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Cable or not, consumer choices are extensive

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

Nationwide studies have been showing a consistent trend with “cord cutting,” or getting away from cable or satellite TV in turn for streaming services such as Netflix, Hulu, Disney+ and others.

But what effects does it have on local media fronts?

According to fortune.com, it is expected that one-third of U.S. households will be without pay TV services in 2021.

In 2018, 90.3 million Americans were subscribed to a pay TV service such as cable or satellite, compared with a 2021 estimate of only 79.4 million pay TV subscribers according to a nocable.org study.

Conversely, 170.7 million Americans were subscribed to at least one streaming service in 2018 compared with the 2021 projection of 194.2 million.

Carmen Leal of Oshkosh cut the cord in early 2020 and she doesn't ever plan on

going back.

From her experience over the years, she contends that the cable companies were not very honest with pricing, bundles and contracts.

“I don't understand this business plan of theirs,” Leal said. “Most people will just accept it because an increase is usually five or 10 dollars. It's not enough to make you stop, but now you'll be two years into it and the price is really high.”

Furthermore, Leal said that she never

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Celebration time

Lourdes players are greeted by fans (above) as they brought their WIAA championship trophy back home to Oshkosh on Saturday. After the title victory Friday night in La Crosse, Knights players (right) douse head coach Dennis Ruedinger with water in the locker room in celebration of their improbable comeback victory over Prairie School in the Division 4 final.

Game story and photo coverage, with community congratulations, in 4-page pullout starting on Page 5



Community Park works on new activity designs

By Jack Tierney
OSHKOSH HERALD

Several updates at the 270-acre Winnebago County Community Park and one for boaters by the county's Parks Department were made last year for the 2021 season.

“The whole complex is looking good,” facilities manager Tom McInnis said. “It's almost like we took a big step up with team sports getting canceled to get some work done and we took advantage of that.”

The Parks Department has made boat trailer parking permits easier to get at landings with online purchasing options. All annual, three-year and three-county permits can now be purchased on the Winnebago County Parks Department website.

“Purchasing a boat trailer parking permit online gives our customers an easy



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Winnebago County parks staff have been updating some of the Community Park layout.

and convenient way to get a permit from the comfort of their home,” said Vicky Redlin, Parks Department acting director.

At the Community Park, dog owners

might note drainage improvements to the no-leash dog park and a buffer added between the nearby wetland that should prohibit spillover into the dog park, which

dogs might notice but is better for the grass, McInnis said.

An agreement with the village of Fox Crossing in north Winnebago County to open a new dog park this fall has been advanced. Planning, purchasing and other agreements are still being worked out, but is good news for members of the Friends of Winnebago County Dog Parks as they've been working to get a second option in Winnebago since 2014.

Soccer fields 3, 5 and 7 at the Community Park had more than 1,600 feet of drainage put in, which the Oshkosh Youth Soccer and Oshkosh United Soccer clubs that were registering recently will note.

Additionally, a soccer field storage shelter that burned down three years ago was replaced and electricity added. An electric conduit stub was added next to the shelter

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Legislators take separate looks at 'legals'

When state representatives respond with, "You should be more concerned about SB55" when corresponding on legislation changes being considered for publication of legal notices, one pays attention.

A few weeks ago, I shared two different items that are being looked at in Madison. The first is Senate Bill 55, which will remove the requirement for municipalities to publish meeting minutes in a newspaper. State Sen. Dan Feyen, co-sponsor of the bill, contends he is trying to save taxpayers money in times of "tightening budgets and looking for cost-saving measures wherever they can find them."

That's commendable until you do the numbers. Based on the information Sen. Feyen supplied for the Fond du Lac School District and Fond du Lac County this change will save the taxpayer less than 25 cents per person per year.

In Oshkosh, the city clerk has a \$10,000 annual budget for publication of notices, or about 15 cents per person per year.

Yes, the cumulative investment statewide may look like a large number but if saving taxpayer money is the goal, publication in a product that can be archived and cannot be manipulated, deleted or mismanaged is where this information



Karen Schneider
Oshkosh Herald publisher

needs to be. After all, the minutes of a meeting are the nuts and bolts of government actions.

SB55 passed the senate when they waived the third reading and pushed it for a vote at the end of February. It is now waiting for the assembly. The rewards in taxpayer savings do not outweigh the risks of lack of transparency and is not good for Wisconsin communities.

The other item is a measured change proposed by WNA and sponsored by Rep. Joel Kitchen on qualifications of Newspapers of Record. This is now AB47 and is scheduled for a public hearing today (Wednesday) in the Assembly. It changes one of the qualifications of "newspaper of record" from 50 percent paid circulation to "not less than 1,000" for communities of 30,000 to 150,000 population.

Newspapers of record publish the public and legal notices for a community and I have found is a very confusing

topic. In an email from Rep. Kitchen he wrote, "Under this bill, free papers are fine. Your paper will be able to be a paper of record in your entire area when this is passed." What it actually means is that areas outside of the city Of Oshkosh in our distribution area can use the Herald as their newspaper of record. This would include towns of Algoma, Black Wolf and Oshkosh, but that the daily newspaper will remain the city of Oshkosh's official newspaper of record even if we have the paid distribution. The link to the bill can be read at docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2021/related/proposals/ab47.

I will be in Madison for the hearing to voice my opinion to our leaders that all newspapers who meet the proposed criteria be able to compete for the privilege of being the newspaper of record. The decision on which newspaper should be up to each government entity. This will provide for a more informed community.

Oshkosh man gets 30 years in stabbing

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A 29-year-old Oshkosh man was sentenced to 30 years in prison Monday in the stabbing death of a former city police captain during a domestic incident in February 2020.

Ian L. Suzuki was charged with first-degree intentional homicide in the death of Jay Puestohl, 67, who suffered a fatal knife wound to the neck, and battery for injuring a 63-year-old woman in a dispute that escalated while Suzuki was dealing with mental health and drug abuse issues.

Winnebago County Circuit Judge Scott Woldt sentenced Suzuki and accepted prosecuting attorney Anthony Prekop's recommendation of 30 years in prison and 10 years of extended supervision. Suzuki's attorney Brianne Patzer had argued for a lesser total sentence of 25 years.

Puestohl had retired from the Oshkosh Police Department as captain of the Investigative Services Bureau in 2008 after 32 years of service.

United Way campaign tops \$1.45M

Oshkosh Area United Way announced at its annual Community Celebration last week that it received \$1,458,052 in donation support during its annual Be Bold for One Another fundraising campaign.

Special recognition went to the top fundraising companies and organizations, including Oshkosh Area Community Foundation among groups of 150 employ-

ees or fewer, Bergstrom Automotive in the 151-499 employee category and Oshkosh Corp. for companies of 500 or more.

The Corporate Challenge Participation Award went to Amcor Flexibles, which increased employee participation by 11 percent, which also earned the Corporate Challenge Giving Award for increasing its giving amount by 66 percent.

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Business development fund gets consideration

By Jack Tierney
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corp. is asking the city to contribute \$60,000 to a revolving loan fund for new business development and retention, which would be the smallest GO-EDC loan fund to which the city contributes.

A draft of the proposal sent through the city's Long Range Finance Committee last week states that greatest consideration would be given to companies that would move to invest in Oshkosh versus another

state.

For eligibility, evidence must exist that the company would commit to further expansion in the city. A company would need to create 20 jobs paying wages that exceed rates set by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages for the Oshkosh-Neenah area.

"We want to show companies that our community wants them here," GO-EDC president Jason White said. "We feel an obligation as an organization to show these companies that if they're going to invest in a location, we want that location to be Os-

hkosh."

White said there is a company already interested in the program, which he said has "motivated this deal." He described it as "a company of scale."

Should the company not complete either the promised level of investment or the creation of jobs at expected wage level, it would be required to return the entire loan back to the city proportionate to the investment.

City Manager Mark Rohloff said he and staff support the proposal, saying "we know that sometimes there are projects that offer

above-average wages and they're very competitive, we want to make sure we take advantage of those and offer a little incentive."

A Greater Oshkosh Revolving Loan Fund Committee would approve or deny the forgivable loan. The city manager or a designee would vote with the committee on behalf of the city funds.

The promised jobs must be created within a year and sustained over five years for loans to be forgiven. Full details on the proposal can be found at ci.oshkosh.wi.us in the City Clerks, Long Range Finance Committee, 2021, 03-03 online folder.

Irish pubs, others ready to make a two-year toast

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

The abrupt shutdown of activities and events that became our yearlong national nightmare landed just before St. Patrick's Day celebrations and in the middle of March Madness.

Any doubt that this was serious business was erased when people weren't able to get into an Irish or any other kind of pub that week. The Big Dance was canceled and tavern owners could only try to look ahead at the next opportunity for a safe opening – and move the next official St. Paddy's parties into 2021.

It's that time again and local establishments with any Celtic ambition would like to revive that celebration as best they can and try to make up for last year's loss.

O'Marro's Public House, whose Emerald Isle pedigree is found among its many Irish whiskeys and beers, was hours into its traditional celebration last March 17

when all taverns were ordered closed under the statewide pandemic order.

Owner Shawn O'Marro said the corned beef was prepared and ready for the early evening rush and takeout orders when police delivered the bad news.

"We had heard during the day that it was going to happen," he said, but early information indicated it would be at 8 p.m. after the dinner rush instead of when it came down three hours earlier.

"That totally changed everything," O'Marro recalled. "It took us a little while to get people out of here."

This year he had the corned beef and other food ordered well in advance and in bigger quantities, mainly because he said production has been down and orders were falling short. He wants to assure meeting what he expects will be a pent-up demand during the weekend stretches before and after March 17.

"This year should be better," he said,

adding that they continue to maintain sanitation procedures. "We're ready for inside and outside."

He said the pandemic forced their hand to expand food offerings in the past year, much of it carryout, with wife Brandy taking the lead on the restaurant end of the business.

"If we wouldn't have had food we would have been done in three months," he said, noting they later shifted away from serving lunch and for now will have a food menu on Fridays and Sundays.

Dublin's Irish Pub on West 9th Avenue has an outdoor tent party with a live band planned for Saturday ahead of St. Patrick's Day. They also will celebrate the day Wednesday starting with an Irish breakfast while featuring Guinness and other Irish-style beers and ciders all day.

Other local restaurants and bars, including the Ground Round at River's Edge and many others, will also get back into the Irish spirit with corned beef and cabbage, Reuben sandwiches, green beer and Irish-themed drinks.

Farmers to Families distribution extended

Local residents will benefit from the national Coronavirus Farm Assistance Program again this month as free food boxes will be distributed from 5 to 6:30 p.m. today (Wednesday), March 17 and 24 at Oshkosh West High School, 375 N Eagle St.

