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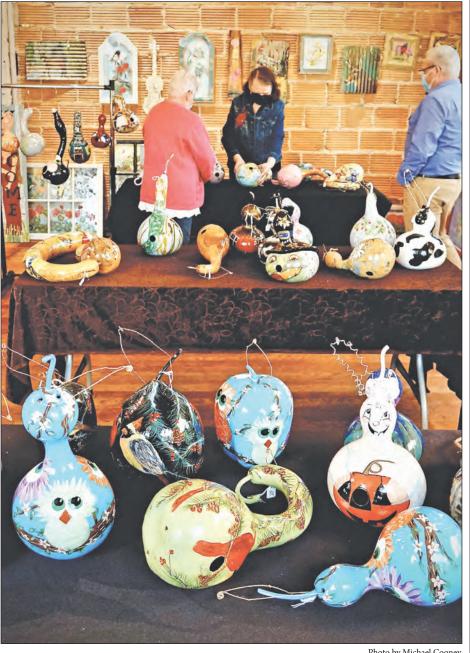


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### Creative gathering

Lu's Creations by Mary Lu Johnson were on display at Copper Hall on Otter Street during First Friday. The self-taught artist combines a love for animals and nature into her art, painting on media such as gourds, denim, glass and metalwork. First Fridays is a monthly event at downtown businesses.

### **Defenses** against virus shift

### Mask rules stay local while vaccines expand

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh's mask ordinance is continuing to carry the message from local health officials that facial coverings are an effective way to prevent the spread of COVID-19 as spring activities kick in and vaccination programs now welcome everyone 16 and

Confirmed and probable coronavirus cases in Winnebago County have stayed at a high level while virus variants are starting to show up in the region, according to the Health Department in its daily reports that emphasize steady public caution as the nation works its way out of the pan-

With the governor's statewide mask order canceled by the Wisconsin Supreme Court last week, Oshkosh's current ordinance runs through April as approved by the Common Council in early March.

The new council being elected this week may be asked to consider an extension of the ordinance, which requires coverings for anyone ages 5 or older in buildings and other enclosed places, when it expires April 30 barring any statewide action. Enforcement of the city ordinance would be limited to referrals to the Health Depart-

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### Trans student-athlete joins push for clear lanes

### **UWO** swimmer signs anti-exclusion effort

By Kaitlyn Scoville OSHKOSH HERALD

A University of Wisconsin Oshkosh men's swim and dive teammate stood up for his fellow transgender student-athletes by signing a letter dealing with bills being introduced in several states that target them individually.

Quill Graham, a female-to-male (FTM) sophomore and history major, signed a letter along with more than 500 other student-athletes across the nation that calls for the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) to not host competitions in states that uphold the trans-exclusion-

"I'm hoping that the NCAA sees the letter and they make a conscious effort to avoid states with these bills," Graham said. "And I think because they're such a powerful organization, especially in the sports world, that they could have a lot of



Quill Graham is a member of the Titans men's swimming team.

On Jan. 20, President Biden curbed former President Trump's efforts to ban transgender individuals by mandating, in regard to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that "all persons should receive equal treatment under the law, no matter their gender identity or sexual orienta-

This executive order was a broader application of the Bostock v. Clayton County ruling that mandated that LGBTQ+ individuals would be protected from discrimination in the workplace on the basis

Lawmakers in at least six states have been introducing bills that were aimed at limiting opportunities of trans female (MTF) athletes, including Kentucky, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Montana.

"I'm really upset by them," Graham said. "I understand that people want regulation but there's much better ways to ensure fair competition that isn't invasive and doesn't create a ban of all trans women."

Graham was just 8 years old when he knew he wanted to swim. His parents had him and his siblings participate in a sport during school, and didn't prefer on-land exercise. From then on, he continued to swim competitively in high school and into college.

He transferred to the men's team for its last meet of the season in late February, and swam a 2:10.97 200-yard freestyle, a 1:22.91 100-yard breaststroke and a

2:33.52 200-yard individual medley. His coach and teammates have been supportive of him since he changed teams.

Though Graham isn't worried about himself being affected by these bills, he worries for other young trans athletes.

"When it comes to college, high school and professional sports, there is a fair concern," he said. But anything under high school - middle or elementary - kids are just trying to have fun; it shouldn't be so competitive that we're worried about unfair advantages."

According to the NCAA Transgender Handbook, "a trans male (FTM) student-athlete who has received a medical exception treatment with testosterone... may compete on a men's team but is no longer eligible to compete on a women's team without changing that status to a mixed team," and vice versa for MTF student-athletes.

Furthermore, the handbook states that a FTM student-athlete can participate on either a men's or women's team if they are taking testosterone related to gender tran-

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### Diversity panel brings focus to mission

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The city's Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee approved a mission statement last week to focus its objectives as an advisory group on how the community can become more welcoming to all races and cultures.

The panel, created with a unanimous Common Council vote in June amid nationwide protests over racial inequalities, approved the combined input of its members with this mission statement:

"The mission of the Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee is to create a

more welcoming, connected, and equitable Oshkosh by consciously including the richness and complexities of marginalized voices in its planning and function."

In discussion over the final wording, committee member Carmen Scott said the statement needed to emphasize what various groups bring to the community to give it its "richness and complexities" through their voices. Members agreed on that phrase being incorporated.

"I think it points to the warmness of what we want to be," Scott said.

City planning director John Fitzpatrick praised the approved statement while en-

couraging the panel to stay flexible to the evolution of that mission.

"As the plan develops you may talk about different components of the plan and you may want to integrate one of those things in the mission," he said.

The committee also heard a presentation from Raquelle Solon of FEI Workforce Resilience, a national group specializing in organizational development and crisis management. She has been working with the city on ways the company could help develop diversity and inclusion plans in coordination with the committee and city departments.

### Advocap takes on more meal delivery needs

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gram (RSVP), and Aging and Disability Resource Center (ARDC) of Winnebago County, the nutritional needs of older adults continue to be met so they are able to stay safe at home. Advocap meal delivery staff and site managers provide up to

812 meals every day.

"The number of meals we are serving is increasing every day," said Dawn Paterson, food and nutrition director. "We have added new meal delivery routes just to keep up with the demand. Prior to the pandemic, we had 11 meal sites. We had to close them and now they are all home-de-

livered meals."

RSVP volunteers provide rides for older adults and are now providing food pantry deliveries. Individuals schedule a pickup with their local pantry and Advocap sends drivers to pick up and deliver the food.

"The longer the requirement to stay at home is in place, the more help our seniors will need," said Deb Shepro, Advocap's director of volunteer services.

"We will continue to evolve and change our services to meet the needs of those we serve."





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### Scooter service for campus area looks to get rolling

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

An Oshkosh West High School alumnus decided to come back to his hometown to apply what he learned in college and create an electric scooter rideshare program in and near the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.

Tylere Moxon, a 2008 West graduate, is working on a pilot program for Foxe Rides, which would allow for people to check out and use electric scooters in and around the UW Oshkosh campus.

He graduated with a degree in communications at Santa Barbara in 2012, and from Parsons School of Design for his master's in strategic design and business management in 2019.

Moxon said he was working a corporate job and creating an application in New York a couple of months before the pandemic hit. The app, which would have allowed for users to share social media interfaces through near field communication (NFC) and quick response (QR) code technology, "caught some traction in the design community," Moxon said.

He soon got the sense that he wanted to be his own boss, so he decided to move back to Oshkosh. Shortly after, the pandemic hit.

"So, should I continue developing this app while working a corporate job, or come back to Wisconsin? I got an exposition invitation from the Forbes 30 Under 30 for the app, and I didn't have my (original) team with me because they all got jobs after graduating," he said.

Receiving the Forbes invitation proved difficult for Moxon in choosing among locations, but ultimately decided to move



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back to Oshkosh to pursue a different project – Foxe Rides.

His inspiration for having electric scooters in his hometown sparked after being in Europe for Design Week, part of an annual global initiative for sharing ideas.

"As things started falling apart with my other application, this one started coming together very quickly," Moxon explained. "So now I'm still in the process of the app being developed with a team of mine in India, who I also went to school with at Parsons."

He is currently working on an ordinance to propose to city council as soon as possible, hopefully this month. "I've been working with the city here now, various meetings with economic development, the Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Board and the city attorney, trying to figure out which direction to go," he said.

He has also been working with the Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corp. to get the project moving forward and funded to bring in between 50 and 100 electric scooters for the pilot program.

"The time has been faster than I expected, which I'm very thankful for," Moxon said. "And now with Bird coming to Appleton it has only lit a fire underneath legislature."

A proposal being considered by Appleton's city council this week would bring Bird Rides Inc. and 100 of its scooters to rent on College Avenue.

Bird is an app-based scooter rideshare program based out of Santa Monica, Calif. If the resolution passes, the scooters could be in Appleton by late spring.

Though there is nothing concrete in the ordinance or pilot program for Foxe Rides, Moxon has a clear goal.

