Concordia Seminary in Exile-Seminex. She began her teaching career in the first year of her marriage of 46 years and supported her husband through the many years of his professional training. Paula gave birth to her only child, Jennifer Noel, while serving at St. Matthews in St. Louis, Missouri. In 1993, Paula and David accepted a call to Oshkosh, where she began as

the church organist and later joined the teaching staff at Trinity Lutheran Church and School. Paula loved teaching the little ones, directing choir, doing needle work, and scrapbooking.

Paula was the eldest of four, leaving behind her two brothers and sister; Carol (Rich) Lathrop-Riboli and her children Richie and Ryan and granddaughter Aubrey; Gary (Marianne) Lathrop and his children Elena and Henry; and Eric Lathrop.

The kindness and care expressed by the staff of Mercy Hospital as well as Miravida Living over these last very difficult months was deeply appreciated and we thank you from the depths of our heart, may God continue to bless you to be a blessing to others.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, October 30, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church (370 Bowen Street) with the Rev. Ricky Schroeder officiating. Visitation will be held at the church one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established to Trinity Lutheran Church Choir.

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Jacob H. Propp

Jack Propp passed away peacefully on Oct. 26, 2020. He was born on November



28, 1941 in Fort Morgan, Colorado, a farming community in the northeastern part of the state. He was the third son of Jacob and Marie Propp. While still in high school, he worked as a radio

announcer for KFTM, the local radio station. He gained a strong work ethic from an early age by working on the family farm. Typically, children as young as 7 were driving small tractors.

He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Colorado in 1963 with a chemistry major. In 1965 he was awarded a Master of Science degree from the University of Minnesota in Analytical Chemistry. He went on to earn a PhD in Analytical Chemistry from the University of Illinois in 1968.

On December 23, 1963 he married Kathleen McGuire from Boulder, CO. He is survived by his wife of 56 years and two daughters, Lisa Opitz (Mark) and Jennifer Dreikosen (Robert); brother Melvin (Karen); sisters-in-law Marilyn Propp, Margaret Betchart and Susan McGuire; and grandchildren Ellen and Peter Opitz. Preceding him in death were his parents, brother Kenneth (Marilyn), sister Helen and brotherin-law Bill Betchart (Margaret).

In 1968 he accepted an assistant professorship at UW-Oshkosh teaching analytical chemistry. While at UW-Oshkosh he was involved extensively in student research and served as the Director of Medical Technology for several years. In 1983 he was hired as a research scientist for the James River Corporation (a paper company which is now owned by Georgia-Pacific). He worked at the Neenah Technical Center (NTC), which is the corporate research lab responsible for product development and problem solving in the consumer products division. While at NTC he co-authored several patents. He retired as a Senior Research Fellow in 2004.

Jack enjoyed golf, playing bridge, gardening, fishing, reading, international travel, and singing. He was a frequent bass soloist in high school and a member of a select 12-member madrigal group at the University of Colorado. He was a member of the White Heron Chorale and was one of the founding members of the Oshkosh Chamber Singers. He was also a long-time member of the Algoma Boulevard United Methodist (ABUMC) chancel choir. He was a frequent soloist in all of these groups. During his time as chair of the board for the Oshkosh Chamber Singers, he worked with Carl Chapman to organize the Oshkosh Youth Choir. He was also selected to sing in a select group of twelve male Master Singers when it first formed in Appleton. Applicants from throughout northeast Wisconsin auditioned for the few spots.

In addition to singing, Jack was extensively involved in his church (ABUMC) where he chaired several committees including: Trustees, Staff Parish Relations, and Stewardship. He developed a computer spreadsheet used to count and allocate weekly donations to the church. Until recently he served as an usher and Scripture reader. He also volunteered for Meals on Wheels and the Winnebago Area Literacy Council, where he provided English language tutoring for immigrants. He will be dearly missed by his family, friends and those in the community who have been touched by his singing and generosity.

Due to COVID, there will be a private memorial service at Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Winnebago Area Literacy Council, Oshkosh Chamber Singers, or Wisconsin Public Radio would be appreciated.





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Military Mascots

in this article.

The first mascot given to the United States Murine Corps in 1922, was a bulldog by the name of Private Jiggs. He quickly rows in the ranks to become a Sergeant Major. Bulldogs have appeared as mascots for several units since then. The kerrent mascot of the Marine Barracks in Washington, DC, is the 14th. He is named "Chesty" after a famous Marine Lieutenant General Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller Jr. Chesty goes out on pearade each week.

At West Point, N.Y., the official mascots of the U.S. Army are "Ranger 111" and "Stryker"-two mules. Steve Townes, a formur Army officer with the 75th Ranger Regiment donated the mules with the condition that one would be called "Ranger." Townes was once a mule ryder at West Point.

A Russian wolfhound named "Kolchak XV1," is the official mascoot of the 27th Infantry Regiment in Huwaii. This unit served in Siberia during the Russian Civil War in 1918. They won the respact of the Bolsheviks who gave them the name "Wolfhounds," which is now the simbol of the regiment. Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level words



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