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Waterfront housing plan moves forward

Multifamily, commercial mix offered at Pioneer site

By Jack Tierney
OSHKOSH HERALD

Middle-income housing with commercial space and other amenities will be the next big thing to drive economic development along the southside Sawdust District's riverfront.

With a 5-2 vote last week, Redevelopment Authority (RDA) members endorsed T. Wall Enterprises LLC out of Middleton to guide the Sawdust District into the future with the Mill on Main at 43 E. Seventh Ave. that would frame the Pioneer Island area.

Another proposal by a group of local developers led by Chet Wesenberg was the only other out of five submitted that the RDA considered but received only two votes for approval.

T. Wall Enterprises has completed multiple projects throughout Wisconsin including the City Deck in Green Bay. The \$38 million proposal is for three mixed-use developments with multifamily and commercial use constructed over three phases, totaling up to 296 market-rate apartments, 19,000 square feet of commercial space, up to 255 underground parking spots and another 194 on the surface level.

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Lifest revival

Big Daddy Weave, a contemporary Christian band from Mobile, Ala., performs during Sunday morning services at the conclusion of Lifest, which returned to the Winnebago County Fairgrounds last weekend. Founder and chief executive Bob Lenz announced a second Lifest in Music City, Tenn., set for July 29-31, and said his year-round ministry is in the final stages of a \$1.8 million campaign.

Cannabis use issues identified through conversation

Experts promote health approach to behaviors

By Joseph Schulz
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Adults and adolescents turn to substances to ease a feeling of pain, or to feel better, but can make the problem worse, which is why advocates want parents to have honest conversations with their children about substance abuse.

While some turn to marijuana or al-



cohol to cope with problems, self-medicating may be making things worse, according to Samantha Hilker, Winnebago County community health strategist and Drug-Free Communities coordinator for the Breakwater Drug and Alcohol Coalition.

"Adults maybe use substances to feel less

Fifth in a series

Breakwater, a community coalition focused on youth and adult substance use in Winnebago County, is sponsoring this series on cannabis, a topic gaining attention as 'cannabis culture' evolves with legalization efforts and its future impact on society.

bad, or use some substances to feel good," she said. "A lot of times with kids, people think they're using it because they're curi-

ous – they want to party, they want to have fun, it feels good – but now we're seeing that maybe kids are using them to feel less bad too."

Without going to get help or find a resource to help build coping skills or to work through those personal issues, she says those problems will fester under the surface.

That's why Hilker believes parents must talk to their children about substance abuse, especially because Breakwater is

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Hospital cases drop; vaccinations promoted

Oshkosh Herald

For the first time since the pandemic began, there are currently no COVID-19 patients hospitalized in Fox Valley area hospitals, the Winnebago County Health Department reported last week.

46.7 percent of Winnebago County residents have completed the COVID-19 vaccine series and 48.9 percent of county residents have received at least one dose. 155,880 doses of vaccine have been administered to 83,262 county residents.

Those numbers are lower in the Oshkosh Area School District, according to the state Department of Health Services (DHS), with 44.4 percent of the district's 80,400 residents having received at least one dose as of Thursday.

"We are in the window of opportunity right now to prevent further cases, hospitalizations and deaths related to COVID-19," the county's Health Department said. "Although we have seen a significant decline in cases, the threat still remains that cases will increase if we don't increase vaccination rates enough. Let's keep cases low by helping everyone eligible get vaccinated."