"My target market is these schools that are underutilized but have a large number of students that could benefit from micro-mobility," he said.

Something that may be harder for the development of Foxe Rides in Oshkosh is to have a docking program, whereas Appleton will not be going that route, Moxon explained. The planning department and economic development department would determine where dock locations are going to be.

He said the only tax dollars that may be needed for the project would be in the instance that the docks, or Fox Catchers, be built around the city. Otherwise, he plans to hire retrieving staff that would pick up the scooters to charge at a personal location, such as an office or home.

Parameters aren't clearly defined around UW Oshkosh, but Moxon said he is working on developing geo-fencing to keep the scooters within a limited area, and to promote and follow safety and ordinance guidelines.

The city has expressed interest in expanding the geo-fencing beyond the campus, and Moxon said he hopes to have 1,000 scooters throughout the city within three years.

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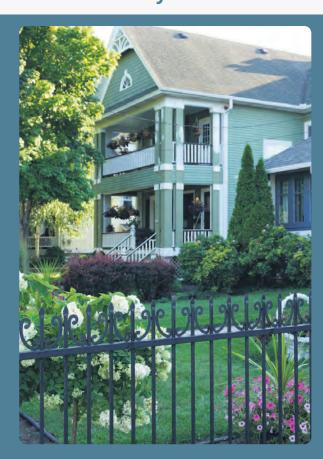
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### Young adults have much to gain from vaccine

### UWO health official notes overall safety benefits

By Sophia Voight
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

As COVID-19 vaccination eligibility increases across the state, health officials emphasize the importance of shots for young adults and continued compliance to safety measures to make the return to normal possible.

"Our goal is to get to 80 percent of all Wisconsin adults to be vaccinated, so young adults really play a critical role in helping us get to that 80 percent," said Kim Goffard, communicable disease supervisor for the Winnebago County Health Department.

Young adults typically don't experience the adverse side effects of the COVID-19 infection and are not as likely to be hospitalized, Goffard said, but that shouldn't discourage them from getting the vaccine.

Karen Sanchez, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Student Health Center director, said while it is less likely young adults will suffer from more of the severe effects of COVID-19, there is still a chance they could develop serious illnesses.

"Young people do die, young people do get seriously ill — the numbers are not as high as 65 and over, but they still do," she

UWO senior Marissa Hart said a reason she wanted to get the vaccine was that she has autoimmune diseases and wanted to protect herself from the virus.

She knows that when she gets sick it can be worse for her than others and be a lot harder to recover, so it's important for her to not risk getting the virus.

"Even a simple cold could be dangerous," she said. "I feel blessed that I was able to get the vaccine very early on."

Sanchez noted that college students are often working essential jobs where they have a greater chance of being exposed so getting the vaccine could protect them.

"Whether it's health care, education or food service, you're at a higher risk because you're in those kinds of jobs and you know having a vaccine is going to protect you in the end," Sanchez said.

UWO senior Andrew Haese said he jumped at the chance to receive his vaccine in early March to protect himself and the people he works with.

"I decided to get the vaccine to protect myself, simple as that," he said. "I'm a very active person and I work nearly three jobs, two of which involve me interacting with other people."

Goffard emphasized that young adults also run the risk of spreading the virus in these essential jobs.

Hart is a health care worker at Home Care Assistance and said she also got the vaccine because she wanted to keep patients safe.

"I decided to get the Moderna vaccine because I want to keep my patients safe and help protect myself and the community," she said.

"My patients are all high-risk. I prioritize their health and well-being every single day."

Sanchez said variants of the coronavirus have a greater chance of spreading if

enough people choose to not get vaccinated

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services confirmed a third variant strain of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, in the state March 25.

"When the virus is allowed to just keep spreading, that's when you can get those variants, and then even the vaccines that we have might not be as effective if we get more of those variants because they have more opportunity to spread," Sanchez said.

A positive aspect of being fully vaccinated, according to Goffard, is that individuals won't have to quarantine if they are exposed to the virus.

"I call it a get-out-of-quarantine-free card," she said. "So if you are fully vaccinated and you get exposed to somebody with the virus ... you don't have to quarantine."

This opens up opportunities for more in-person classes and eliminates the need to work from home due to a quarantine, Goffard said.

"The more you can stay out of quarantine in your life, the better," she said.

Haese, who is graduating in May, said being vaccinated will help with job hunting.

"I need my body and mind completely healthy as I hunt for a job and start to

establish my career," he said.

Sanchez said knowing they can get together with friends and family once they are vaccinated should motivate young adults when it's their turn.

"I have adult children and we have one family member with a serious illness and we just haven't been able to get together like we are used to," she said. "We're just waiting for all of us to be vaccinated, or just my immediate family of my children and their partners and their children, so that we can all get together."

Hart said she wasn't apprehensive about the shot and thinks people should trust its safety.

"I have trust in the safety and effectiveness of the COVID-19 vaccines," she said. "People need to remember that it is still a vaccine and everyone's body is going to react differently."

She said wearing a mask and social distancing are effective at minimizing the spread of COVID-19 but getting the vaccine will help fight the virus if exposed.

"It is super important to get the COVID-19 vaccine when you are eligible," she said. "It is such an important tool to stop this pandemic and save lives."

### City offers home project assistance

Those interested in home improvements, home ownership and investing in eligible Oshkosh housing stock are invited to join an April 22 online presentation by city officials.

Presenters will share details on programs such as Sold on Oshkosh, a \$5,000 grant for a home purchase that is forgivable after five years. For those who own an eligible property and want to make improvements to the exterior, they can apply for the Curb Appeal, a no interest 10-year loan up to \$10,000.

Additional programs can be found at ci.oshkosh.wi.us under Planning Services. Those attending will hear from planning staff and Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods members about details of the programs, including eligibility requirements. There will be an opportunity to ask questions.

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### FVTC president to end 38-year campus career

After 38 years of service to the Fox Valley Technical College district, 13 of them as president and chief executive, Susan May has announced her retirement effective July 31. She shared the announcement with the campus community March 30.

May joined FVTC in 1983 and became chief academic officer in 1997. She was named president and CEO in 2008 for the campuses in Oshkosh and Appleton, along with its regional and training centers.

"Together, we have navigated three of the greatest challenges in the college's history," May said in a message to faculty and staff. "First, the enormous impact of the Great Recession that began three months into my presidency in 2008, then the enactment of Act 10 state legislation in 2011, and capped off with the unprecedented pandemic of 2020. All of these were completely unexpected challenges, but together we tackled each one."

Patty Van Ryzin, board of trustees chair, said in the statement, "Dr. May is highly regarded for her leadership, collaboration and deep understanding of the educational systems in Wisconsin. She is extremely knowledgeable and intuitive about the needs of the many stakeholders the college serves. During her 38-year career with the college, she has exhibited steadfast passion, commitment and dedication to the organization and its mission."

Through May's leadership, a \$66.5 million capital referendum was passed in 2012. Among other projects, the referendum allowed for construction of a new campus for the Public Safety Training Center, which is the only fully integrated and multidisciplinary facility of its kind in the Midwest.

May also led efforts to expand FVTC's partnership with Appleton Internation-

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Susan May will retire from FVTC as its president at the end of July.

al Airport by developing and delivering airport rescue and firefighting (ARFF) training, which launched last year. The program is one of only 20 in the country and the only one featuring a Boeing 777 aircraft fire training prop.

May helped navigate the college during the pandemic on instructional models in alternative delivery formats for nearly 250 associate degrees, technical diplomas, certificate programs and seminars, as well as nationwide criminal justice-related programming.

"Navigating our large and diversified organization through this past year has been a huge undertaking, but we have an outstanding team that's certainly risen to the challenge," May said.

Trustees will appoint a search committee and Van Ryzin said the board anticipates announcing the selection of the new president by August.



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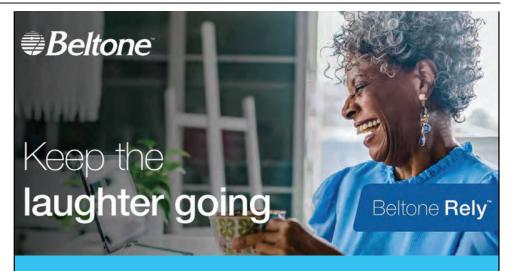
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### Area beer production tanks amid pandemic

By Lee Reiherzer HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Each March for the past five years I've written about beer production in Oshkosh and the surrounding area. And each year those production numbers have told a story of growth.

Not this year. COVID-19 has changed the trajectory.

The state Department of Revenue has now issued its full set of beer production reports for 2020. The DOR reports production in terms of barrels.