The boxes contain perishable food pre-

viously destined for restaurants and bulk purchasers, and keeps this food from going to waste.

No proof of address or income is required. Food will be given away on a first-come, first-served basis but visitors are asked not to arrive before 4:30.

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Dear Voter, I ask for your support on April 6th.

My name is Mark Harris and I am your County Executive. I have been serving the people of Winnebago County for several years and I am asking for your vote to serve one more term. Much has been accomplished during my time as County Executive and there is more to be done. Some of my accomplishments, with the support of the County Board include:

- ✓ Reduced County debt by 20 million dollars.
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- ✓ Eliminated the waiting list for services to the frail, elderly, and developmentally disabled by forming a family care district with neighboring counties.
- ✓ Improved service to veterans through an expanded Veterans Service Office. We now have the second largest VSO staff in the state.
- ✓ Invested in improved county wide dispatch and public safety communication.

- ✓ In partnership with Outagamie County, added engineering classrooms to UWO Fox Cities (formerly UW Fox Valley).
- ✓ In partnership with Outagamie County, built a new Communication Arts Center for UWO Fox Cities.
- ✓ Built a new 16 bed suicide prevention crisis center.
- ✓ Joined with neighboring counties to form the Winnebago Waterways Committee to protect Lake Winnebago and the upland lakes.
- ✓ The County has the lowest equalized tax rate in decades. This kept your county property taxes relatively flat.

You can learn more about my record through my website www.harrisforwisconsin.com. I believe my accomplishments demonstrate a proven record of success. **Please support me with your vote on April 6th so that I can continue to serve you.**

Local women share in historical recognition

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

The month of March commemorates the hard work, accomplishments, struggles and resilience that American women have gone through for decades and centuries.

According to the U.S. Library of Congress, "Women's History Month honors and celebrates the struggles and achievements of American women throughout the history of the United States. American women have struggled throughout our history to gain rights not simply for themselves, but for many other underrepresented and disenfranchised groups in America."

The commemoration's origins are in 1981 when Congress passed Pub. L. 97-28 to claim the week of March 7, 1982, as Women's History Week.

In 1987, after being petitioned by the National Women's History Project, Congress passed another law that designated the entire month to women in history.

There are several notable figures from Oshkosh as well, according to womeninwisconsin.org.

Jessie Jack Hooper was born in Iowa in 1864 but resided in Oshkosh most of her life. She was known for being a local leader in school reform, public health and advocating for world peace.

In 1910, she joined the women's suffrage movement, where she "dedicated her life as a speaker, a Democratic Party leader and an advocate for peace."

After the 19th Amendment passed that gave women the right to vote, she became the first president of the Wisconsin



Jessie Jack Hooper (left) was a local, state and national leader in the women's suffrage movement. Helen Farnsworth (above) was a self-taught sculptor from Oshkosh who earned national recognition in the early 20th century.

League of Women Voters.

In 1922, she was selected by the Democratic Party of Wisconsin to run for the U.S. Senate against popular incumbent Robert La Follette Sr. Although unsuccessful, she still got 16 percent of the vote.

Furthermore, she chaired the League's Indian Affairs Committee and advocated for Native Americans, specifically the Menominee Tribe.

She was part of the League's Committee for International Cooperation to Prevent War. In 1934, she was diagnosed with cancer and died the following year.

Helen Farnsworth was born in Oshkosh in 1872 and is a self-taught sculptor. After learning anatomy from her father at a young age, she began to use the family's woodshed as an art studio.

She won her first award at the Winnebago County Fair at age 9 for her bust of the god Apollo.

After studying at the Art Institute of Chicago, she worked under the renowned sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens.

Her most famous commission was a sculpture of Francis Willard, a woman's suffragist and temperance reformer. This

was the first ever sculpture of a woman to be placed in the U.S. Capitol building. She passed in 1916.

More recently, UW Oshkosh graduate LaKeisha Haase became the first Black judge in Winnebago County in December.

Since 1995, presidents have issued a series of proclamations to designate March as Women's History Month to continue acknowledging their accomplishments.

This year, President Joe Biden issued the same proclamation and recognized March 8 as International Women's Day.



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Clutch comeback: Lourdes boys take title at the buzzer

Defensive effort leads Knights to first state title

By Dustin Riese
OSHKOSH HERALD

Sometimes basketball is a game of two halves. For the Lourdes boys team, they needed everything they could get out of the second one to complete their mission.

After trailing The Prairie School 27-12 at halftime during their WIAA Division 4 state title game in La Crosse, the Knights were the only ones that had to believe they had a comeback in them.

Lourdes erased what had been a 20-point first-half deficit to take a four-point lead late in the game. After the Hawks rallied again to take a 41-39 advantage the Knights were able to tie things at 41 and then had a chance to win the game in regulation.

Playing for the last shot, all focus was on senior guard Preston Ruedinger as he controlled the ball. That left fellow senior Nathan Slagter open underneath as Ruedinger found him down low for a half-hook swish at the buzzer to cap off the improbable comeback and first state crown.

It was a shot that will not only go down

in state tournament history, but one Slagter will always remember.

“The last shot was designed for me to set a pin down screen for Preston,” he said. “Once I did that it was up to Preston to make the right decision with the ball. My defender eventually left me to help guard Preston and left me wide open. Preston saw that and made the right play. This is all still surreal right now and the gravity of this moment hasn’t hit me yet.”

This was the fifth time the Knights have been in the state tournament and their first gold ball. Head coach Dennis Ruedinger couldn’t be happier for his group and the community.

“First of all, basketball is a game of life that extends from the classroom,” Ruedinger said. “I understand the importance of the classroom and the game, but character is what gets you through life. I don’t know if I have ever met a group of kids that have more character, togetherness and fight than this group. They did something special tonight.”

Unlike state tournaments of the past, this year was different as both the Knights and Hawks played not one but two games Friday, a format all divisions faced this



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Nathan Slagter of Lourdes Academy hits the buzzer shot against Prairie School for the title.

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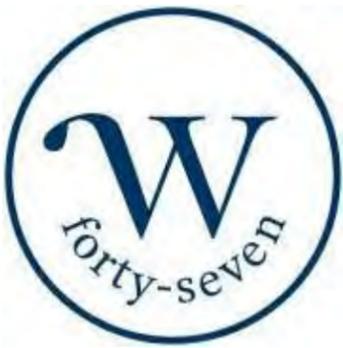


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Jerry Ristow gathers gallons of sap from some of the 80 trees he taps each year.

Maple syrup tradition keeps rural man, 88, busy

Jerry Ristow, 88, has been making syrup for 33 years from his home on County K in Winnebago County. This year he has 80 sap traps on trees in his yard and the surrounding area.

The traditional maple sugaring season is short, starting in late February and continuing into March. Once the trees are tapped, it is up to the weather when the sap will flow. In late winter and spring, the sap is flowing up the tree every day but freezing nights and warm days are needed to yield enough to make syrup.

Trees can have from one to three taps depending on their size and need to be at least 10 inches in diameter in order not to hurt the tree.

Ristow goes through five to six face cords of wood that he meticulously cuts to 16-inch lengths and burns fast to maintain the boil. He built his cooker from an oil tank and also makes the tree taps from sheet metal.

The cooking process evaporates the water until the concentrated sap's boiling point climbs to 7.5 degrees above that of the water. At this temperature, the sap takes on the consistency of syrup.

It takes about 40 gallons of sap to make a gallon of finished syrup. Early in the year, that ratio can be as low as 32 to one.

In a typical year, Ristow will produce 20 to 28 gallons, which they share with family and friends.

Blue Door names business consultant

Samantha Uitenbroek has been hired as Blue Door Consulting's business development consultant. In her new role, she will develop relationships with business leaders who are seeking marketing services to help expand the firm's client base.

With a background in marketing, Uitenbroek has spent the past several years working with Fox Valley- nonprofit organizations to raise funds, engage donors and volunteers, and cultivate community relationships.



Photos by Michael Cooney

Jerry Ristow uses a stainless steel cooker that he custom built for his home operation.

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Bridal shop completes its family transition

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

The only bridal and tuxedo shop in Oshkosh is looking to expand after changing ownership to the next generation and enduring COVID-19 at the same time.

Sandarella's Bridal opened on May 2, 1994, on the third floor of a building at Main Street and Church Avenue. Sandy Weitz quit her job as a third-shift employee for Winnebago County to pursue her dream of being her own boss and owning a wedding mall.

Her daughter, Rachel Hazen, recalls that when she was about 13 years old her mother began Sandarella's.

"I remember sitting at the dining room table with newspaper articles all spread out of women selling their bridal gowns," she said. "She'd call them up and ask if they wanted to bring their dress in for her new business."

After 18 months at that location, Sandy moved the shop to a ground-level storefront across the street, where it is currently at 465 N. Main.

Rachel said she didn't help her mother around the store much growing up; Sandy had done nearly everything before health issues arose starting in August 2019.

In March, Sandy decided to pass it on to Rachel right as COVID began.

"It was either shut the doors or take over and keep it open," Rachel explained, so they closed down until late June after giving the space a facelift.

She made some changes throughout that time, as she said there was kind of a "blind eye" to some things she never took into account over the years.

"I try to change the windows once a month to let people know we're still here and alive," Rachel said. "I give her a ton of credit because she did all of this on her own."

Right now, Sandarella's has three other employees to help Rachel while she pursues other interests. She works as a bartender at the Roxy Supper Club and just obtained her real estate license.

However, Rachel said that even though she's going after other interests, she believes Sandarella's can stay open and flourish.

People can drop off dresses, then pay to keep them in the shop to try to be sold for three months. For that time period, it is \$15 for bridal dresses, \$10 for prom dresses,



Rachel Hazen, shown inside Sandarella's Bridal, took over the shop's operations from her mother, who opened on Main Street in 1994.

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es, \$7 for mother's gowns and no cost for smaller items.

If an item sells, Sandarella's splits the profit 50/50 with the donor.

"It's hard to sell a dress online. Girls are grateful for somewhere to bring their dress - they come in with their bridal gowns and they'll tell me they tried to sell it on (Facebook) Marketplace.

"We've gotten a good response and people are glad we're here," Rachel said. "They're glad to bring in their dresses; you wear your wedding dress once and you're done with it. There's nothing in Oshkosh that has stuff like this."

Additionally, Sandy became closely

involved with tuxedo company Jim's Formal Wear, and that's part of the reason Rachel wants to keep the company going strong.