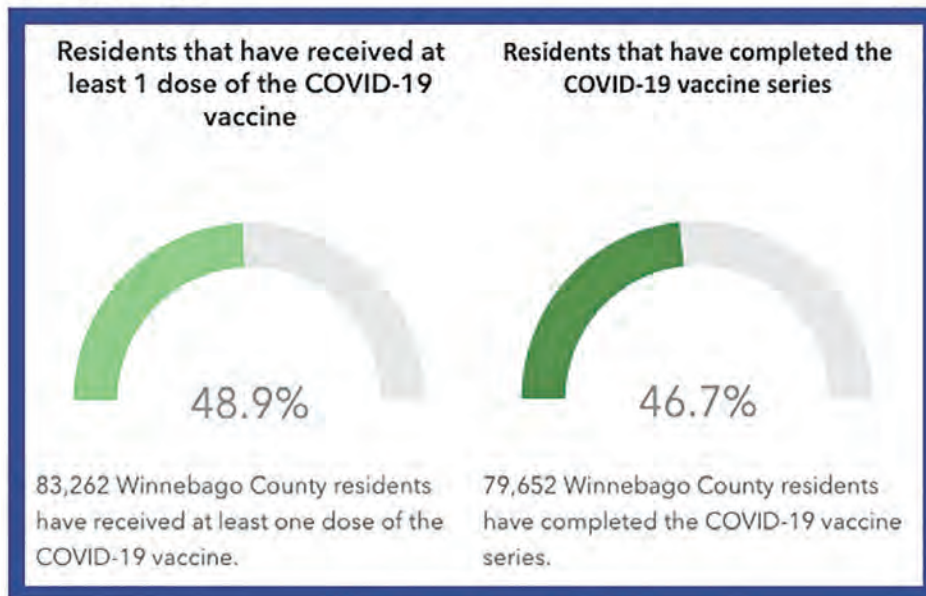
Vaccines are available any day of the

Police offices updated at courthouse

The city's Police Department is in its final stage of expanding into offices and courtrooms recently vacated by the Winnebago County Courthouse.

Over a year in the process, Police Chief Dean Smith said, "The expanded footprint will not only provide a more efficient use of space for our work units, but it also addresses our need for additional training space.

VACCINE STATUS:



week at Walgreens and Pick 'n Save by appointment. Sunnyview Expo Center offers no-appointment walk-ins on Wednesdays where individuals choose from Pfizer, Moderna or one-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccines. The Oshkosh Farmers Market offers vaccines as well. Everyone 12 and older is eligible.

Maps and data tables that break down

COVID-19 vaccinations by new geographic boundaries are now available from the state DHS that break down the data by municipalities, ZIP code areas, school district boundaries and census tracts.

"Breaking down existing vaccination data by these additional geographies offers new ways for people to understand COVID-19 activity within their communities and will allow us to determine where we need to focus our ongoing vaccination outreach efforts," said DHS Secretary-designee Karen Timberlake.

The DHS also now offer users of its COVID-19 Vaccines for Wisconsin Residents dashboard a breakdown for just the adult population.

The new location data from the Wisconsin Immunization Registry populates the maps based on the address a person has on file with no personally identifiable information.



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Fairest of Fair leads on Winnebago projects

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

Winnebago County's Fairest of the Fair Jodie Weyland is encouraging community members to get excited and involved in this year's five-day event and the projects she has planned.

As part of her duties, Weyland helps promote and advertise the County Fair before it happens, opening the grandstand event, handing out ribbons to exhibitors and making sure everybody is having the best experiences.

When she first applied for Fairest of the Fair, Weyland had several ideas for projects at this year's event. But the association helped narrow it down to two based on the need for increased publicity and youth involvement.

Her community service project is Project Fleece, a fabric collection drive. All donations will be made into tie blankets by

Altrusa and fair attendees, and will be donated to veterans who are part of the Old Glory Honor Flight.

Drop-offs will be at the Winnebago County Fair Expo Center throughout the event – Aug. 4-8 – and fabric lengths must be 1.5 yards or longer.

Some tie blankets will be presented to Honor Flight veterans before the grandstand entertainment.

Weyland's other project, Farmer for a Day, is a new initiative to increase youth participation in agriculture by having children ages 7-16 paired with exhibitors for an "insider" experience in areas such as natural science, barn animals, woodworking and mechanical science.

"I've always had a strong passion for agricultural advocacy and being able to help increase that and get more youth interested in agriculture is what sparked my idea for the Farmer for a Day program," Weyland said.

"My goal was to help connect Winnebago County youth with fair exhibitors to not only spread the word of agriculture but also help in hope that kids in the pro-



Weyland



Submitted photo

Winnebago County's Fairest of the Fair Jodie Weyland (second from right) is shown with Timber Rattlers mascot Fang, Cayley Vande Berg, Wisconsin Fairest of the Fairs; Julia Nunes, 74th Alice in Dairyland; and mascot Buttercup at a June 4 game where the baseball team renamed itself the "Udder Tuggers" to support June Dairy Month.

gram would be interested in joining a 4-H or FFA chapter or being more involved in the Winnebago County Fair."

But once all is said and done this year, Weyland hopes to remain involved with the county fair long after being the Fairest.