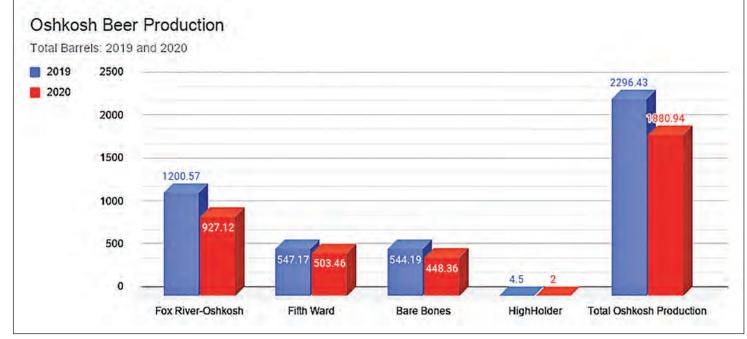
A barrel of beer contains 31 gallons. That's the equivalent of 13.7 cases. or 248 pints. No matter how you slice it, beer production in Oshkosh has fallen for the first time since 2011.

All breweries in Oshkosh are down. Overall volume is down by a full 18 percent. Production at Fox River - Oshkosh, the largest here, fell by 23 percent. Bare Bones is down 18 percent. Fifth Ward's production decreased 8 percent.

The story becomes more of a mixed bag when you take a wider view that brings in other breweries in the area.

Fox River, with its two brewpub breweries, continues to be the most productive in our area. Fox River - Appleton, with its bottling line, was able to make up for most of the lost ground that occurred at Fox River - Oshkosh. Yet this was the first time in a decade that Fox River has not seen its production grow. That said, the brewery's overall decline of 9 percent is at least somewhat encouraging in comparison to what's occurred at other large brewpubs around the state.

Last year was unprecedented. But there



Graphic by Lee Reiherzer

are some patterns here worth making note

There were three area breweries with production of more than 300 barrels that saw significant growth last year: Barrel 41, Lion's Tail and McFleshman's. Those three breweries share a set of traits that distinguishes them.

First, each of them has a canning line. That became a major advantage. In comparison to bottled beer, it's easier, faster and cheaper to release a new brand if you can put it in a can. When draft beer sales tanked at the start of the shutdown, these three breweries moved their new releases into cans and continued selling beer in a format embraced by drinkers who otherwise would have been in their taprooms. All three breweries made the most of that capability. It seems to have made all the difference.

Second, each of these breweries self-distribute. So they never found themselves at the mercy of a distributor who, when the sale of draft beer dried up, was incentivized to displace them by pushing the retail product of much larger breweries. The retail presence of these three breweries grew continually during 2020.

Finally, all three of these breweries employed their social media channels for all they were worth. Their customers were no longer in their taproom but they still managed to keep those customers engaged. That effort will only continue to pay div-

The taproom at Lion's Tail in Neenah was closed for a full year yet the brewery didn't miss a beat. When the shutdown began, the focus there immediately shifted to selling canned beer directly to customers and on expanding its retail distribution footprint. I doubt the folks at Lion's Tail could have handled the predicament any better.

I suspect Fifth Ward might have been part of this group had their canning line come in earlier in the year. Fifth Ward certainly had the other pieces in place. But the brewery wasn't able to begin selling its most sought-after beers in cans until late December.

The breweries hit hardest in 2020 were the small breweries without the ability to redirect their output into retail packaging. After their taproom business fell off there was no alternate sales channel for them to resort to. The apparent outlier among that group is Emprize in Menasha. But Emprize didn't begin reporting its production until July 2019, so the year-to-year comparison isn't entirely valid.

These production numbers are supplied by the Department of Revenue. The DOR's figures are sometimes a point of contention. They don't always jibe with a brewery's internal metrics.

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



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### St. Mary's on historic register

The Wisconsin Historical Society has placed the St. Mary's Church complex at 605 Merritt Ave. on the State Register of Historic Places, the society announced last week.

St. Mary's Catholic Church is a group of buildings constructed between 1886 and 1925 for a growing German Catholic congregation. Anchored by a cathedral-like Gothic Revival church designed by Chicago-based architect Adolphus Druiding, the property also includes a Mediterranean Revival style rectory and an elementary school completed in 1904, according to the historical society announcement.

In 1925, the school was expanded to include a large high school wing and a community-focused parish hall.

In the 1840s and 1850s, the fledgling city of Oshkosh experienced an influx of Catholic immigrants, primarily Irish and Germans, who sought work in the area's lumber industry. The city's existing Catholic parish, St. Peter's, was soon overwhelmed with new worshippers. In 1856, German parishioners were granted permission to establish their own parish which they named St. Mary's.

They erected a small wood-frame church and school on Merritt Avenue. When the Green Bay Diocese began discussing the relocation of its seat to Oshkosh, St. Mary's commissioned a new cathedral design from Druiding, the preeminent archi-



St. Mary's Church on Merritt Avenue was built starting in 1886 for the city's growing German Catholic population.

tect of German Catholic churches in the Midwest.

Although the Diocese remained in Green Bay, St. Mary's proceeded with the construction of its massive new church. When it was completed in 1892, it accommodated more than 1,000 parishioners. The highstyle Gothic Revival design had a distinctive German Gothic church hall plan.

In 1904, a brick elementary school designed by the Milwaukee firm of E. Bri-

elmaier and Sons was erected next to the church. In the 1920s, the parish hired the local firm Auler & Jensen to design several new facilities including a two-story rectory that attached to the rear of the church.

A new high-school wing was added to the school, which provided additional classrooms, a library and a double-height gymnasium open to the community.

Local developers have purchased the now-closed St. Francis Cabrini elementary school and are converting it into housing for senior citizens.

A parish hall addition connected to the high school wing was also developed for community use, offering a bowling alley and auditorium.

St. Mary's remains a cornerstone of German Catholic history in Oshkosh. The State Register is Wisconsin's official list of state properties determined to be significant to Wisconsin's heritage.

### Sessions offered on mental health, substance abuse challenges

Shaffer Counseling & Consulting started a free open group this week at Solutions Recovery from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Fridays in an effort to close the gap for adults seeking services for drug abuse and

mental health issures.

The dual diagnosis group is open to anyone seeking support and will be held in Solutions Recovery's lower-level group room at 621 Evans St.

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### Mears annual art contest winners on exhibit

Art teachers and students who faced challenges during the pandemic while classes were taught virtually in many Oshkosh schools were still able to take part in the Helen Farnsworth Mears 2021 Art Contest/Exhibit.

All artwork, submitted digitally, includes two-dimension (drawing and painting), three-dimension (sculpture) and a new category of digital creations.

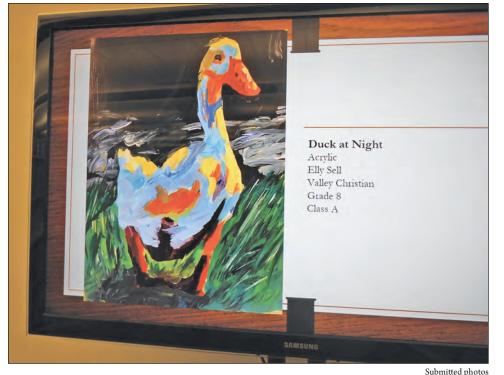
"The works presented showed the passion both the students and teachers have for art," commented judge Shannon Moskal, executive director of the Richeson School of Art & Gallery. "I hope to see this wonderful competition continue to thrive in future years."

The traditional exhibit in the Oshkosh Public Library's lower level was replaced with a virtual exhibit shown on a largescreen TV. The continually running show is open through April 18 during library

Dedicated to the memory of Oshkosh sculptor Mears (1871-1916), the statewide General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) art contest features seventh- and eighth-grade public, private and home-schooled artists. The GFWC-Oshkosh Women's Arts Club sponsors the contest that originally began in 1927.

Shirley Brabender Mattox, state GFWC chairman, said Mears' memory has been sustained for 94 years through the contest while encouraging the talents of young

In Class A for two-dimension art, Brandi Root, South Park, took first place; Aubryn Lehman, Valley Christian, placed second; and Ben Crile, Valley Christian, was third.



The Helen Farnsworth Mears 2021 Art Contest/Exhibit is on video display until April 18 at the Oshkosh Public Library.

In three-dimension, Ashley Schumann, South Park, took first place; Mary Newman, Webster Stanley, was second; and Travis Trayling, Webster Stanley, took

For digital art, Dayshia Darden, Webster Stanley, placed first; Trip Kujawa, ALPS, took second; and Katelynn Sturtz, Webster Stanley, was third.

In Class B among Grace Lutheran students, two-dimension winners were Abby Brand, first place; Ben Matthias and Riley Pearson, second place; and Samantha Unger, third place.

For three-dimension entries, Tatem

Berrell took first place, Jana Peikert was second and Alex Jensen placed third.

Honorable mention went to Ava Duran of Webster Stanley.





### Calendar of events

#### **Ongoing**

"The Other Side: An Installation by Jennifer Angus," Paine Art Center, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday

"The Nostalgia Awakens: Vintage Star Wars Toy Display," Oshkosh Public Mu-

Oshkosh StoryWalk, "This Moose Belongs to Me," The Shops at Oshkosh, 3001 Washburn St.