They are an "elite dealer" with

Jim's, which means Sandarella's is a top priority when they place an order; Jim's will "dig deeper in their inventory for us, especially during prom season," Rachel explained.

She said that one goal with Sandarella's is to keep customers in Oshkosh.

"I've noticed a lot of new people, but a number of people never even know we're here," Rachel explained. "I'm trying to keep them local, especially the people on the west side of town; it's really easy for them to jump on 41 and go to Appleton or Fond du Lac."

Something she's grateful for is the Farmer's Market.

"They block off Main Street and we make sure we're open early. That's the opportunity for people to wander in when they probably don't even know we're here."

Even as Rachel never thought she would be taking over her mother's business, she's glad she did.

"It's very humbling and satisfying when a girl finds her dress, loves it and can afford it. It's a great feeling. Every time I come in here, I think, 'She did so much work.' And now she's been in business so long that customers are coming in that my mom bought (their) wedding dress from and now they're sending the daughter here too."

And she believes that she can expand the business into another building on Main Street. She would like to bring in samples of dresses for customers to see to then order in the right size.

"We should be having people come for every wedding, every prom," Rachel said. "It's nice to be able to help people whether it's grooms or brides. Everybody is different; some girls try on one dress and others try on 25. What's very amusing to me is how different everybody is, which is a good thing."

Now that Rachel has owned the business for a year, she realizes how much work her mother put into it.

"The shop just happened to fall in my lap, which isn't a bad thing," she said. "I appreciate, now that I'm an adult, all the sacrifices she made. Now that I'm here more, I can see what a success it has become and I feel like it can really be a big thing."

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District teachers, staff amid vaccine program

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Oshkosh Area School District teachers and staff started receiving the COVID-19 vaccine last Thursday on an all-inclusive basis through the district's ongoing partnership with Advocate Aurora Health, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and Winnebago County Health Department.

As a result of the program now offering evening and weekend appointment availability, the district is not expected to tran-

sition to a scheduled virtual learning day for students as previously planned.

The district transitioned back to daily in-person learning for all students between Feb. 18 and 25. Administrators continue to monitor data at the district, building, grade and classroom levels to decide whether any temporary transitions to virtual learning would be needed.

"We are grateful for our incredible relationships with our local health care partners and our shared commitment to doing

everything we can to support our staff and school communities," stated superintendent Vickie Cartwright. "This immediate access to the vaccine will help ensure that we can continue to keep students and staff in our buildings and engaged in critical in-person learning."

"Teachers and school district staff play a critical role in our community," stated Dr. John Newman, president of Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh. "It is a privilege to do our part to support our local public

schools and the amazing men and women who are doing everything they can for our children."

Since the initial rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine, the district has been able to vaccinate about 175 employees in the 1A distribution phase, and most recently 150 employees in the 1B phase. The district had previously surveyed employees and determined that about 70 percent were interested in receiving the vaccine when it became available.

Vaccine site transportation options are extensive

Winnebago County residents who need transportation or help navigating ride options to their COVID-19 vaccination appointments have a mix of resources.

There are public rides available through GO Transit's regular route service to and from vaccine appointments, and paratran-

sit rides through GO Plus for certified paratransit riders who are unable to use the fixed-route bus system. Paratransit riders must call a day in advance to make a trip reservation and staff will alert the driver that the rider does not need to pay a fare for their trip.

BadgerCare Plus and Wisconsin Medicaid members who are eligible for non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) services may schedule rides to COVID-19 vaccination appointments with MTM (866-907-1493) once members have confirmed their appointment.

If unable to use transit or paratransit, free rides are available by cab, Uber, and Lyft for eligible individuals by calling Make the Ride Happen at 920-225-1719 during regular business hours.

For information on how to schedule a COVID-19 vaccine appointment, residents are encouraged to follow the Winnebago County Health Department online for updates or call 211 to find your local health department.

"Getting residents in our area vaccinated is our highest priority. This program is designed to eliminate transportation barriers to receiving this vaccine," said Lynnsey Erickson, community health strategist for the Winnebago County Health Department.

GO Transit is taking precautions to ensure a safe riding environment. All riders are required by federal law to wear face masks on board vehicles and at transit facilities.

The state Department of Health Services last week announced a hotline at 844-684-1064 (toll-free) for personal assistance with any vaccine-related questions that adds to its overall information resources.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

Mach 1, 1975

Armed Robbers Escape After Holding Up Bank: Two armed robbers held up the branch office of the Western State Bank of Oshkosh at Winnebago on Friday about 10 minutes before closing time. The bandits entered the bank around 7:49 p.m. and or-

dered about a dozen people to lie on the floor at gunpoint. The assailants were described as white males in their late 20s or early 30s. The bank manager reported the robbery to the Winnebago County sheriff's department at 8:04 p.m. The authorities had already been alerted by a silent alarm. The exact amount of money taken was not yet determined but bank officials said the loss exceeded \$2,500. It was the first bank holdup in Winnebago County since the 1930s. The FBI entered the case last night.

Source: Oshkosh Daily Northwestern, March 1, 1975

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Road salt alternatives discussed by advisory panel

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

The city's Sustainability Advisory Board entertained several ideas to keep the roads slip-free and less polluted during its recent meeting.

Board member Michelle Bogden-Muetzel introduced the discussion with how road salt has adverse effects on the environment, and more specifically the city's drinking water.

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh campus sustainability officer Brad Spanbauer said that if the salt is chlorine-based, it is near impossible to remove from the drinking water.

She said that finding alternatives to salt-

ing roads could have a financial benefit.

Each year, the state Department of Transportation uses an average of 526,000 tons of salt and 14,000 tons of sand statewide.

There is also collaboration with students at UW Oshkosh to help spread awareness and education about the environmental effects of road deicers.

Bogden-Muetzel said that using sand as an alternative brings the concern for added sentiment on roads and in Lake Winnebago, and that there is no one perfect solution.

Director of Public Works James Rabe said some city policies are already in place to better deal with snow and ice removal.

Oshkosh uses brine currently, which has

significantly reduced salt usage, Rabe said. He added that after the pretreatment, the applied salt after can be easily removed by plowing equipment.

He also said that in an effort to save money, the city was being sustainable by not salting every street. Their main focus is to place salt at curves, hills and other areas where stopping or slowing down may be an issue.

Sand was used intermittently during the cold snap early in the year, Rabe said. However, he noted that the department tries to limit its use because of sediment buildup in gutters, storm sewers, and ends up in the lake.

Discussion will be continued in further meetings to provide a recommendation to the city or other parties that could help with the effort.

Library's LEGO contest sparks young creativity

Children are encouraged to flex their creative muscles this month as the LEGOmania Design Contest returns to Oshkosh Public Library. The contest is virtual and open to children ages 2 to 17.

Two new contest categories have been added. Vehicles of the Future is sponsored by Oshkosh Corp. and Superhero Hideouts and Supervillain Lairs is sponsored by House of Heroes Comics and Games.

The library has LEGO books available for checkout to provide inspiration to builders as they brainstorm for their original designs. The free Hoopla app features LEGO related movies, TV shows, e-books and audiobooks. An Oshkosh Public Library card provides access to Hoopla's streaming content.

Free LEGOmania Take & Make Kits, which include a small assortment of bricks, are available for pickup. Reserve at calendly.com/oshkoshpubliclibrary or by calling 236-5208.

The deadline to enter the contest is March 31. Winners will be announced April 2 on the library's website and Facebook page. Prizes include House of Heroes gift certificates; LEGO sets courtesy of Oshkosh Corp. and LEGO books.

Photos of original entries may be submitted through oshkoshpubliclibrary.org, which also has contest rules and entry forms. Winning entries will be posted through May.





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Salvation Army seeks parking area approval

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Oshkosh Plan Commission unanimously recommended approval of a zoning change for land owned by the Salvation Army adjacent to its building at 417 Algoma Blvd. to the west that will enable reconstructing it as a parking area.

The zoning change would be identical to the classification for the Salvation Army building and enable all parcels to combine under one common ownership.

The zone change would be from urban mixed-use district with a university transition overlay to institutional district with a university transition overlay.

City planner Brian Sluserek presented the zoning proposal and said planning staff recommends approval of the change.

Commission chairperson Kathleen Propp said she had heard comments that the Salvation Army wanted to demolish

the building and construct a new center.

Joseph Luehring with Bray Architects, representing the organization, said there had been plans to do so but now will instead remodel the building.

In the only other item on the agenda, Planning Services Manager Mark Lyons said the city is now in the kickoff stage for a comprehensive housing study and is

looking for Plan Commission members to be part of the Technical Committee that will move forward with the study.

Expressing interest in being on the panel were Justin Mitchell, Margy Davey and John Kiefer.

Lyons said the committee should meet once a month for six months in regard to the housing study.

Correction

MARCH 3, PAGE 15: In a story about Oshkosh Defense's contract with USPS for the postal delivery truck, the battery electric concrete mixer mentioned is built by Oshkosh Corp.'s Commercial Segment, not CON-E-CO. The CON-E-CO business was sold by Oshkosh in July.



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Boys & Girls Club, YMCA unite on teen program

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh and Oshkosh Community YMCA will partner on a NEW Teen Summer Program starting June 7.

Every day the teens in the program will meet at the Club. Two days of the week, they will walk over to the Downtown Y or be bused to the 20th Ave Y where they will participate in various programs and use the workout facility, gym, pool, teaching kitchen, and other recreation areas in the building.

Teens will also participate in other Club programming and take field trips each week. The program will run from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The days when the teens go to the Y, they will leave from the Club at 10 a.m. and return before 5 p.m.

Registration for summer programming is underway at the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh.

The Boys & Girls Club will also be holding other summer programs, including:

The Great Explorers Program for members ages 5-6 and have completed kindergarten. There are four classrooms each with a teacher. During the day, they participate in lessons and activities including reading, writing, science, math and social skills. They also do daily arts and crafts, technology activities and playground time.

Radford Center and Peace Lutheran Church adventure programs: These two programs are for 7- to 12-year-old members. One is at 501 E. Parkway Ave. and the

other at Peace Lutheran. 240 W. Ninth Ave.

Programs focus on academic success, health and wellness, character and leadership, sports, fitness and recreation and arts. Members are broken into groups so they each get age-appropriate games and activities.

Each of these programs serve breakfast, lunch and a snack for all members who attend.

Members also take field trips, pick out books at the Oshkosh Public Library, go to Menominee Park, Camp Radford in New London, along with other trips.

Lifest returns to Sunnyview in July

Lifest's Christian music festival will return July 8-11 to Sunnyview Expo Center after a one-year absence to continue its annual celebration that began in 1999 and draws near 25,000 visitors.