West Pointe Bank named justice partner for state program

The Wisconsin Trust Account Foundation (WisTAF) welcomed West Pointe Bank of Oshkosh as one of three new partners in the state's Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts (IOLTA) program. The designation allows the bank to help customers access legal help, advice and information

when facing life-altering challenges.

"This is laudable private support that helps make justice available regardless of how much money you make, while ultimately saving money for taxpayers," said April Rockstead Barker, president of the foundation's board of directors. "Provid-

ing legal interventions, for example, to a survivor of domestic abuse can stop her problems from escalating, preventing the need for the public to provide shelter."

When people can't afford a lawyer, they can struggle to navigate the legal system. Nonprofit law firms and others deal with

the issue through civil legal aid. Funding is pursued through public and private efforts such as the IOLTA program established by the Wisconsin Supreme Court and administered by WisTAF.

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Winnebago executive staff requests tabled

By Jack Tierney
OSHKOSH HERALD

Winnebago County's Personnel and Finance Committee did not approve a request from the county executive to increase the size of the office from two to four, citing increased costs and duplicative responsibilities.

Chairman of the committee Joel Rasmussen said the discussion of the staffing increase, which was held in closed session, was complicated and long, but ultimately the agenda item failed to receive even a motion for discussion. The positions requested were for a chief of staff and a communications specialist. Rasmussen said the positions would have added a \$211,300 expense to County Executive Jon Doemel's office budget, including salary and benefits.

The committee said the duties of the proposed chief of staff were already within those of the county executive and that communications responsibilities could be assumed by the executive assistant.

Doemel said he selected Ethan Hollenberger to be his chief of staff because he "spoke the language" of representatives in the Wisconsin Assembly. Hollenberger is a conservative who worked recently for Deborah Kerr in her unsuccessful cam-

aign to lead the Department of Public Instruction.

Hollenberger was brought in to lead transition efforts in April after Doemel was elected but has since left the county administrative building when his temporary assignment ended. Rasmussen said the committee did not view favorably bringing someone with a political history into a non-political office.

As for the communications specialist, Doemel said people consume their information online now and that the county should recognize that to effectively communicate with county residents. Doemel ran an online-focused campaign and unseated longtime incumbent Mark Harris.

Doemel has repeatedly cited the size of the executive office in comparative counties as evidence that Winnebago's could and should be increased with the positions requested. Rasmussen said his committee was displeased with Doemel's singular decision-making and for not recognizing the check on power that supervisors have.

"Mr. Doemel has bypassed policies and procedures and has not recognized the system of checks and balances that is needed between his office and the County Board," Rasmussen said. "He has yet to establish a good working relationship with his department heads, and thus has not utilized the skills already at his disposal."



Rasmussen



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Vinland Street has a mile and a half of new asphalt in the Town of Oshkosh.

Town of Oshkosh finishes Vinland Street project

Oshkosh Herald

Reparations to Vinland Street in the Town of Oshkosh are now complete after more than a year of planning and winter delays, consisting of about 1.5 miles of new asphalt and fresh-painted lines.

"In spring 2020, we were notified that the Town of Oshkosh was a recipient of the multimodal local supplement grant that amended into an (LRIP) funding 90 percent of the project by the state," the town's press release states.

"The Town of Oshkosh submitted application was coordinated with the City of Oshkosh as a co-sponsor and input from

Winnebago County."

Engineers Mike Siewert and Abby Maslanka of Martenson and Eisele Engineering and Northeast Asphalt began the project midsummer last year. The project stalled after other upgrades took longer than expected before construction started back up in April after the weather was more favorable and finished in late June.

"We are thankful for funding from the state of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Towns Association for pushing for more transportation aid to rural communities, allowing for this much-needed road reconstruction to move forward," the town statement said.

Horicon Bank names Shea as a director

Horicon Bank has named Daniel Shea, chief operating officer of Shea Electric and Communications in Oshkosh, and Alex Simic Simic, CEO of Storage Master in the metro Milwaukee area, to its board of directors.

Shea also is a member of TEC/Vistage,

and chairman and board member for the Fox Valley division of the National Electrical Contractors Association.

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Tax payment plan for nonprofits discussed

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Long Range Finance Committee explored the option of a payment in lieu of tax (PILOT) program for nonprofits to pay for emergency and public safety services.