#### Friday, April 9

Bare Bones Comedy Show, 7 p.m., Bare Bones Brewery, 4362 County S STEEM Presented by Rock LLC, 7:30 p.m., The Grand, 100 High Ave. Spring Mahem Home Show, through Sunday, Menominee Nation Arena

#### Saturday, April 10

Craft Show at the Market, 8 a.m., Menominee Nation Arena

"North By Northwest," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

ACW WaterCity WrestlingCon, 6:30 p.m., Oshkosh Masonic Center, 204 Washington Ave.

### Friday, April 16

Blue Oyster Cult, 7 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

Erskin Anavitarte, 7 p.m., Dwelling 2:22, 222 Church Ave.

Al Dorn, 8:30 p.m., O'Marro's Public House, 2211 Oregon St.



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Axel Kain received a new iPad he was gifted by the Oshkosh Mid-Morning Kiwanis Club.

# Kiwanis project brings iPads to select students

A few lucky Oshkosh Area School District students are the new owners of iPads, thanks to a partnership between the district and Oshkosh Mid-Morning Kiwanis Club.

Funds for the iPads were raised through the Wisconsin Upper Michigan Kiwanis Autism Project, which provides iPads for children on the autism spectrum. The Kiwanis were able to provide iPads to 14 Oshkosh students. Students also received a \$100 iTunes gift card, and a protective case and shield for their new device.

"Kiwanis is all about the children," said Dave Applegate and Colleen Harvot, Oshkosh Mid-Morning Kiwanis members who presented the iPads to students and families. "This is just one way that we are able to give back and make a difference in the Oshkosh community and we are honored to do so."

Special education staff helped complete grant applications for students. iPads are adaptable for communicating wants and needs, learning language and math, and calming behavior, all of which can transform a child's ability to interact with the world around them.

"We are so excited for these students and families," said Claire Habeck, an assistive technology specialist in the district. "Our teaching staff use similar devices to help engage students in the classroom and having this access while at home is a game-changer for the students and their entire family."

Some students have varied academic, social or emotional needs that are served through a variety of education programs.

"Our incredible Special Education team works collaboratively with students and families to provide access to the resources that will ensure academic, social, emotional, and physical growth in order for students to reach their fullest potential," stated Linda Pierron, director of Special Education. "The ultimate goal is to see students as independent and productive citizens, leading fulfilled lives."





### Superintendent search begins

Oshkosh Herald

Cooperative Education Service Agency 6 will assist the Oshkosh Area School District in its search for a new superintendent, the Board of Education decided in a special meeting last week in the wake of Superintendent Vickie Cartwright announcing her resignation.

"As a local organization, CESA 6 will be readily available throughout the search process, as well as the transition period to assist the new board and the new superintendent," district officials said a in a statement. "CESA 6 will develop a district profile as a recruitment tool in postings, advertise and recruit qualified candidates, facilitate board and stakeholder interviews, and conduct extensive professional and criminal background checks among other actions."

CESA 6 is one of 12 nonprofit agencies in the state and based in Oshkosh, serving 39 public school districts in Winnebago, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Outagamie, Washington, Waupaca and Waushara counties. It is governed by an 11-member board representing the public school districts.

The district used Iowa search firm Ray & Associates in 2017 to find candidates to replace Superintendent Stan Mack when he retired after six years leading the district. Cartwright was chosen from among seven finalists and started her tenure July 1, 2018.

A search process and timeline will be provided by CESA 6, with the goal of having a new superintendent in place by July. CESA 6 plans to interview school board members this month to gather input into the values, qualities and qualifications desired of the next superintendent. A stakeholder survey will also be developed to gather staff and community input.

A board workshop will be held to discuss the search process and finalize the candidate profile and job posting. There is an OASD Superintendent Search webpage on the district's site for ongoing updates.



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"I tried everything from medications to special orthotic inserts because I didn't want to have surgery. Arthritis in the right foot was so bad that I had to take pain pills to stay on my feet at work. The first five hours of work were tolerable, but the last five hours were almost unbearable without taking pain pills. Dr. Hendrickson suggested that I try MLS Laser Therapy. I made the appointment and have never been happier! I now have pain free mobility thanks to Dr. Gerald Hendrickson."

"MLS Laser Therapy is unique in that it treats both inflammation and pain simultaneously." Explained Dr. Hendrickson. "The MLS Laser works by sending photons of light deep into the damaged tissue, which recharges and stimulates the cells. The cells of tendons, ligaments and muscles repair themselves faster and 'kick-start' the healing process."

Candy had 3 treatments per week at first, and now comes in once or twice a month. "I'm enjoying life's simple pleasures, like going to the store again. It's such a simple solution. I have up to 95% relief of pain. It is truly miraculous!"



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### Temporary bridge closures scheduled for maintenance

Routine inspections and annual spring maintenance will restrict some Oshkosh bridges this month, the state Department of Transportation's Northeast Region office announced.

The Main Street bridge will have a full closure from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday. Traffic will use a signed detour and the bridge will remain open to Fox River marine traffic.

The right lane of the bridge will also be closed from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday.

The State 44 (Wisconsin Street) bridge

in Oshkosh will be a full closure from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, with traffic being detoured and Fox River marine traffic still

The State 21 (Congress Avenue) bridge will have a right-lane closure from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday and Fox River marine traffic open, along with a full closure from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 19.

The Oregon Street bridge will have a full closure from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday with traffic being routed and still open to Fox River marine traffic.

### **Jobless rate rises to 4% in February**

Oshkosh's unemployment rate rose to 4 percent in February after a 3.8 percent rate for January, according to the state Department of Workforce Development based on U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates released last week. The city's jobless rate was 2.6 percent last February.

The Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) of Oshkosh-Neenah also saw a 0.2 percent jobless rate increase from January to 3.9 percent in February. This non-seasonally adjusted data shows that jobless rates increased in 12 MSA metro areas statewide from the previous month and over the year.

Among the state's 34 largest cities there were two that experienced a decrease or remained unchanged in their unemployment rates over the previous month. Oshkosh's jobless rate ranks No. 14 among those cities.

### Diocese awards tuition grant to Lourdes

Lourdes Academy Middle School was awarded with \$10,000 alongside seven other schools by the Diocese of Green Bay to help underwrite tuition costs for students with families undergoing financial distress.

Todd Blahnik, superintendent of Catholic schools at the diocese, announced the eight schools that would be receiving the financial support from the George

and Mary Kremer Foundation. The others are All Saints Catholic School in Antigo; Roncalli Catholic School in Manitowoc; Sacred Heart Catholic School in Shawano; St France Xavier Elementary and Middle School in Appleton; St. Mary Catholic Middle School in Neenah; and St. Thomas More Catholic School in Green Bay.

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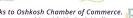








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Sola Salon Studios has opened an Oshkosh location on Jackson Street.

### Salon franchise to open local studio on Jackson

Sola Salon Studios, which develops equipped spaces for independent salon professionals, is opening an Oshkosh location April 15 in the Fairacres Shopping Center on Jackson Street at Murdock Av-

The site will have 22 professionally finished salon studios. The franchise is owned by Dan Hoeck, who opened Wisconsin's first location in Appleton in 2012 and has since opened a second site in Appleton, three in Green Bay and five in Ohio.

Hoeck said all 10 locations are filled and he credits the high occupancy rates to the growing popularity of the salon suite concept, where beauty pros work independently.

"COVID-19 has really amplified the concerns that beauty pros have about safety and hygiene," Hoeck said. "They are

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### Environmental focus leads April events at UWO

UW Oshkosh Today

Speakers and panel discussions, birding, river cleanups and tree plantings are some of the environmentally focused activities planned this month at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh under its Earth Month 2021 initiative.

"Earth Month is important because it is a time when we reaffirm and deepen our university's commitment to sustainability - the call to create a world where all people can lead healthy, fulfilling lives, within ecological limits," said Stephanie Spehar, director of the UWO Sustainability Institute for Regional Transformations. "Sustainability is really a deep responsibility we have to each other, a commitment we have made that will take a lot of work and creativity and effort but is absolutely the right thing to do."

Spehar said the need to act on issues like climate change is urgent. UWO has sustainability as one of its foundational elements and students, she said, often are the ones advocating the hardest for change.

"We have definitely heard from the campus community the desire to get outside and do something, even more this year than in previous years when folks are looking to get outside their four walls," said Brad Spanbauer, campus sustainability officer.

There will be tree plantings at the three UWO campuses and litter cleanup. UWO is also one of the sites for the annual Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance cleanup event May 1.

Amanda Nguyen, founder of Rise, a social movement accelerator, can be heard at 7 p.m. Monday by going to bit.ly/ AmandaNguyenUWO. The daughter of Vietnamese refugees and a 2019 Nobel Peace Prize nominee, Nguyen penned her own civil rights into existence and saw the unanimous passage of her Sexual Assault Survivors' Bill of Rights. To date, 27 bills

have been created and modeled from her federal law.