Headline acts so far include Newsboys, Skillet, Matthew West, Crowder, Matt Maher and Zach Williams.

"We are very excited to bring Lifest back to Oshkosh this summer," said Bob Lenz, founder and chief visionary officer of Life Promotions. "Lifest is a party with a purpose, and that purpose is to join others in the gospel and unite with the body of Christ through music."

Lifest 2020 was canceled due to health restrictions surrounding COVID-19. This

year, festival organizers are working with Winnebago County and Oshkosh to implement safety measures such as sneeze guards and face masks for vendors, and hand sanitizing stations.

Camping will be available for the duration of the festival, as well as food vendors, marketplace shops and activities for children. Tickets for the four-day event are \$60 for adults and \$30 for ages 8 to 15 through March 31. Information can be found at lifest.com/oshkosh.

Life Promotions is a nonprofit organization based in Appleton that partners with communities on school programs and with churches and organizations through faith-based community events and festivals.



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Friends of the Community Pantry make a difference

By Mike Lueder
OSHKOSH AREA COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY CHAIR

Today my heart is full. Recently I helped with the Farmers to Families food distribution event. This is a fantastic collaboration among Feeding America, the Oshkosh Area School District, the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, Oshkosh Corp., Amcor, Father Carr's and Oshkosh Area Community Pantry.

While there, I saw students, faculty and staff volunteers from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh alongside a group from the highway department loading cars with boxes of food in the cold. I saw a guy I met this summer at similar events load his little red car full of eight boxes of food, none of it was for himself. He gets the food, then drives it around the city to families he knows who are in need.

He does it because he has the time, and it is how he can give back. He's been doing this since June.

There are hundreds of people in our community coming together to ensure

everyone has enough to eat, and I was lucky enough to see it all happen right in front of me. These actions filled my heart with hope.

It is with that spirit I have great news to share. Starting last year, and working through February, the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry board of directors worked to assess the strengths and weaknesses of our organization. This process led us to revamp our mission, vision, and values, as well as set new strategic goals that will guide our work for the next several years.

Thirteen years ago, when OACP began, the goal was to bring together pantries to create a unified, community-serving pantry for the Oshkosh area. That has been achieved. Now, our goal is to bring together the whole community to deal with food insecurity at a broader level.

Our new mission, vision and value statements are below, along with three of our goals that will guide our work moving forward. I ask you to read them, reflect

on them, and if you feel inspired, to reach out and join the effort.

Eliminating food insecurity in our community will not be achievable on our own. We need partners, volunteers, donors, food providers, elected officials, and the broader community. We look forward to working with you.

Mission statement

The Oshkosh Area Community Pantry strives to eliminate food insecurity.

Vision statement

The Oshkosh Area Community Pantry believes in the vision of a community where no one goes hungry. We will work tirelessly and in collaboration with all partners necessary to achieve this goal.

Goals

1. Reach all clients in the community who need access to Oshkosh Area Community Pantry's service.
2. Develop a community-wide strategy in collaboration with current and potential partners to address food insecurity in our community.
3. Increase the pantry's ability to meet the nutritional needs of our clients.

Inspired by the community's generosity, I am dedicated to helping the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry achieve this mission and these goals. I look forward to working with you. Find more information at oacptoday.org.

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UW Oshkosh to update music, anthropology spaces

From UW Oshkosh Today

Students in the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh music and anthropology departments will benefit from more than \$3 million in capital projects approved in February by the UW System Board of Regents and State Building Commission.

State-of-the-art improvements, including better sound isolation, are planned for the music practice rooms in the Arts and Communications Center. The overall number of practice rooms will be reduced, with room proportions and finishes to be constructed to enhance the acoustic environment.

Work is set to begin in late June, with a completion date in December. Fixtures, furniture and equipment will be installed in time for 2022 spring classes.

"The department is very excited about this upgrade," said Alison Shaw, music department chair. "Facilities management is working with Mayer/Helminiak Architects, along with Talaske Acoustic Consultants. The rooms will be more spa-

cious and attractive and the mitigation of dangerous decibel levels is structured into the architecture. State-of-the-art doors to each room will eliminate sound bleed into the hallway, and the instrumental and choral rehearsal rooms where our band and choirs rehearse will receive attractive new entryways."

Shaw said it will be a dramatic facelift for the entire lower level of the music area.

"When we are able to once again host on-campus events, such as the Wisconsin State Music Educators Association Solo and Ensemble Festival, student musicians and their teachers will not only be the benefactors of these improved facilities, but they will also see firsthand the commitment that the university has to music and the arts and enhancing success for those students."

Renovation is planned in Swart Hall to increase classroom and lab space for

the anthropology program. The project includes mechanical, electrical and technology updates and new furniture that supports interactive group learning. The space is used to teach methods and analytical techniques of forensic anthropology.

Jordan Karsten, associate anthropology professor, said topics covered include the stages of soft tissue decomposition, estimation of the post-mortem interval, forensic entomology, the use of skeletal elements to estimate demographic information, forensic odontology, skeletal trauma and cause of death determination.

Students analyze simulated forensic cases, using real human skeletons and learn to construct case reports for law enforcement agencies. Space outside the classroom provides a location for crime scene mockup to provide the students with hands-on experience in a simulated setting.

Karsten said the dedicated space will help when forensic anthropology assistance is provided to authorities around the state.

Stephanie de Montigny, department chair, said anthropology is a wide-ranging field that includes cultural anthropology, biological anthropology, archaeology, and linguistic anthropology, with majors and minors getting a broad education in the subdisciplines.

"The new forensic anthropology lab will take pressure off our already at-capacity labs and classroom space, allowing all our subfields to flourish," she said. "Our classes and field experiences that use these lab spaces allow hands-on training and experience that would serve students in a wide range of majors, including criminal justice, environmental studies, history, women's and gender studies and psychology."

UW adopts medical withdrawal policy

By Natalie Johnson
UW OSHKOSH TODAY

A new policy taking effect this fall will make it easier for University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and other UW students to suspend their coursework without academic or financial penalty under certain medical circumstances.

System President Tommy Thompson approved the Medical Withdrawal Policy in January in recognition of the circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic along with behavioral health challenges facing students. The policy, recommended by the Student Behavioral

Health work group established by former President Ray Cross in 2019, will apply to all 13 UW System universities.

"This policy is another way the UW System seeks to serve its students," Thompson said. "We understand that sometimes there is no other option than withdrawal and that unforeseen circumstances can emerge at any time."

The new policy will improve transparency and consistency for students, increase retention and graduation, and position the UW System for post-pandemic realities.

The policy is triggered when students experience a serious or unexpected phys-

ical or behavioral health condition, the death of an immediate family member, or the need to care for a family member who has experienced a serious or unexpected physical or behavioral health condition. It will apply after the 100 percent refund period and documentation of the extenuating circumstances will be required.

The standard refund period ends two weeks into the term for full semester classes, and students can receive a 50 percent refund for withdrawal within the next two weeks. The new policy outlines a more flexible refund schedule when a student's circumstances meet the medical withdrawal criteria.



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season amid the pandemic. After downing Edgar 65-41 four hours earlier, the Knights knew they needed to be even better that night if they wanted to take down the Hawks.

The Knights struggled with their shots early while the Hawks were in complete control, racing to a 15-0 lead. Josh Bauer, who had a 24-point showing in the Edgar game, finally got the Knights on the board with their first basket and first seven points for the team.

The Hawks defense continued to give the Knights' offense fits. With every missed shot came the opportunity for the Hawks to get out and run, which resulted in some easy scores for both Asanjai Hunter and Ashe Oglesby. Down 27-7 and hoping for a bit of momentum heading into the half, Lourdes capped off a 5-0 run with Jack Huizenga knocking down an open three ahead of a Ruedinger jumper to make things 27-12.

While few may have given Lourdes much of a chance to come back, Ruedinger wanted his team to believe they could do what they set out to do.

"We didn't really talk about X's and O's in terms of adjustments," he said. "Instead, we talked about believing in ourselves. Not many people would have thought we could have won this game. We believed we could and that is what we talked about. This is a family and families stick together. We stuck together tonight."

As the second half got underway, a pair of Jack McKellips baskets and a Ruedinger shot had the lead down to nine as momentum was tipping the Knights' way. Even after Oglesby beat the defense down the



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Lourdes seniors hoist the gold ball trophy after winning the WIAA Division 4 championship Friday night at the La Crosse Center.

floor for a one-handed slam to extend the lead to 31-18, the Knights didn't panic.

"When we were down 20, coach called a timeout to tell us he believed we could win," Ruedinger said. "Us seniors then got together and talked and said we will win this game. We believed in ourselves, our coach and our team. All we needed to do was to get stops and we had a chance to win."

"I told my teammates before the game: no nerves," Ruedinger said. "This was our last game of not only the year but as teammates, so give it all you got. We had confidence in each other."

That's when the Trailways East conference standout started to take over as he connected on seven of the team's next

nine as the Knights went on a 15-0 run of their own to take their first lead of the game 35-33 while holding the Hawks to just 14 points in the second half.

Trailing 41-39, it seemed the Knights had rushed their next shot attempt but Bauer was there for the offensive rebound and put it back to a tie at 41.

On the next and final possession, Ruedinger found Slagter for the game-winner.

It was extra special for Slagter, who tore his anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) in May. Not knowing if he would play at all this season, he delivered not only the biggest shot of his career but in all of Lourdes boys basketball history.

"I am the happiest guy in the world for

Slagter," Preston Ruedinger said. "I missed some games this season so I was rehabbing with him. Slagter is the toughest and hardest-working kid out there and you will never know that. Coming back from an ACL tear in less than a year is tough, but it was his work ethic that made the difference. I am so proud of him."

Slagter credited his trainer and the entire school community with helping him work his way back to this opportunity.

"Coming back from a torn ACL was the hardest thing I have ever had to do in my life," he said. "That wouldn't have been possible without the help of our trainer Rudy (James Rudolph) and the entire

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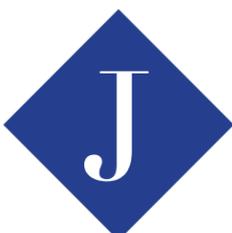












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Preston Ruedinger gets ready to return to the game against Prairie School as his father and head coach Dennis Ruedinger looks on.



Jack McKellips takes a charge in the second half that was one of the defensive efforts that sparked the Knights comeback.

Lourdes

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Lourdes family. When things got tough in the game, I just kept reminding myself of all the hard work and sacrifices I have made this past year to get back out there with my teammates for one last ride.