“While they share in a full range of city services, tax-exempt properties do not contribute to the operation of city government to the same extent non-exempt properties do,” a program explanation handout reads.

“Some exempt property owners, however, choose to make a ‘payment in lieu of taxes,’ or PILOT. While they are not obligated to pay property taxes, they acknowledge the local government services they

receive and agree to a voluntary payment.”

Right now in Oshkosh, there are 10 properties that qualify for the program either privately or through the housing authority and have paid for emergency services in the past. Only three do currently.

Most of the 10 qualified properties are retirement communities, senior living homes or assisted living.

The city currently asks exempt property owners to make a “fair share” PILOT. This agreed upon commitment allows a tax-exempt property owner to pay a portion of the amount that would be due in annual taxes if the property were not exempt.

Finance director Russ Van Gompel said the topic has been looked at but couldn’t

move forward without a formal policy in place. The question therein lies in the need for a policy for tax-exempt properties to voluntarily pay for public safety services such as with police and fire departments.

Deputy Mayor and committee chair Matt Mugerauer used the new Evergreen pocket neighborhood being built on 9th Avenue as an example during the group’s discussion.

As it will be roughly the same size as its neighboring taxable residential area, the pocket neighborhood for retirement living will generate more ambulance and fire calls that are generally going to be unpaid, he said.

Committee member Koby Schellenger

approached the idea with hesitancy, noting the political pressure a PILOT program would put on nonprofits coming out of the pandemic.

Van Gompel emphasized that even with a policy in place, these nonprofits would still have the option to pay voluntarily.

The whole premise of PILOT is to offset the cost of public safety, Van Gompel explained, saying that it’s an attempt to assign the cost of public safety services regardless of if the property is tax exempt.

LRF will further discuss the PILOT program at their next meeting to work out any last details before possibly making a recommendation to the Common Council.

Homeless shelter expansion project advanced

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Plans for development of a new Day By Day Warming Shelter to serve up to 50 chronic homeless, including during bitter cold months, on land at the northwest corner at Ceape Avenue and Broad Street owned by the Oshkosh Housing Authority were recommended for approval by the city’s Plan Commission.

Commissioners endorsed rezoning the property and recommended Common Council approval of a general development plan and conditional use permit for the property. The council was expected to hear a first reading of the recommendation at this week’s meeting.

The project was described by commissioners as being a suitable site after

hearing vocal sentiments from residents against the plan at an earlier neighborhood meeting.

Day By Day representatives, including executive director Molly Yatso Butz, presented their reasons for locating and expanding the shelter, which operates October through April at Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Parish, 449 High Ave. The current 25-person capacity would be doubled with the new facility.

Yatso Butz said the new location would be closer to public transportation and other downtown connections.

Commission members noted the need for ongoing communication with residents as the project moves forward.

Popeye’s site plan backed

The commission also recommended ap-

proval of a specific implementation plan for a Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen restaurant at 1700 Oshkosh Ave.

The site plan received positive comments from commission member Tom Perry for the willingness of developers to work with the city on its design plans.

Shopko building revamp

A general development plan to convert the former Shopko store at 1300 S. Koeller into a personal storage facility also was endorsed by the commission. Member Tom Perry voted against the plan.

In other action, the commission:

- Elected member John Hinz to serve as chairperson for the year with Kathy Propp elected as vice chairperson.
- Reviewed federal funds available to the city through the American Rescue Plan Act, recommending park development, housing fund assistance and restoration of lost room tax revenues to help support the Oshkosh Convention & Visitors Bureau.
- Recommended for approval a land acquisition at 143 Idaho St. that will be used for development of a new park facility. The

homeowner has agreed to sell the property to the city.

• Endorsed a general development plan amendment and specific implementation plan for a four-story, 74-unit multifamily housing project at Jackson Street and Marion Road.

Town of Oshkosh fire chief named

The Town of Oshkosh named Steve Gawarensky as its new fire chief after 15 years of service to the community.



Gawarensky

Beginning his journey in 2006, Gawarensky was promoted to assistant fire chief in 2019 and now succeeds Todd Zak, who is now retired from the head position after serving in the department since 1988 and was chief since 2012. Zak will continue as assistant fire chief during the transition.

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"I'm old and I'm blind and none of the other _____ want me around. I'm very lonely."