This event is part of Asian Heritage Month, Earth Month, Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Social Justice Week programming.

An Eco-Anxiety Workshop from 3 to 4:30 p.m. April 15 at the Outdoor Classroom along the Fox River will discuss strategies to manage and channel disruptive feelings. The Counseling Center and Environmental Studies Program serve as co-hosts.

Orchard planting near UWO parking Lot 11 takes place from 10:20 to 11 a.m. April 20 after a tree grafting class in HS

202. A scion wood exchange fair follows from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Sage Hall courtyard. Those interested in grafting rare heirloom fruit trees or have wood to exchange with other fruit tree enthusiasts are encouraged

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Dina Gilio-Whitaker, author of "As Long as Grass Grows: The Indigenous Fight for Environmental Justice, from Colonization to Standing Rock," is featured in a virtual event from 5 to 6:30 p.m. April 22.



### Aquatic invasive species program funded by DNR

The state Department of Natural Resources has awarded more than \$509,000 statewide for a new Lake Monitoring & Protection Network (LMPN) subprogram that will help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS) and protect waters' health.

The DNR will use funds from the Surface Water Grant Program to set up core services in each participating county. This includes supporting AIS and water quality monitoring, training watercraft inspectors, participating in outreach campaigns and providing technical assistance for water protection efforts.

Each year, the DNR will distribute up to \$1 million to network coordinators. The annual funding allocated to counties is based on AIS presence, the amount of surface water and public access availability. Counties can form partnerships, merge their allocations and add their resources to scale up their services on a regional basis.

Chris Acy of the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance is the coordinator for Winnebago, Brown, Calumet, Fond du Lac and Outagamie counties.

Unlike other surface water grants, the LMPN subprogram funding is noncompetitive. The new effort supports familiar statewide programs such as Clean Boats, Clean Waters; Purple Loosestrife Biocontrol; Water Action Volunteers; AIS Snapshot Day and the Citizen Lake Monitoring Network. A little more than half of all counties signed on this year, with more expected to join when the next funding cycle begins in the fall.



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### Habitat home program applications to be open

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Habitat for Humanity Oshkosh Home Buyer pre-applications will be available starting April 15 with certain qualifications for those who are interested.

The nongovernmental organization builds new-construction homes in the city with the intent to sell them to qualified families for no profit.

The Home Buyer program, according to Habitat Oshkosh's website, offers low-income individuals and families the opportunity to own their own home under partnership with the organization.

Those interested in applying must meet

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several requirements to be considered. Candidates must have lived or worked in the city for at least six months, and there must be a demonstrated need for adequate housing, such as overcrowding, structural and mechanical problems, mold or insect infestation.

The ability to pay must be present upon applying. This is determined by submissions of pay stubs, benefit statements, previously filed tax returns and credit reports.

Candidates must also be willing to complete "sweat equity" hours in which they take part in building their own home, working at their ReStore or participating in other Habitat activities.

as the pieces of marshland broke off, some as large as 60 acres of frozen grass and peat lodged themselves against the bridge pilings. Sticks of dynamite were used in an attempt to break up the bogs, but were to no avail. Steam tugs attempted to pull the bogs apart but also failed. The river in front of the Paine mill was virtually clogged. As chunks of bog traveling about 6 mph made their way down river to the Wisconsin Avenue and Light Street bridges, boathouses were broken from their moorings and swept away. Volunteers with long poles met the bogs at various points along the river, attempting to break the bogs apart as they arrived. By the end of the week, the bogs had mostly reached Lake Winnebago and continued to cause problems for residents

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Pre-applications can be obtained starting April 15 at habitatoshkosh.org/ home-buyer-program, by calling 920-235-3535 or by emailing apply@habitatoshkosh.org. A \$20 application fee applies, made payable to "Habitat." No cash will be accepted.

The first wave of applications will be due June 15. The next window to apply will be from July 15 through Sept. 15.

### **UW Oshkosh Theatre** presents two spring plays

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Theatre will broadcast two plays, "Karaoke Night with Gilbert and Sullivan" and Moliere's "The Imaginary Invalid," between April 24 and May 2.

Both will be presented on the theater's YouTube channel using a pay-to-view ticket that will allow access for both showings of each play during that timeframe. Register at uwosh.universitytickets.com as General Public; alumni tickets are also available at checkout.

"Karaoke Night with Gilbert and Sullivan" is written and directed by Merlaine ern owners who come up with a scheme to save their business. "The Imaginary Invalid" will be directed by Jane Purse-Wiedenhoeft and

Angwall about desperate Wisconsin tav-

revolves around wealthy hypochondriac Argan, who spends his time summoning doctors to care for his "imaginary" ills as he is convinced germs are out to get him. First produced in 17th-century France, this play was intended to poke fun at the newly emerging medical profession. This adaptation celebrates Moliere's play along with twists and turns.



Brain health is the focus of a six-week workshop being offered by the YMCA and Home Care Assistance

### **Brain** health workshop set

The Oshkosh Community YMCA is partnering with Home Care Assistance on a six-week workshop for anyone ages 55 and over that promotes brain health, slows down cognitive decline and increases quality of life.

Attendees will engage in exercises and activities that can help improve memory and strengthen the mind. The workshop will take place Mondays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. from April 19-May 24. It will be held at the 20th Avenue location, 3303 W. 20th Ave., as well as via Zoom.

The cost is \$15 for YMCA members and \$25 for nonmembers. Register at the front desk of either YMCA location or call

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With COVID infections on the decline and vaccinations on the rise, the regional Fox Cities Job Center in Menasha has reopened for limited, in-person appoint-

Reservations can be made Monday through Thursday by calling 920-997-3272. No walk-ins are available. Appointments are 50 minutes in length and limited to two per week per person.

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### Training in **New Mexico**

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### Teacher education focus of renovation

**UW Oshkosh Today** 

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh is continuing its quest to meet teacher education needs in Wisconsin with a proposed renovation project of its College of Education and Human Services academic building.

"The demand for the best-prepared teachers has never been greater," said UWO Chancellor Andrew Leavitt, "and the pandemic has only amplified the need for high-quality teachers who can quickly adapt to change. We need to train our students with the technology and techniques they will use in their own classrooms

The project calls for upgrading and renovating the existing UWO Nursing/ Education building, a central hub of the Oshkosh campus. It was included in a 2011 request that called for renovations to the College of Nursing (CON) and the College of Education and Human Services (COEHS).

The CON Clow Social Sciences Center project was completed in 2016, but the second half of this project has been delayed at the state level.

Teacher education has been the founda-

tion of UW Oshkosh since the university's inception 150 years ago.

"As UWO celebrates its sesquicentennial, now is the time to get this project officially approved and underway," Leavitt

The \$26.9-million project does not include a new building.

Leavit said it provides exactly what UWO and Wisconsin need to respond to the teacher shortage: modern classrooms that mirror those graduates will work in. It will help UWO increase the number of students it serves and produce more teacher candidates to fill the shortage facing so many school districts in the state.

The teacher shortage in Wisconsin was identified by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction in 2015 as "the most critical issue" facing Wisconsin.

"UW Oshkosh has been working hard

to address the critical shortage of teachers in Wisconsin," said COEHS Dean Linda Haling. "But we are in need of upgraded facilities and technology capable of supporting high-quality, face-to-face and online teaching environments."

Modernizing these spaces, Haling said, will not only model high-quality instruction but also allow UWO to prepare for and deliver quality online instruction that brings the benefits of face-to-face teaching to online environments.

Every year this project is delayed has added about \$1 million to the cost. The project was part of the capital building projects included in Gov. Evers most recent biennium budget proposal. If the funding is approved by the state Legislature, UWO hopes to break ground later this year.

Hebert and K9 Athos are shown at the halfway point in their team training in New Mexico. "It sure looks like they are learning a lot," the sheriff's department said on Facebook. "We can't wait for them to get back and hit the road together."

### New pantry opening at St. John's Lutheran

Ruby's Pantry, hosted by St. John's Lutheran Church-Nekimi, will be opening April 17 at 491 Old Oregon Road. Registration and distribution will begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue until 11 or until all shares are gone.

For a \$20 cash donation per share, more than \$150 worth of food will be provided. There is a limit of two shares per vehicle.

The pantry will operate as a drivethrough every third Saturday of the month. There are no income restrictions or requirements.

For more information, visit Stjohnslutherannekimi.org or to volunteer, go to rubyspantry.org.

### WEDC promotes vaccination efforts

The Wisconsin Economic Development Corp. (WEDC), in consultation with the state Department of Health Services, is offering help to employers and business owners to talk with employees about the COVID-19 vaccines and encourage as many as possible to get the vaccination.

"Employer support is key to getting Wisconsin's workforce protected from COVID-19," said Missy Hughes, WEDC secretary and CEO. "Getting immunized not only helps protect the employees but also their families, customers and communities. It's what we need to do to build our state's economy back stronger than ever."