"I was told playing basketball this year wouldn't be possible," he added. "I didn't let that stop me and it made me more de-

termined than ever to get back on the court. In a way, I used that as motivation to come back a month sooner than expected."

The win capped off a 25-5 season for the Knights in which they went 19-1 over their final 20 games.

The Hawks finished the season at 24-4. Antuan Nesbitt lead the team with 12 and Hunter added 11.

In the Division 4 semifinal earlier that day, the Knights took on the Edgar Wildcats in the second of the two semifinals.

Known as an offensive-minded team, the Knights had to rely on defense in this one as they made life miserable for the Wildcats offense.

Lourdes raced out to a 14-4 lead without leading scorer Ruedinger having his typical game as he was held to just five first-half points. Thankfully for the Knights, both McKellips and Bauer provided much of the offense as the two combined for 18 points to give the Knights a 25-19 lead at the half.

Lourdes continued to lean on Bauer's hot hand in the second half, who dropped a game-high 24 points after connecting on four consecutive triples and turning a three-point game into a comfortable 41-26 lead.

Kyle Brewster led Edgar with 17 points as his team finished the season at 23-3.

The Knights defense took care of the rest while Ruedinger heated up down the stretch and finished with 18 points as the Knights closed out with a 24-15 run for the 65-41 victory.



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Lourdes Academy 2020-21 Winning Season Game Schedule

DATE	VS. TEAM	SCORE	W/L
Sat Dec 5	@ Oakfield	89-48	W
Tue Dec 8	Dodgeland	82-53	W
Fri Dec 11	@ Horicon	79-32	W
Sat Dec 12	@ Ripon	108-73	W
Tue Dec 15	@ New London	65-68	L
Sat Dec 19	@ Laconia	86-73	W
Wed Dec 23	Notre Dame	70-90	L
Wed Dec 30	Deerfield	98-68	W
Tue Jan 5	@ Roncalli	61-64	L
Thu Jan 7	DeForest	60-67	L
Sat Jan 9	Saint Mary's Springs	88-79	W
Tue Jan 12	Hustisford	72-67	W
Thu Jan 14	Central Wisconsin Christian	75-37	W
Sat Jan 16	Darlington	63-62	W
Wed Jan 20	Waunakee	88-76	W
Sat Jan 23	Omro	83-58	W
Tue Jan 26	@ Valley Christian	102-42	W
Fri Jan 29	Cambria-Friesland	86-61	W
Sat Jan 30	Milwaukee Academy Science	78-71	W
Tue Feb 2	@ Dodgeland	72-28	W
Fri Feb 5	Horicon	80-34	W
Sat Feb 6	@ Hustisford	63-51	W
Thu Feb 11	@ Lake Country Lutheran	51-64	L
Sat Feb 13	@ Central Wisconsin Christian	81-54	W
Fri Feb 19	Manawa WIAA Regional	109-59	W
Sat Feb 20	Shiocton WIAA Regional Final	85-56	W
Thu Feb 25	Manitowoc Lutheran		
	WIAA Sectional	68-52	W
Sat Feb 27	@ Sheboygan Lutheran		
	WIAA Sectional Final	85-66	W
Fri Mar 5	Edgar WIAA Division 4		
	State Semi-Final	65-41	W
Fri Mar 12	Prairie School		
	WIAA Division 4 Final	41-39	W



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VOTING

Phase 2 voting is now open through 5pm on March 19, 2021.
 Phase 2 voting is between the top 3 nominees in each category unless there was a tie. Some categories have more nominees based on Phase 1 voting.
 Circle your nominee in each category.
 A minimum of 30 categories must be completed for a ballot to count.

RULES

Rules are simple: Nominees must be located in the Oshkosh Area School District, the Herald's coverage area. **One ballot per person per phase.** No photocopies. No ballot stuffing.

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 Birch Art Gallery
 EAA Museum
 Oshkosh Public Museum
 Paine Art Center</p> <p>New Restaurant (restaurants opened after Feb. 2020)
 314 Pizza
 Mineshaft
 Rocky's Tacos and Subs</p> <p>Chef
 Gabe's - Cody
 Jockey Club - James
 The Roxy - Wolfie</p> <p>Late-Night Food
 Pete's Garage
 Taco Bell
 West End Pizza</p> <p>Patio
 Fletch's Tap House
 Fox River Brewing Co./Fratello's
 Ground Round
 Jockey Club</p> <p>Brewery
 Bare Bones Brewery
 Fifth Ward Brewery
 Fox River Brewery</p> <p>Coffee Shop
 New Moon
 Pilora's
 Planet Perk</p> <p>Breakfast
 Delta Restaurant
 LaSure's
 Mike's Place
 Pilora's
 Two Brothers</p> <p>Brunch
 Bar 430
 Gabe's Kitchen & Tavern
 The Roxy</p> <p>Bakery
 Festival Foods
 Piggly Wiggly
 Tamara's The Cake Guru
 Thunderbird Bakery</p> <p>Fine Dining
 Primo
 The Roxy
 TJ's Highland Steakhouse</p> <p>Steak
 Gabe's Kitchen & Tavern
 The Roxy
 TJ's Highland Steakhouse</p> <p>Vegan/Vegetarian
 Carrot & Kale
 Gardina's
 Mahoney's
 Pilora's</p> <p>Juice/Smoothie
 Big Apple Bagel
 Carrot & Kale
 Wildfire Nutrition</p> <p>Pizza
 Christianos Pizza
 Ratch & Deb's
 West End Pizza</p> | <p>Pancakes
 IHOP
 Mike's Place
 Two Brothers</p> <p>Omelette
 Delta Restaurant
 LaSure's
 Mike's Place
 Two Brothers</p> <p>Burger
 Cinder's
 Culver's
 Mahoney's
 Pete's Garage
 Ruby Owl</p> <p>Tacos
 Cozumel
 Taco John
 Takiza</p> <p>Barbecue
 314 Pizza
 DD's BBQ
 Rodney's Cafe</p> <p>Fish Fry
 Gabe's Kitchen & Tavern
 Jockey Club
 Parnell's Place
 The Hangar</p> <p>Noodles/Ramen
 Bangkok Thai
 Mama's Noodle Bar</p> <p>Sushi
 Fuki
 Manila Resto
 Sakura</p> <p>Italian
 Benvenutos
 Olive Garden
 Primo</p> <p>Mexican
 Cozumel
 Los Jarapeos
 Takiza</p> <p>Chicken
 Gabe's Kitchen & Tavern
 Jeff's On Rugby
 Parnell's Place
 Pizza Ranch
 Red's Pizza</p> <p>Wings
 Buffalo Wild Wings
 Players
 The Bar</p> <p>Ice Cream/Frozen Treats
 Culver's
 Leon's
 Rhapsody's</p> <p>Desserts
 Gabe's Kitchen & Tavern
 LaSure's
 Leon's
 Tamara's The Cake Guru</p> <p>Cheap Date
 Jockey Club
 Pete's Garage
 Time Theatre
 West End Pizza</p> | <p>Meat Market/Butcher Shop
 Beck's Meats
 Festival
 Wagner Market</p> <p>Kids Party Place
 Mineshaft
 Precision Gymnastics Center
 West End Pizza</p> <p>Summer Camp
 Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh
 Fire Escape
 YMCA</p> <p>Youth Program
 Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh
 OYC Sail School
 YMCA</p> <p>Birthday Cakes
 Festival Foods
 LaSure's
 Pick 'n Save
 Tamara's The Cake Guru</p> <p>Family Restaurant
 Delta Restaurant
 Mike's Place
 Two Brothers</p> <p>Playground
 Jones Park
 Menominee Park
 South Park</p> <p>Dance Club
 French Quarter
 Molly McGuire's
 Oblio's
 Revs Bowl Bar & Grill</p> <p>Cocktail Bar
 Bar 430
 Gabe's Kitchen & Tavern
 The Roxy</p> <p>Dive Bar
 Evil Roy Slade's
 Leroy's
 Pete's Garage</p> <p>Sports Bar
 Legends Sports Bar & Grill
 The Bar
 Varsity Club</p> <p>Happy Hour
 Friar Tuck's
 Gabe's Kitchen & Tavern
 The Roxy</p> <p>Margarita
 Bar 430
 Cozumel
 Los Jarapeos
 Los Riveras
 The Roxy</p> <p>Old Fashioned
 Gabe's Kitchen & Tavern
 Parnell's Place
 The Roxy
 West End Pizza</p> <p>Bartender
 Christine @ LaSure's
 Peggy @ DD's BBQ
 Pete H. @ Pete's
 Pete M. @ The Roxy
 Jeff's On Rugby</p> | <p>Place for Sober Socializing
 Church
 New Moon
 Planet Perk</p> <p>Jukebox
 Evil Roy Slade's
 O'Marro's
 Pete's Garage</p> <p>Trivia Night
 Greene's at the Granary
 Ruby Owl
 The Hangar</p> <p>LGBTQ Bar
 Deb's Spare Time
 Pete's Garage
 Ruby Owl</p> <p>Billiards
 Jockey Club
 The Magnet
 Varsity Club</p> <p>Darts
 Evil Roy Slade's
 The Magnet
 Varsity Club</p> <p>Beer Bar (multi-tap)
 Fox River Brewing Co
 Gabe's Kitchen & Tavern
 Ruby Owl</p> <p>Bloody Mary
 Gabe's Kitchen & Tavern
 Mahoney's
 Roy's
 The Roxy</p> <p>Men's Clothing
 Duluth Trading Co
 Eddie Bauer
 Fleet Farm</p> <p>Women's Clothing
 Brinkley's Boutique
 Christopher Banks
 Olive & Rose
 TJ Maxx</p> <p>Vintage/Consignment Clothing
 AtomicKatz
 Frugal Fashion
 Goodwill
 St. Vincent de Paul</p> <p>Jewelry
 Dream Jewelers
 Reimer Jewelers
 Tennes Jewelry</p> <p>Furniture/Accessories
 AtomicKatz
 Furniture Appliance Outlet
 Fabulous Finds
 HomeGoods
 WG&R Furniture</p> <p>Used Furniture/Antiques
 AtomicKatz
 Originals Antique Mall
 St. Vincent de Paul</p> <p>Garden/Nursery
 Fernau's Greenhouse
 Hrnaks
 Stein's Garden & Home</p> | <p>Florist
 House of Flowers
 Hrnaks
 Pick 'n Save</p> <p>Grocery
 Aldi
 Festival Foods
 Piggly Wiggly</p> <p>Liquor/Wine
 Festival Foods
 McKnight & Carlson/Gardina's
 Pick 'n Save
 Wagner Market</p> <p>Smoke Shop
 A-Z Tobacco & Vapor Shop
 Marley's Smoke Shop
 Satori Imports</p> <p>CBD Purveyor
 A-Z Tobacco & Vapor Shop
 American Shaman
 HempWorks Wisconsin
 Marley's Smoke Shop</p> <p>Pet Store
 Nashville Pet Products
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 PetSmart
 The Pampurr'd Pet</p> <p>Sporting Goods
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 LaSure's Banquet Hall
 The Howard
 The Waters</p> <p>Place to Hang With Your Pet
 Doggie Paddle
 Jerry's Bar
 Menominee Park
 Winnebago County Dog Park
 Wiowash Trail</p> <p>Golf Course
 Far Vu Golf Course
 Oshkosh Country Club
 Westhaven Golf Club</p> <p>Gym
 Marissa's Fit Boutique
 O-Town Iron Gym
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 YMCA</p> <p>Yoga
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 Blades & Boards
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 Pickleball</p> <p>Local Delivery/Curbside Pickup
 Gabe's Kitchen & Tavern
 West End Pizza
 ZaRon's</p> <p>Neighborhood Bar
 Gabe's Kitchen & Tavern
 Jerry's
 Jockey Club</p> <p>Live Music Venue
 Fletch's Tap House
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 Revs Bowling Center</p> <p>Home Improvement
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Nominees in each category that appear on the final ballot are chosen by the amount of nominations received from our readers during Phase 1.
 Nominations for Phase 2 will be accepted from Mar 3-Mar 19, 2021. Ballots mailed must be at the Oshkosh Herald's office by 5pm on March 22, 2021. Nominations are limited. You can name one nominee in each category during Phase 2 of Oshkosh Herald City Picks voting. Your name and address must appear on the ballot. Our office is located at 923 S. Main St. Suite C, Oshkosh WI 54902. Off-site ballot boxes will be picked up by noon on March 19, 2021.
 Phase 2 has the top 3 nominees per category and is a new wave of voting. Again, only one vote per name and address. This does mean that if you and your honey don't agree, you both can vote. Voting is just limited to one vote per person per phase. **No ballot stuffing.** In the appearance of ballot stuffing the person, place, thing or business may be disqualified. The Oshkosh Herald reserves the right to determine if ballot stuffing has transpired. And yes, you can nominate yourself or your own business.
 Vote on as many categories as you'd like, but your ballot must include a **minimum of 30** category nominations for your ballot to register.
 Totals registered by our analyst will be considered final. This is a paper ballot contest. No funny stuff can happen online nor will photocopied or downloaded ballots be accepted. **Please find a paper issue of the Herald with a ballot.**