Mama Kangaroo had a kind heart. "I'll be your friend," she said. "My joey and I will _____ you find tasty grass and clean water."

Wombat smiled. It made Mama Kangaroo happy to see him _____ better.

Just then, Mama Kangaroo looked for her joey. He had wandered off! She couldn't _____ him.



Mama Kangaroo was _____ She said to Wombat, "My joey has wandered off! He's always hopping away when I'm not _____!"

Can you help me find my joey? (Joey is what baby kangaroos are called.)



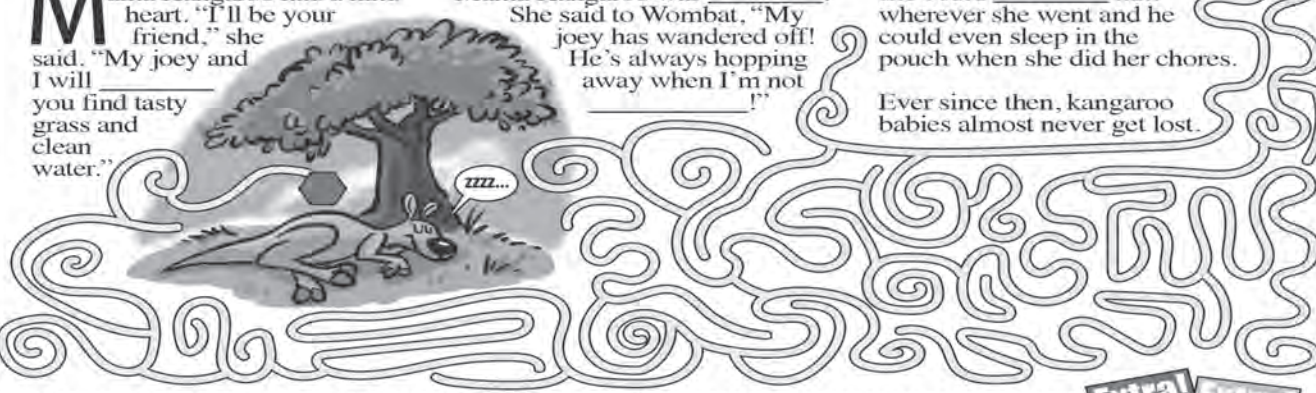
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Byamee gave Mama Kangaroo a gift - a pouch where she could carry her joey! Now she could _____ him wherever she went and he could even sleep in the pouch when she did her chores.

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What is a wombat? A wombat looks like a small bear but is, in fact, a marsupial with a pouch to carry its young. They are found in Australia and the surrounding islands.



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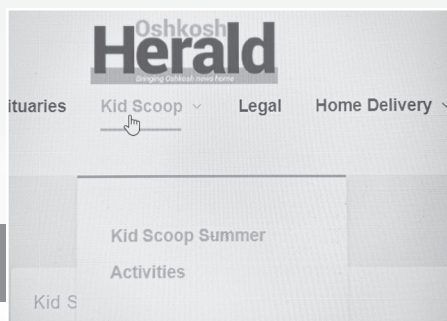
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Defending champion Glo continues growth spurt

Women's pro league picks up where it left off

By Tim Froberg
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Grow the Glo.

Those three words lack that Fear-the-Deer-type ferocity but summarize what the Wisconsin Glo is looking to accomplish this summer.

The Glo, an Oshkosh-based women's professional basketball team, has launched its second season and is striving for continued growth in terms of visibility and fan base.

The team has already proven that it knows how to play championship-caliber hoops. The Glo went unbeaten and won the Global Women's Basketball Association in its inaugural season of 2019. The 2020 season wasn't played due to the global pandemic.

"I feel our visibility is building," said team president Greg Pierce. "We averaged between 650 and 750 fans our first season. We're hoping to get up to 1,000 per game this year."

The Glo aspires to be a fixture in Oshkosh and has a lot going for it. The roster is packed with familiar names and home-grown Wisconsin talent. It has skilled players, a rock-solid coaching staff and a winning tradition. It also has an impressive home court – Menominee Nation Arena – where the team plays



Pierce

six more home games this summer. Tickets start at \$8.

The Glo is currently 5-1 after road victories in Michigan over the Detroit Dodgers (87-77) and Flint Monarchs (85-63) last weekend, and all of its wins have been blowouts. The Glo's only loss was an 86-81 setback June 26 to the St. Louis Surge.