WEDC suggests employers can encourage employees to get the vaccine by:

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- Organizing a workplace vaccination
- Providing paid leave for employees seeking vaccination from a medical provider or community vaccination site.
- Eliminating transportation barriers by reimbursing travel costs such as bus or cab fare to a vaccination site.
- Providing paid sick leave for employees who develop side effects from the vaccine.

More details are at wedc.org/reopen-guidelines.



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### City earns high marks in separate livability ratings

Oshkosh Herald

In a recent study done by insurance information provider Insurify, Oshkosh was named the best city for retirees in the state of Wisconsin.

Insurify's selection process was done through several factors, including real estate affordability, life expectancy, accessibility to health care, low rates of property crime and violent crime, and driver and pedestrian safety.

Regarding affordability, researchers on the site used Realtor.com statistics to determine this; lower median home sale prices received a higher score.

Cities also received a higher score if there was a higher life expectancy and a higher proportion of primary care physicians to residents.

Property and violent crime rates were compiled from the most recent report from the FBI; cities with lower rates under both violent and property crime received a higher score.

"After deciding when to retire, deciding where to retire is the next step on the list,"

The report can be found at insurify.com under Insights.

In a separate data report from SmartAsset, Oshkosh was ranked the second most livable small city in the U.S. The financial technology company compared 300 cities with populations between 65,000 and 100,000 to identify and rank the most livable small cities in the 2021 study.

Metrics included concentration of entertainment establishments, restaurants, bars and health care establishments, Gini coefficient (a measure of income inequality), home affordability, housing costs as a percentage of median income, percentage of residents below the poverty line, unemployment rate, percentage of residents

without health insurance and average commute time.

"Oshkosh ... ranks 15th in our study for home affordability with a 2.39 ratio of home value to household income. County-level data shows that Winnebago County ... has the highest concentration in the study of bars compared to all establishments (2.63 percent) and ranks 20th for entertainment establishments compared to all establishments (2.46 percent)," SmartAsset reported.

Eau Claire ranked fifth in the study. Eight out of the top 10 cities in this study are in Midwestern states.

### **Vaccinations**

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ment, which re-issued a similar health advisory for county residents.

"The council has determined that a face covering ordinance is a reasonable measure necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the community," the city stated Wednesday after the high court's 4-3 ruling. "The local ordinance applies to enclosed spaces accessible to the public. The ordinance creates a number of exceptions similar to orders by states and other municipalities."

Neenah and Appleton have not pursued a similar mask ordinance while encouraging the use of face coverings and other safety measures, while Green Bay and Eau Claire have mask ordinances in place similar to Oshkosh's.

The Oshkosh Area School District also will continue its requirement that students, staff and visitors wear face masks in schools and district facilities, as outlined in its district handbook.

"These protocols and efforts are critical to our ability to continue to provide five-day-a-week in-person learning," the district said in a statement released the day of the Supreme Court ruling. "Your continued cooperation and support are most appreciated."

In the 4-3 decision, the court narrowly decided that Gov. Tony Evers exceeded his authority by issuing multiple emer-

gency orders without legislative approval to require face coverings be worn indoors amid the pandemic that is stretching into a second year.

The city's case rate remains in the Moderately High category within Winnebago County, which is one level up in the High

Assembly minority leader Gordon Hintz (D-Oshkosh) said the court ruling "got it 100 percent backwards. The majority's decision pretends that a pandemic is unchanging and ignores the devastating human impact of COVID-19. And it ensures that Wisconsin's response to future pandemics will be more complicated and take more time, which in turn will cost more lives.

"Politics should have no place in responding to a public health emergency. Yet today's decision ensures politics will be front-and-center for all future public health emergencies in our state."

Local Republican legislators have opposed Evers' extended mask orders as too punitive against businesses that have been hit by economic losses and individuals suffering from the mental health impact.

"It is crucial that we allow for the reopening of Wisconsin's economy," state Rep. Michael Schraa said in response to Evers' most recent Safer at Home Order that was ended. "I am committed to carefully restarting our economy without unnecessary risk, but doing what is necessary now to move forward from this stalemate."

A more immediate impact of the current

### Finding vaccine options

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state status is that Wisconsin's FoodShare program could lose an estimated \$50 million a month if the federal government penalizes the state for no longer having a mask mandate, which was tied to the expanded funding approved by Congress.

On another front in the virus battle, vaccine access and eligibility significantly expanded this week.

Evers announced the day before the ruling that everyone ages 16 and older are now eligible to get a shot, expanding the vaccine rollout about four weeks earlier than planned and on the heels of President Biden asking governors to make vaccines available to the general public by mid-April.

Wisconsin has consistently ranked high in the nation for vaccine administration while the demand for vaccine is still larger than the supply.

The state's supply is growing to meet that demand with 188,000 first doses received last week, up by about 45,000 from the previous week as reported by the

CDC.

Seven new state pharmacy groups started receiving COVID vaccine doses last week as part of the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program. Locally this includes the CVS Pharmacy on 9th Avenue and Schultz Pharmacy, part of the Good Neighbor network. Additional doses are being provided to Hometown Pharmacies members, which includes the Sawyer Street and Murdock locations, along with Walmart stores that will allow them to offer vaccinations at more locations.

Walgreen's locations and Pick 'N Save Pharmacy continue to offer vaccinations as available under the program. There are now 595 participating pharmacies in Wisconsin able to order almost 95,000 first doses directly from the federal government. This allocation is in addition to Wisconsin's total allocation and will include Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines.

To find a participating pharmacy and schedule an appointment, visit the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) COVID-19 vaccine provider map or the Centers for Disease Control Vaccine Finder map, or call 844-684-1064. Eligible individuals can also contact these pharmacies directly.

### Food Co-op buildout begins

The Oshkosh Food Co-op, which will occupy the first floor of the new Brio Building at 155 Jackson St., has started construction of its architectural plan under the direction of Greenfire Management Service, Thomas Design and Retail Planit. Seven Roots is consulting on prepared foods. Project completion is targeted for late summer or early fall.

"Wall framing is completed," said Kevin Hansen, senior project manager. "Tons of equipment and materials are ready to place and install. It's an exciting project for me; a unique atmosphere and I can't wait

for them to be open."

The 6,800-square-foot food co-op, the first in northeast Wisconsin, will include produce, packaged groceries, dairy, meats, cheeses and a grab-and-go deli with indoor and outdoor seating.

"Taking this next step represents a real high point for the Co-op," said Jeffrey Thouron, co-op general manager. "We continue to attract new member-owners to the project."

The co-op aims to source 20 percent of its products from Wisconsin or within 100 miles of the store.

















### ACA expansions boosts child support outcomes

A recent University of Wisconsin Madison Institute for Research on Poverty study found that the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Medicaid expansions improved child support outcomes.

"States that expanded Medicaid experienced larger increases in payment of both past due and current child support than non-expansion states. In addition, unmarried mothers with a child support order received more child support if they lived in an expansion state than similar mothers not living in expansion states," author Lindsey Bullinger wrote.

Connections between access to insurance and child support outcomes is a relatively new topic of study.

The variation in ACA Medicaid expansions across states and over its 10-year existence provided an opportunity to examine the effects of expansion on child support outcomes.

In an individual-level analysis of unmarried mothers, Bullinger found that the Medicaid expansions resulted in an 8.6 percent increase in the likelihood of child support receipt.

In all, about 940,000 additional mothers received support, which benefited at least 1.9 million children.

Bullinger also found overlap between mothers who gained Medicaid coverage from the ACA and those who received child support, suggesting that increases in child support receipt could be related to the requirement that custodial parents cooperate with child support to receive Medicaid coverage for themselves and their children.

The study highlights the interconnections between social programs and pushes policymakers to consider the broader context in which their programs operate.

It focuses on two of the largest programs in the United States: Medicaid, which served 74 million people in 2018; and child support, which served 14.3 million children in 2019 and has the potential to affect an additional 8.1 million children who have a parent living outside their household but do not receive child support.

The findings indicate that programs outside of traditional child support enforcement measures, like expanded access to health insurance, may increase a noncustodial parent's financial ability to pay more child support.

As of 2019, 37 states had chosen to expand Medicaid coverage to low-income, nonelderly, nondisabled adults without dependent children.

From 2014 to 2018, these expansions increased health insurance eligibility, coverage, and access to health care, especially among men without dependent children, many of whom have child support obligations.

### **Master Gardener** Volunteer Week set

The Wisconsin Master Gardener program is celebrating Master Gardener Volunteer Week.

Master Gardener volunteers are an important part of the University of Wisconsin-Extension-Winnebago County through hours of community service by answering diagnostic questions, educating the public on horticultural topics, growing and donating food to pantries, beautifying community spaces and conducting workshops.

Today (Wednesday) is Thank a Master Gardener Volunteer Day. The extension wants to recognize Master Gardener volunteers for their contributions. Thank volunteers on the extension's Facebook page or send a card to 625 E. County Y, Oshkosh, WI 54901.