Winners will be announced in the April 14, 2021 Oshkosh Herald.

UWO Foundation looks back on year, new alliance

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Foundation recently released its 2019-20 Impact Report, which provides updates on its assets and showcases scholarship highlights and major gifts secured.

Executive director Greg Giles said it was an important year for the UW Oshkosh Foundation as it entered into a new relationship with the university when the Titan Alumni Foundation merged into

the UWO Foundation.

“Greg and I are sharing this report to not only provide an update on all of the good things happening at the Foundation, but also to establish our commitment to this community,” said Timothy Mulloy, UWO Foundation board chair.

Financial highlights included \$1.5 million in net assets received from the Titan Alumni Foundation along with total as-

sets of \$32 million and endowed assets worth \$24 million based on year-end June 30 audited financials.

Scholarship highlights showed 467 students received financial support, 11 new scholarships were established and scholarship support totaled \$673,111.

To meet COVID-19 challenges, the Titans Rise Emergency Grant Fund was launched with nearly 300 donors and support from the foundations for a total of \$106,036. There were 329 students facing immediate needs who were awarded up to \$400.

Among the major gifts received:

- UWO alumnus Thomas Brinkman

and Antoinette Candela Brinkman gave \$105,000 to the UW Oshkosh Student-Managed Endowment Fund.

- The Kerrigan Estate gave \$150,000 to the Faculty Endowment Fund and the John and Pat Kerrigan Freshman Scholarship Fund.

- The Culver Family Foundation gave \$1 million, completing its \$2 million pledge to the Alumni Welcome and Conference Center.

- The late Kenneth J. Grieb gave \$2 million for a permanent endowment to support research and course development within the International Studies Program's topical emphases.

FVTC plans for expanding in-person fall classes

Fox Valley Technical College is expanding in-person classes at its campuses and regional centers for the fall semester.

FVTC students in almost 60 percent of current programs are already receiving in-person training, but will make these adjustments moving forward:

- A full set of programs, classes, labs and support services will continue or return to in-person and on-campus settings.
- Expanded online offerings for students to have flexibility in their schedules.
- Resumption of small-group tours starting this month while continuing virtual program informational sessions listed on the FVTC website.

- Faculty and student services staff will continue to help students explore programs, navigate the admissions process and explore financial aid options.

- Campus activities, such as clubs and organizations, will begin planning fall events and activities.

“Since the start of the pandemic, we’ve been successfully and safely responding to the technical education needs of our region,” said Chris Matheny, FVTC executive vice president and chief academic officer. “We’re seeing an increase in demand across our communities for safe, hands-on, expert-led courses, seminars and customized training.”

Vaccine appointments available at UWO

The public vaccination site at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh is still accepting appointment requests this week.

Eligible residents may request a COVID-19 vaccination appointment on a digital form at uwosh.edu/titans-return/vaccination or on the UW Oshkosh home-

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Policy Forum offers political advice on local spending

By Jack Tierney
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Wisconsin Policy Forum offered a set of proposals for elected officials and constituents to consider as the April 6 nonpartisan election approaches.

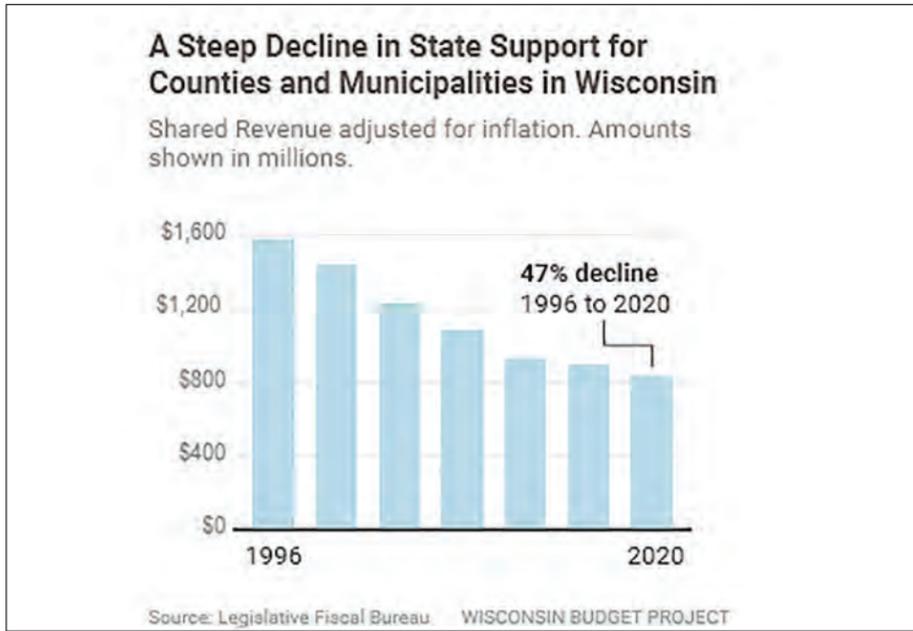
According to the WPF, there are several financial shifts residents should be informed of as they make their representative choices going forward.

The forum notes that Wisconsin is one of 24 states where more money is spent directly at the local level than at the state level. It ranks among the “lowest in the country” in state per-capita spending on parks, health, police protection, and housing, and localities are relied on more to fund these services.

The Legislative Fiscal Bureau found that from 2009 to 2019, the state’s county and municipal aid and utility aid payments, even before accounting for inflation, declined by 8.5 percent for municipalities and by 14.7 percent for counties. WPF found, in “dollars and sense,” that “among the 10 states most reliant on municipal property taxes, Wisconsin appears to have the tightest cap on increases.”

Since the mid-1980s, state shared revenue was a little more than 40 percent with property taxes funding around 20 percent of local government revenue. The years since have shown property taxes now funding 40 percent of local governments and shared revenues now around 20.

In 2006, Wisconsin placed limits on how much local levies could be increased each year. Since 2011, the increases in taxes used for operations in municipalities and counties have been restricted in general to the rate of net new construction in the jurisdiction.



Past WPF reports have noted that since the Great Recession, net new construction for the majority of communities has not kept pace with inflation. What that means is cities that aren’t major metropolitan areas have had a hard time keeping up with growth and providing the services residents have depended on.

“With a new state budget debate ap-

proaching, this is an opportune time for elected officials at every level of government in Wisconsin to reflect on how municipal and county services are funded,” the WPF states.

They offer the following policy proposals to consider:

- Though it may be difficult during the pandemic, state and local lawmakers could

re-think local finance by increasing state aid for local governments or providing local leaders with an expanded set of revenue options, such as a municipal sales tax.

- Local governments could collaborate more with one another, either directly or through the creation of larger regional entities. That might produce efficiencies and higher levels of service at a lower cost than individual local governments could achieve by acting alone.

- The state could provide local governments with more tools or flexibility for lowering costs such as reducing mandates.

WPF states that government leaders who stick with the status quo would likely result in a continuation of greater reliance on the property tax by local governments and pressure on local services such as police, libraries and streets.

“State and local leaders should use these challenges (COVID-19) as an impetus to consider whether the existing local government financial framework is optimal and sustainable; or whether, conversely, there is a need for reform that will allow the state’s citizens to receive the local services they desire at a cost that is both affordable and borne by the appropriate level of government.”

Bergstrom unveils new body shop, digital market

Bergstrom Automotive opened its new 36,000-square-foot Body Shop & Collision Center last week on Washburn Street along with a separate digital retailing marketplace and showroom center.

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Bergstrom also is opening express.cars, a digital retailing marketplace with more than 1,500 local certified used vehicles to browse, compare, shop or purchase online. Vehicles can either be picked up at the Oshkosh location or delivered. The first express.cars location opened last year in Green Bay.

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Video viewing

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really used a lot of the channels that were available in a cable bundle.

"I pay for it whether I use it or not," she said.

After she dropped cable services, Leal realized she was still missing out on important things such as local news and weather. The solution was a digital antenna that provides several channels for free over the air.

Laura Langkau at TechToys on Ohio Street has noticed that people are becoming "disgusted" with high cable bills and come in searching for alternatives, such as the digital antenna, of which her cheapest option is a one-time \$60 purchase.