### Trans athletes

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sition, but MTF student-athletes may not compete on a women's team until they have been on testosterone-suppressing medication for a full calendar year.

"When people think of trans athletes, they think that somehow they're trying to trick the system, that they're trying to dominate the sport," Graham said. "That's just not true. We're athletes who happen to be trans; we want to compete and have fun. We shouldn't be punished just because our gender identity is different from people's genders."

Graham also said that the negative stigma around trans women play a large part in why these bills are surfacing.

"It's rooted in a lot of backwards ideas about gender in general; that trans women are more of a threat, that they're specifically trying to trick people, and it carries over to the sports world," he explained.

Barriers aren't just with MTF student-athletes, though. Quill has experienced some pushback from moving to the men's team because of the testosterone he was taking to transition.

"I assumed that it would just be OK because they would just assume that I didn't have an advantage," he said, "but because I was taking testosterone – a banned substance - I had to go through the same process as a trans woman, proving that I was at a (normal testosterone level)."

And while one signature may help on the national level, Graham hopes that younger trans children aren't affected by these laws.

"I'm worried about the kids, especially young trans girls, who are just trying to enjoy a sport or when they're in elementary school trying to have fun but are being effectively shut out because of their gender identity, he said.

"The more we can challenge people's binary thinking and assumptions about gender and sex, the better. If other trans people step up and talk about the issue too, then we can present a more united front."



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### **Prep sports roundup**

#### **FOOTBALL**

### West falls to De Pere after taking early lead

Oshkosh West dropped to 1-1 on the season after falling to De Pere in a non-conference showdown Thursday night, 19-6, on the road.

The Wildcats got off to a quick start – scoring on a 61-yard touchdown run by Roman Martell to give them a 7-0 lead.

The Redbirds outscored the Wildcats 19-0 after that, scoring in all quarters but the third.

"Offensively Roman (Martell) had a very nice game, West head coach Duane Hartkopf said. "Unfortunately, our drives were shorter than we would have liked. It was a good mix of missed assignments and execution on our end."

Martell led the offense with 92 yards on just seven carries while everyone else was shut down. David Kohl was 6-for-8 through the air for 65 yards while Kyle Weister led the way on the defense with 10 tackles. Max Pieterick had the lone interception for the Wildcats.

The Wildcats trailed by six at one point in the fourth quarter and were driving, but a turnover gave the ball right back to the Redbirds as they were able to pull away.

"Defensively we played a sound game, a few small breakdowns but all in all they played very well," Hartkopf said. "They had us in a position to win in the fourth quarter but we had a costly turnover."

Adam Timbrook had 112 yards on the ground for De Pere as the Redbirds rushed for 164 yards as a team.

The Wildcats host Manitowoc Lincoln on Friday night at Titan Stadium. Kickoff is set for 5 p.m.

#### SOCCER

### Wildcat boys defeat Pulaski in spring debut

The Oshkosh West boys soccer team opened up the spring season with a win Thursday, beating Pulaski 3-1.

The Wildcats took a 1-0 lead after John Munson scored in the 27th minute and Iban Heredia followed him up with a goal in the 69th minute to make it 2-0.

Pulaski cut the lead to one in the 86th minute after Aaron Staszak scored on a penalty kick, but only four minutes later Grant Ostertag responded with a goal himself to put things away.

Alex Niehans had seven saves for the Wildcats in the win.

### North boys fall in opener

The Oshkosh North boys soccer team opened up its season last Tuesday, losing to Winnebago Lutheran 6-1.

There were no individual statistics available. The Spartans will travel to face Green Bay East on Thursday and will face Appleton North on Saturday.

#### **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

### Wildcats move to 8-1 on season with wins

The Oshkosh West girls volleyball team moved to 8-1 this season after picking up a 2-0 win (25-16, 25-19) against Appleton East and 2-0 win (25-15, 25-22) over Stevens Point last Tuesday.

The Wildcats will finish the regular season this Thursday against Sun Prairie.

Leading the way for West in game one was Rachel Mueller, who had nine kills, six digs and four blocks while Morgan Yenter had 18 assists and two aces. Randi Wellhoefer added five kills while Natalie Buser had six digs.

In the second game, Yenter had 10 assists and three aces while Natalie Johanknecht, Wellhoefer and Mueller all had four

kills. Wellhoefer added four blocks in the victory.

#### Neenah beats North 3-0

The Neenah girls volleyball team picked up a 3-0 win over Oshkosh North last Tuesday, winning 25-19, 25-17 and 25-10.

Leading the way for the Spartans included Gretta Milos, who had six kills and 10 digs while Payton Uptagraft had six kills and three blocks.

Heidi Colburn had 20 assists and three aces in the loss.

#### **GIRLS TENNIS**

### Manitowoc Lincoln takes match against West

The Oshkosh West's girls team fell to Manitowoc Lincoln 5-2 on Friday at home.

In singles matches, Keagan Potter of West lost to Olivia Minikel, 6-2, 6-2; Hannah Chung of West lost to Caroline Ramminger, 6-4, 6-1; Anika Larson lost to Delaney Brockman, 4-6, 7-5, 10-7; and West's Evan Giordano lost to Sophia Wergin 5-7, 7-6 (6), 10-4.

In doubles, Kendra Peterson and Elsie Steimle of Manitowoc Lincoln defeated Ella Nguyen and Courtney Carpenter; Kate Conger and Sam Lightner of West beat Mckenna Pleus and Hannah Dvorak, 6-3, 4-6, 10-7; and West's Megan Augustine and Ella Steffen defeated Isabella Wergin and Emma Klatt, 6-1, 6-4.

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### Remembering UWO's first women's national title

By Shane Nyman UW OSHKOSH TODAY

While the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh women's gymnastics team broke both records and barriers during the 1980 season, there's one particular smash Carolyn (Christiansen) Destache remembers most.

It's not being the first women's program in UW Oshkosh history to capture a national championship. Nor is it being the first women's program in Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) history to win it all. Nor was it any of the five times the team set a new school scoring record – the last of which at nationals, when it mattered most.

It was the ecstatic shattering of head coach Phyllis Hardt's dreaded scale.

"We used to do weigh-ins," remembered Destache, one of five Titans to earn All-America honors that season and a 2003 UWO Hall of Fame inductee. "We used to weigh in every week. We'd walk down to her office and she had this black scale – it was like the doom of walking to this scale. That was the ritual.

"When we went to Georgia for the national championship she brought the black scale. So we won and we went back to the hotel and the whole team stole the black scale and we went out into the parking lot and threw it up in the air and watched it shatter into a million pieces."

It was March 22, 1980, when the weighins – at least for that season – were over. The gymnasts had won a national championship, something no other women's conference program in any sport had done. UWO edged the University of California, Davis by nine-tenths of a point to win the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) Division III national title at Georgia College in Milledgeville.

Freshman Vicki Ver Hoeven was one of several first- and second-year athletes making major contributions in 1980.

Helen Briwa was UWO's first women's director of athletics during that time. She also coached five sports during her tenure and saw the gymnastics program expand the range of possibilities for women's athletics at UWO.

"It gave them a big shot in the arm," said Briwa, a 2006 UWO Hall of Fame inductee who helped form the then-called Wisconsin Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WWIAC) in 1971. "The women were pioneers."

"Our team's motto is 'tradition driven,' so we are constantly talking about our past successes and the road that was created by former Titans that paves the way for our future successes," said Lauren Karnitz, gymnastics head coach since 2008 and a former UWO gymnast herself. "With the 1980 team and all the team and individual success since, a winning culture was created around the sport of gymnastics and with that an expectation that we strive every season to uphold."

If it was celebrated at the time as significant for women's athletics at the university or for the conference, it wasn't widely known among the team.

"I don't remember knowing it was the first," said Paula (Goergen) Mandel, another of the Titans' All-Americans in 1980. "All I know is we were underdogs, not expected to do anything and it was a huge deal that we won."

Part of the reason the Titans saw themselves as underdogs was their youth and inexperience. They started the year with 10 out of 12 athletes either in their first or second year. When it was all said and



Photo from UW Oshkosh

Carolyn (Christiansen) Destache, a freshman in 1980, was inducted into the UWO Hall of Fame in 2003.

done, they were the only team among the top five finishers to not have national meet experience.

"Nobody expected this," Hardt told the Advance-Titan newspaper at the time. "We were the underdogs the whole weekend. This is the most successful meet the girls have ever had."

It was the most successful in the sense it secured them a championship, but the 132.10 points also established a new school scoring record for the fifth time that season. The Titans were led by freshman Chris Rohrwasser, who won the national title on the vault and finished sixth on uneven bars. Freshman Vicki Ver Hoeven finished third in both the all-around and uneven bars competition. Mandel was third on the vault and Destache fourth in the floor exercise and, again, both were freshmen. Senior Kathi Paschke earned All-America mention with her sixth-place finish on the uneven bars.

While clearly stuffed with first-year talent, the 1980 team was also coming off UWO's first-ever WWIAC championship in any sport in 1979. Before nationals they repeated as WWIAC champions and the program would go on to win a remarkable 12 conference titles in 14 years.

Leading that stretch of dominance was Hardt, who coached the Titans from 1977 to 1992. The 1999 UWO Hall of Fame inductee guided the team to national titles again in 1986 and 1989. That first title came in her fourth year at the helm in what was called at the time a "rags-to-riches story." And from then on her tenure was far more riches – victories, accolades and championships – than rags.

Besides the titles, she earned eight coach-of-the-year honors from various conferences as they evolved. She also helped athletes win 12 national and 49 WWIAC event championships.

"She was a hard driver," Destache recalled. "She would push you to your limits. I remember at one point I went back to my dorm room and I could barely lay down or sit up because we did I don't know how many sit-ups or leg-ups or whatever we did."

"I was scared to death of her," Mandel said. "She was pretty intense and intimidating."

Helping to provide balance during those tense times was Hardt's husband, Dale, who served as a spotter at practices and also built countless pieces of equipment for the team. Destache said Phyllis and Dale were always together and both had their own roles in lifting the program to new heights.

"I don't think we would have made it as far as we went without Phyllis and Dale," she said. "They were a team that was unstoppable."

It might be understandable that after more than 40 years, it's the memories of friendship and laughs and experiences that endure, not the individual meets or stat sheets.

"I just remember all the fun, all the stuff we did in the gym, our teammates," Destache said. "We spent a lot of time in that gym and I just remember the moments we had laughing together."

The squad wasn't one of rivalries or cliques. They jelled early on and while there was a little bit of roster turnover as the year wore on it peaked at the perfect time.

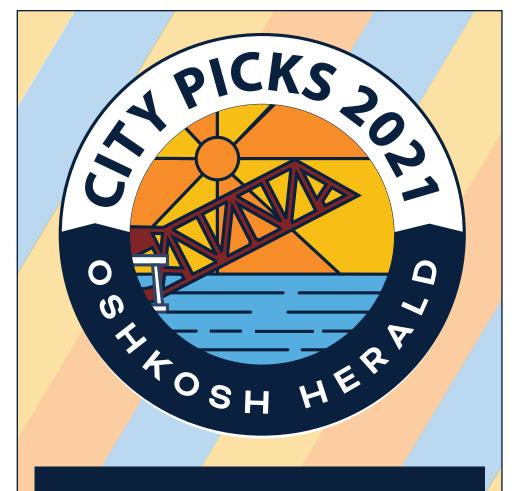
For Mandel, the season was unforgettable for another reason: It was her last year competing in gymnastics. Less than a month later, she suffered a severe knee injury.

"It's one of my most proud moments and memories," she said. "I think that is why the memory of that year is so vivid is because it was my last year competing. It was a lot of fun."

There's one moment in particular from the weekend in the small Georgia gym that Destache can still see: As the meet came to an end and scores were being tallied, the Titans saw the team from UC Davis believing they had finished first.

"I think their coach had told them they won and we were kind of like, 'Oh man, really?" she said. "And I remember Phyllis, she did her own figuring and she must have figured out that we had won. She just walked by us and she held up the number one. I don't know why I remember that moment but we all just kind of went crazy. 'Oh my god, it's not possible.'

"It was a very defining moment. We just all looked at her. She just knew – she knew she had it right."



### Who was voted Oshkosh's best City Pick?

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### Area swimmers advance to state competition

The Oshkosh West and Oshkosh North/Lourdes girls swimming and diving teams will bring a combined six girls and three relay teams to the WIAA Division 1 State Tournament after finishing second and sixth in the WIAA Division 1 Sectionals last week.

The Wildcats had an outstanding sectional where they placed second out of 10 teams and advanced five girls in eight individual events, as well as three relay teams.

The 2021 Alternate Fall Swimming & Diving State Championships were being held at Waukesha South Natatorium this Tuesday.

Oshkosh North/Lourdes sent senior Ali Pecore to state. Pecore advanced in the 50-yard freestyle after finishing third at sectionals with a time of 25.39.

Making it in two events for the Wildcats included juniors Lillie Arps and Claire Salzer, along with freshman Addy Hirsbrunner. Arps won the 500-yard free (5:03.57) and 100-yard backstroke (57.78) while Salzer was second in the 100 yard breaststroke (1:08.04) and fourth in the 200yard intermediate (2:13.16).

Hirsbrunner, a freshman, was second in the 200 yard IM (2:11.53) and third in the 100 yard backstroke (59.63).

Caitlin Schneider will be participating in the 500-yard free after finishing third at sectionals with a time of 5:22.74 while freshman teammate Carly Salzer will be swimming in the 100-yard butterfly after taking second last week with a time of 59.83.

The Oshkosh West 200-yard medley relay team (Arps, Claire Salzer, Carly Salzer, Hirsbrunner) took second with a time of 1:49.15, the 200-yard free relay (Melana Zeinert, both Salzers, Schneider) took third with a time of 1:41.70 and the 400 yard free relay team (Hirsbrunner, Schneider, Zeinert, Arps) also took second with a time of 3:43.20 – all making it to state.

### **UWO** cross-country program recognized

The U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association has recognized the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh men and women's cross-country programs for their academic success during the fall semester.

Head coach Eamon McKenna's Titan men compiled a 3.30 cumulative gradepoint average to become one of 180 NCAA Division III men's cross-country programs that ended the recent fall session with a GPA of 3.10 or better. McKenna's women's team compiled a 3.33 cumulative grade-point average to earn the honor for the sixth straight year.





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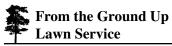
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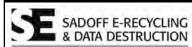
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# Titans open up conference baseball with wins over UWEC

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh baseball team improved to 4-0 in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference as it picked up two wins – 18-5 and 13-4 – against UW-Eau Claire on Friday.

It was domination on offense for the Titans (6-4, 4-0 WIAC) who scored 18 runs on just 10 hits –five of them home runs. Matt Scherrman had two while Eric Modaff, Jarrett Scheelk and Griffith Lukes added bombs.

Scherrman had eight RBIs in the win while Hunter Staniske was 3-for-4 with

two RBIs. Lukes and Scheelk combined for five RBIs in the win.

Harry Orth picked up the win in relief, going 4.2 innings, giving up one run on four hits while striking out five.

In the second game, Scheelk added another home run while Scherrman went 2-for-5 with three RBIs and a double. Staniske added two RBIs in the win as the Titans walked 14 times.

Scherrman pitched a complete game, giving up three earned runs on three hits. He struck out 14 batters.



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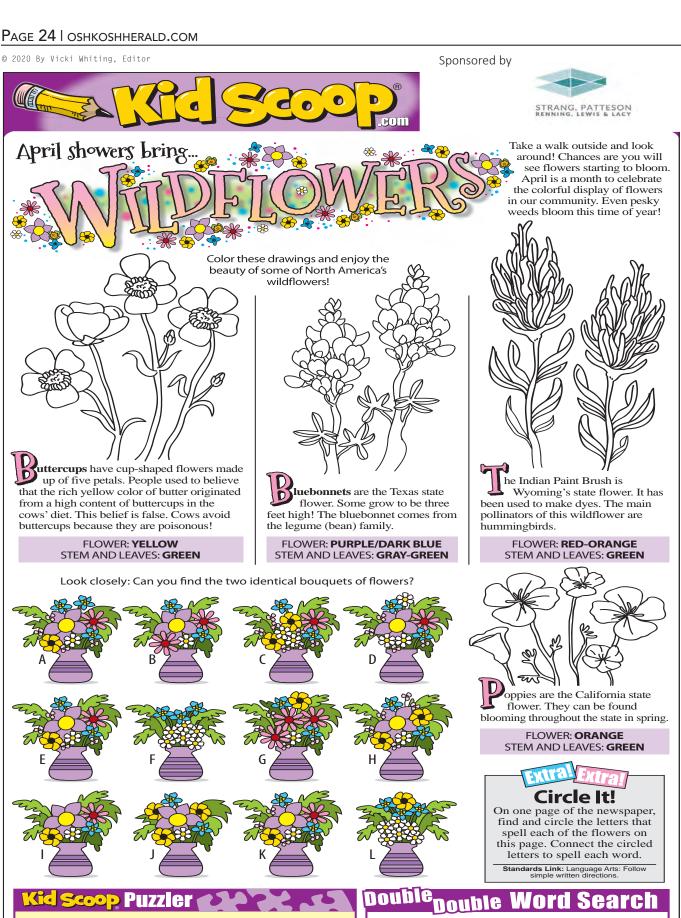
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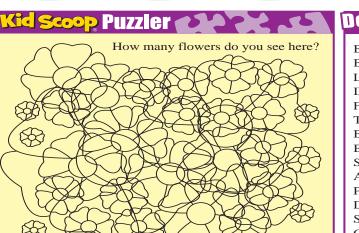
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