However, even with cable being what she said was a luxury, she doesn't think one service will reign over others.

"People still want to know their local news, they still want to know what's happening in our area," Langkau said. "I think it's become a lot easier to be able to combine over-the-air antennas with streaming, and most people are doing that."

Cable and satellite providers in the form of Spectrum and DirecTV point out that their packages usually provide the best offerings for live sports, pay-per-view and new movie options, and don't rely on an internet connection.

Leal said the No. 1 benefit of having streaming services is the amount of variety among them, and with the digital antenna she doesn't think she's missing out on anything.

This is in accordance with the nocable.org survey, where 52 percent of national respondents also said they weren't missing out on options.

Of the 48 percent who said they were



Photo from Oshkosh Media

Andy Radig is Oshkosh Media's communications coordinator.

missing out, 23 percent were referring to live events, 22 percent on local and national news, and 19 percent said they were missing sports coverage.

Andy Radig, communications coordinator for Oshkosh Media, said that the business landscape for these clashing services is ever-changing.

He has been involved in the media industry for about 25 years and has seen a noticeable shift from pay TV to streaming both statewide and nationwide.

"Streaming services are an alternate to pay TV, or they're an alternate pay TV service in and of themselves, just delivered differently," Radig said.

He hears from Oshkosh Media viewers that they're looking for alternatives to watch them if they don't have cable.

Radig explained that on top of having channels on Spectrum and U-verse, Oshkosh Media Gov TV and Life TV can be found on devices such as Roku, the Ama-

zon Fire TV Stick or Apple TV.

Oshkosh Media also streams content live on oshkoshmedia.org, Oshkosh FM at 101.9, and posts videos on the Oshkosh Media YouTube channel.

"Local providers need to be adaptable to their residents and provide these alternate platforms," Radig said. "It's just a matter of making sure we're available where folks need us."

However, he added that a benefit to having cable or satellite was that customers could buy a group of channels without having to break things apart among different streaming services.

He said that if people can't afford both streaming and pay TV services, an antenna is a great free alternative.

But if one was looking into switching to streaming, Radig said to do so carefully.

It's important for people to identify the programming that they enjoy watching "and seek out those streaming provid-

ers so you can strategically purchase the streaming services that work for you," he said.

Radig warned to be careful not to over-subscribe to streaming services, or it will become as costly as pay TV.

"Use streaming services selectively; people shouldn't be paying for things that they're not going to use," he said. "To receive all the programming you want, you may have to subscribe to multiple streaming services. People need to be careful and be cognizant that those costs can add up."

Radig believes that in order to remain competitive, cable TV and satellite will need to "reinvent" themselves and adapt to these new consumer practices.

Another thing to note, according to Radig, is that cable TV providers are oftentimes making more money from their internet sales.

"Ultimately, consumer demand and the shift of where people go to get their content will drive what ends up being the most successful route for programming," he said. "It's going to be interesting to see where this goes because all of the content providers all seem to be wanting to launch their own service."

Radig said it's good for consumers to check occasionally what's available and re-evaluate their plan.

"It's a matter of consumers educating themselves and finding the opportunities that are available to be able to access a wider variety of content," he explained.

Local media outlets need to also keep an eye on the media landscape and be able to provide effective programming to local residents, Radig said.

"I don't want people to forget that there's local programming here: local government meetings, programs or even local events like local sports, parade coverage and candidate forums."

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County park

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to accommodate larger events in the open area. A security camera will be added to deter vandalism.

A project that former Parks Department director Rob Way was interested in completing before he left was adding an 8-foot bridge over a drainage ditch that extended the perimeter of a walking path on the west side of the park.

The bridge was made from recycled materials no longer being used at the Asylum Point fishing dock. The bridge and trail have been popular for cross-country skiing this winter, McInnis said.

The bridge redirected the course layout for disc golfers from residential housing nearby, which residents were happy about for distancing themselves from the course and golfers were treated to design improvements.

Area disc golf organizers John Terlap and Zach Bays worked with park staff to redesign portions of the two 18-hole layouts that worked better with park space updates. Most of the pad and pin moves were completed before winter.

Rugby, the full-contact team sport, has become one of the fastest growing sports in the country. Over the past year, the parks department leveled a prairie and added a second full-size rugby field, which makes Winnebago County the only place north of Madison with two full-sized rugby pitches and makes participants excited about tournament opportunities.

"A lot of people are interested in playing there," McInnis said.

Outdoor recreation was popular in 2020 and is expected to continue. Mild outdoor recreation is one of the best ways to maintain a healthy lifestyle, according



Friends of Winnebago County Dog Parks

Dogs enjoy their time at the Winnebago County Community Park's dog park.

to the American Medical Association, and Redlin said the parks are ready for a full summer.

"We are planning right now to have as

normal as a season as we can between the Community Park and the Expo Center," she said. "We will hopefully have a good season."

United Way's monthly collection drives ongoing

The Oshkosh Area United Way asks businesses to participate in a monthly collection drive to provide needed supplies to local organizations.

"With 40 percent of our community not meeting their basic needs, we have an opportunity to make a difference," said Mary Ann L. Dilling, United Way president and chief executive. "We asked local nonprofits, senior centers, schools and adult care facilities what supplies they need throughout the year. They responded with a long list of necessities."

The drive can be as big as a company-wide initiative or as small as a department, depending on available time and effort. There is a webpage on oshkoshunit-edway.org that offers visitors a list of supplies that the community needs as well as a QR code to guide donors to a shopping list.

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State tournament gives lift to local economy

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh visitors representing high school basketball teams and their fans brought a welcome economic lift to the area over the past two weekends thanks to the relocation of the state basketball tournaments.

Eight teams each were in town for the girls and boys' finals at Menominee Nation Arena. Two of the five divisions played their semifinal and championship games here with the other three in La Crosse – tournaments normally hosted by Madison and Green Bay.

With game tickets limited to 500 per team, hotels and restaurants were seeing a boost from some of that crowd during this quieter-than-normal winter and as the

pandemic hits the one-year mark.

Best Western Premier Waterfront downtown had a surge in bookings from those high schools after the locations and later the teams were determined, as well as from a series of ice fishing events that ran through last weekend.

Best Western manager Daniel Schetter said Friday they were getting to full occupancy ahead of the boys Division 3 and Division 1 finals after a similar increase the weekend before with the girls tournament.

"We've been pretty fortunate to be able to capitalize on all of those," Schetter said, adding that many of the teams – along with a cheerleading squad and dance team – were staying with them either before or after games.

"It's been a nice influx of travelers. For

us it's more of a staffing challenge because we're dealing with the high fluctuations of business," he said. "You have the start of the week where it's relatively quiet and then all of a sudden we almost have a full hotel and a full restaurant. Some of these teams are booking banquets as well, like team meals."

The Hilton Garden Inn on 20th Avenue also reported solid bookings from across the state for both weekends.

"We're almost completely sold out this entire weekend," Emily Klitzke, the manager on duty, said Thursday. "Pretty much all from the basketball teams."

Amid the pandemic slowdown Schetter said most larger hotel bookings have been limited to government groups – National Guard, FEMA gatherings – while the hospitality industry waits for leisure travel to slowly but steadily pick up again.

He said in the meantime, "I think every hotel is being pretty flexible" on cancellation windows to accommodate visitors.

Visiting high schools are also bringing more patrons to restaurants, and not just those connected to the hotels like the

Ground Round at Best Western.

"I know a lot of our guests ask (about other places to go downtown and in the area so I can't imagine that everybody isn't getting some wonderful lift from this, because it's been a long year," Schetter said.

In the Menominee Nation Arena neighborhood, Greene's Pour House at the Granary was livestreaming the playoff games at its pub and restaurant with related specials and viewing parties.

Fifth Ward Brewing Co. owner Ian Wegner also saw a notable jump in out-of-town visitors to his neighboring tap room.

The Oshkosh Convention & Visitors Bureau's Stay Safe Love Local Oshkosh promotional campaign for retailers also was finishing its run this Monday.

Arena staff have been taking extra measures to disinfect the seats, stands and locker rooms before and between the games. The arena would normally be active this time of year with the Wisconsin Herd season among other events, but has been able to host mostly private events along with the inaugural seasons of the semi-pro Wisconsin Basketball League that tipped off last month.

The WIAA tournaments prompted the arena crew to pull out its iconic MECCA floor design, a rendition of the original Milwaukee Exposition, Convention Center and Arena hardwood that was used by the Milwaukee Bucks to commemorate their 50th NBA season three years ago at the Bradley Center.

The arena is also getting other live activities on its concert calendar with the Eli Young Band taking the stage March 26 followed by classic rock band Blue Oyster Cult on April 16.

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Photo from UW Oshkosh

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh women's basketball team successfully defended its WIAC title over the weekend with a victory over UW-Whitewater.

UW Oshkosh women win third straight WIAC title

Oshkosh Herald

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh women's basketball team captured the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title for the third straight season last weekend, defeating UW-Whitewater 74-58 at the Kolf Sports Center.

It was UW Oshkosh's sixth in the last eight years and tied the conference record with seven postseason championships since the event debuted in 1999. The 2021 WIAC tournament champion was also awarded the league's regular season title, extending the Titans' success in that category to 14 since the conference was formed in 1972.

The Titans (9-2) used a big third quarter after holding a four-point lead at half-time, outscoring the Warhawks (8-3) 25-9 to pull away.

Leah Porath reached a milestone in the win as she surpassed 1,000 career points after scoring a team-high 17. She also grabbed seven rebounds and had five assists.

Jenna Jorgensen added 15 points, Julia Silloway had 14 points and five assists, and Nikki Arneson added 11 points.

UWO shot 55 percent and hit 10-of-22 three-point shots.

The Titans reached the title game after a 67-59 win over UW-La Crosse on Wednesday. UWO started slow in that game, trailing 17-10 after the first quarter before getting within one at halftime. Porath had a monster game with 35 points – 22 in the second half – as she shot 13-for-19 and had 12 rebounds.

The Titans beat UW-River Falls in the tournament opener, 79-59.

"I'm so proud of these women," coach Brad Fischer said. "Never complained about one thing all year. Just worked hard, competed, pulled like crazy for one another. They went through so much off the

court outside of COVID that young women shouldn't have to deal with. I couldn't love them more."

UWO men fall 75-72 to La Crosse in semifinals

The UW Oshkosh men's basketball team fell short in the WIAC semifinals Wednesday, losing to UW-La Crosse 75-72.

After an ugly start, the defending champion Titans made things interesting late in the second half. They saw themselves down 56-35 with 15 minutes left, but then rattled off 21 unanswered points to tie things at 56 with just over six minutes left in the game.

The Titans (5-2) then had a 70-67 lead with two minutes left after Hunter Plamann hit a 3-pointer but UWL would respond with a three of its own and then took a 72-70 lead and held it.

Eddie Muench led the Titans with 20 points and had five rebounds and four assists, while hitting four three-pointers. Plamann added 17 points while Levi Borchert had 16 points and 10 rebounds.

The Titans defeated UW-Stout in the opener last Monday, winning 98-89 in a high-scoring affair. The Titans led by 13 at halftime as Hunter Plamann led the way with 27 points. Levi Borchert added 21 points, eight rebounds and five assists while Will Mahoney had 17.

Eddie Muench rounded out double-digit scoring with 15 points.

"Tough loss on the road," coach Matt Lewis said. "What a year. Proud of our guys and everything they did to get us on the court and competing at a high level. Still processing this year, but overall I am just so thankful we got to play and spend time together. Now it's time to rest before investing towards 2021-22."

Obituaries

Ruth Marie Kimball

Ruth Marie Kimball, age 58, passed away suddenly. Daughter of Vervaine (Watson) Kimball and Eugene H Kimball. Heavenly angels carried Ruth to be with Jesus on February 20, 2021 at Park View Health Center with her mother, her brother, Steven, and her special sister-in-law Vickie at her side. Ruth attended Lincoln school. She worked at Lakeside packaging for 33 years. She attended Glad Tidings church.

She is survived by her mother Vervaine; brother, Steven (Vickie) Kimball; nieces, Lindsay (Gary) Kimball- Furtick and

Dana (Mike) Kimball-Green as well as their children. Ruth is further survived by her aunts, June Binder, Gloria Ayers, Darlene Brunet, as well as many cousins.

Ruth was preceded in death by her father Eugene, her aunt, Doris Crane, and uncle Edward Watson.

A very special thank you to the Park View Health Center staff on the second floor, neighborhood number two.

A private funeral was held on March 3, 2021 at Lakeview Memorial Park Chapel.

When you face the death of someone you love, hold tight to the outstretched hand of God with one hand, and gently let go of your loved one with the other.



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Janis M. Toll

Janis M. Toll, 86, formerly of Eldorado, died Monday, March 1, 2021, at the home of her daughter



Debbie in Oshkosh, with her family by her side. She was born on August 6, 1934, the daughter of Hattie and Oscar Pfeiffer. She married Carlton Toll on May 3, 1958. Carlton and Janis

were married for 60 years.

Janis worked as a bank teller at Eldorado State Bank until getting married and having children. She then dedicated her time to being a homemaker, a mom, and later a grandmother and great-grandmother.

Survivors include her children: Nancy (Ted Sokoly) Toll of Franklin; Debbie Toll of Oshkosh; Doug (Mary) Toll of Eldorado; Charlene (Jim) Koepnick of Oshkosh; and Carol Toll of Columbus. Her grandchildren: Amanda (Tim) Fenhouse of Fond du Lac; Jacob Toll (Becky Bradley) of Oshkosh; Ashley Toll of Milwaukee; Taylor Kollmansberger of Chicago, IL; Travis Kollmansberger of LaCrosse, and great-granddaughter Kaylee Fen-

house of Fond du Lac. She is also survived by her sisters Mary (Harp) Roberts of Ripon and Barb (George) Mattheis of Appleton.

She was preceded in death by her husband Carlton, her parents, sisters Ruth Russell Jahns, Lucille Blank, and Joan Johnson Ruppel, and brothers Don Pfeiffer, Ralph Pfeiffer, and Bobby Pfeiffer.

A private funeral service is being held at Peace Lutheran Church in Rosendale with the Rev. Connie Weiss officiating. Burial will be in the Rosendale Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the staff at Eastbrooke Manor, the Ascension Hospice team, and Home Instead for their wonderful care of our mom.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Peace Lutheran Church in Rosendale in memory of Janis.

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Maya Angelou

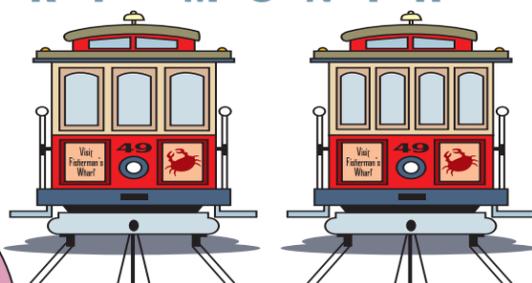


Maya Angelou was born Marguerite Ann Johnson on April 4, 1928 in St. Louis, Missouri. Today she is one of the most honored women in the world, recognized as a poet, memoirist, novelist, educator, dramatist, producer, actress, historian, filmmaker and civil rights activist. She has won three Grammys for her spoken-word albums, and in 2011, President Obama awarded her the Presidential Medal of Freedom for inspiring young people with her words.

Maya's life didn't have an easy start. After her parents' divorce,

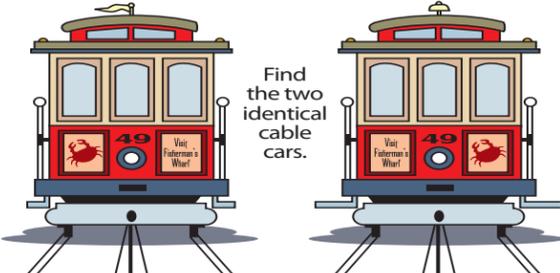
she was moved from home to home for many years, living in turn with her mother, her grandmother and her father. For a while she was homeless.

But she didn't let the poverty, pain or suffering of her childhood destroy her. In response, she created works of art.



Cable Car Conductor

As a young woman, Maya was San Francisco's first African-American female cable car conductor. She worked hard to support herself and her son.

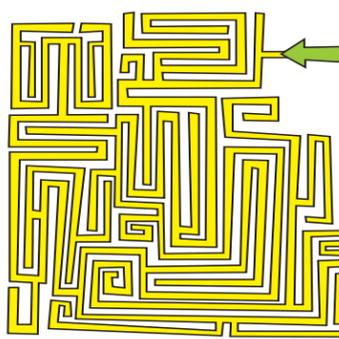


Find the two identical cable cars.

Look at the list of art forms. Circle the ones with even numbers. These are art forms that helped Maya become famous.

- 16 + 16 = Feature film
- 6 + 2 + 14 = Poetry
- 6 + 8 + 10 = The novel
- 9 + 9 + 6 = Dance
- 18 + 9 + 3 = Acting
- 14 + 8 + 6 = Singing
- 13 + 13 = Spoken word

Standards Link: History: Students understand that specific individuals can have a great impact on history.



Singer and Dancer

Maya loved to perform. She started singing and dancing in nightclubs and changed her name to Maya Angelou. *Maya* came from her brother's nickname for her, "my-a-sister." *Angelou* came from her first husband's name, *Angelos*.

After Maya was cast in the opera *Porgy and Bess*, she traveled throughout Europe performing in the show. While on tour, she learned the languages of the countries she visited. Follow the maze to see which languages she learned.

- SPANISH
- ITALIAN
- ARABIC
- FANTI
- FRENCH
- GERMAN
- RUSSIAN
- ARABIC
- FANTI
- GREEK

*A West African language

Standards Link: Behavioral Studies: Understand that people learn about each other in different ways.

Let's Talk About It

Maya's first book was an autobiography. Based upon what you know of Maya's life, what do you think the title means to her?

Standards Link: Comprehension: Respond to questions citing evidence.

JOURNALIST

In 1960, Maya moved to Cairo, Egypt and became the editor of an English language weekly newspaper.

What was the name of the newspaper that hired Maya as an editor? Use the code to find out!



- [Red/Blue] = A
- [Blue/Yellow] = B
- [Green/Blue] = E
- [Yellow/Blue] = H
- [Black] = I
- [Yellow/Red] = O
- [Red/Blue] = R
- [Yellow/Blue] = S
- [Red/Blue] = T
- [Green/Blue] = V

Writer

Maya died in 2014. She published more than 30 best-selling books. She wrote a series of books about her life. To discover the name of her first book, hold this page up to a mirror.

I know why the caged bird sings

Extra! Extra!

Create a Maya Angelou Poster

From the newspaper, select images and words that represent Maya Angelou. Use these to make a poster about her.

Standards Link: Visual Art: Know a range of subject matter in the arts.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Maya is one of four poets in U.S. history to read a poem at a presidential inauguration (the others being Robert Frost, Amanda Gorman and Elizabeth Alexander). The poem Maya read is "On the Pulse of Morning." Here is the last stanza. Can you replace the missing vowels?

Here _n the p_lse of th_s new d_y
 You m_y have the gr_ce to look _p and o_t
 And int_yo_r s_ster's _yes, int_
 Y__r br_ther's f_ce, your c__ntry
 And s_y s_mply
 V_ry s_mply
 With h_pe—
 G__d m_rning.



Source: america.gov

Standards Link: Art: Know that ideas are used to communicate meaning.

Double Double Word Search

- JOURNALIST
- LANGUAGES
- CONDUCTOR
- PERFORM
- POVERTY
- HISTORY
- POETRY
- EDITOR
- PULSE
- OPERA
- CAGED
- CABLE
- TEXT
- PAIN
- ART

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

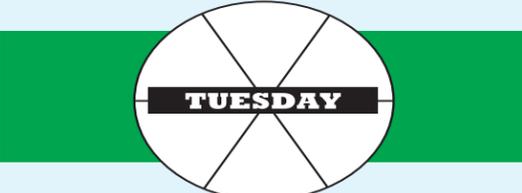
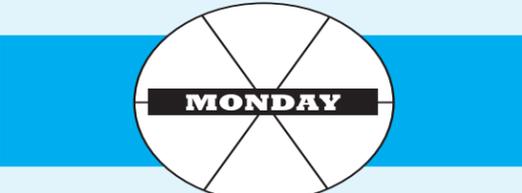
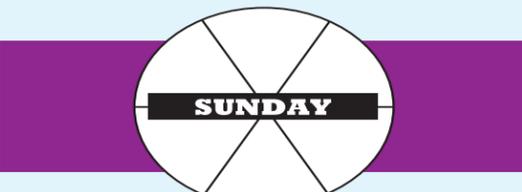
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop FIT & FUN

Can you do something physically active for one hour every day of the week?

Complete the circle charts below, one for each day of the week. Each wedge in the charts equals 10 minutes. If you dance for 20 minutes, color in two wedges. If you play basketball for one hour, fill in an entire circle.



Standards Link: Physical Education: Understand how to monitor and maintain a health-enhancing level of physical fitness.

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