"I still haven't heard of anyone showing up at one of our games and saying they didn't enjoy what they saw," Glo general manager Brad Fischer said. "Most of them are honestly a little bit surprised at the high level of talent."

Fischer, the highly successful women's basketball coach at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, throws himself into that category.

"I'm heavily into the women's game," he said. "It's what I do for a living. When we (the Glo) started playing our first year, the players were way better than I ever thought. And I already thought I knew how good we were."

"If you haven't been to a game, show up and let us know what you think. So far, I haven't heard of anyone who has gone home disappointed."

Expect that level of satisfaction to continue. The Glo returns 10 players from the championship team and looks capable of



Photo by Jim Koepnick

Glo guard Sam Logic drives against the Chicago Breeze in a game at Menominee Nation Arena, the team's home court.

claiming back-to-back titles.

All but one player on the 16-person roster either played prep or college ball in Wisconsin. The Glo features big-name players like Jolene Anderson, the University of Wisconsin's all-time leading scorer; former Badger and Ripon High School star Taylor Wurtz; Marquette's all-time leading scorer Allazia Blocton; and former UW-Green Bay players Frankie Wurtz, Mehryn Kraker, Jessica Lindstom and Julie Wojta. Seven roster players either played in the WNBA or were in WNBA camps, including Anderson, a former WNBA second-round pick in 2008.



Fischer

Anderson scored 25 points and drilled seven 3-pointers in the team's 103-82 pounding of the St. Louis Surge on June 27.

The GWBA is a professional league that pays its players, most of whom play overseas during the winter months. The league was formed in 2016 with four teams and has since expanded to six. The Glo is owned by Fox Valley Pro Basketball, which launched the team after carefully scrutinizing its options.

"After deciding to put a team on the

court, we looked around at various leagues that had vacancies," Pierce said. "Some of the options seemed like pro-am leagues at best with a lot of missed and rescheduled games. We were looking for a league that played all its games, had fewer teams that were tighter knit and involved less travel."

"We were looking for a professional league. There were leagues out there that were kind of playground style. We wanted something at a higher level. All the players on our roster have made basketball their career. It took a little bit of looking around before we found the GWBA."

Finding a permanent home for the team was huge. Menominee Nation Arena was built in 2017 and seats 3,500. So far it has been an ideal venue for the Glo.

"When the arena was built it really opened some doors," Fischer said. "The arena is key for us. We have the best facility in the league. It needs dates and events in the summer. With the WNBA being a summer sport and becoming more popular, it was a natural fit."

Once a league and a home were found, Pierce and Fox Valley hired entrusted Fischer to put together a talented roster – which he did. The Glo went 14-0 in its inaugural season, including an 80-78 victory over the Flint Monarchs in the title game. The Glo won all of its 2019 games by an

average of 38 points.

"This state is loaded with talent and we saw an opportunity to put together an all-star roster," Pierce said. "All of our players play professionally overseas. For most of them, this is their time away from their jobs in Europe. The advantage we give them is the chance to play in front of family and friends again. We have a great roster again and I think we're going to be as good, if not better, than last year."

It's made for a hectic life for Fischer, who has also done a terrific job in turning around the UW Oshkosh women's program. In his seven years as head coach, Fischer has guided the Titans to a 194-49 record and six trips to the NCAA Division III Championship game in nine seasons.

"Right now, it's two full-time jobs for me – which is great," Fischer said. "UW Oshkosh has given me the opportunity to do this within my windows of time. Glo work happens early in the morning and later at night and on the weekends. At the same time, I'm recruiting and trying to keep building our Oshkosh program."

"I love what we have here with our college team and the level I get to coach at. But I also get to work with some of the best women's players in the state's history. I'm just immersed in basketball all the time. For me that's my happy place."

Fischer, Pierce, the Glo and the entire GWBA have a clear, common vision. They want to follow the same path of the Wisconsin Herd, the Oshkosh-based affiliate of the Eastern Conference champion Milwaukee Bucks in the NBA's G League. In the case of the GWBA, the goal is for it to eventually become a developmental league for the 12-team WNBA.

"Ultimately, we want to build and become part of the league that becomes the G League of the WNBA," Fischer said. "We're trying to win every game and win the championship again, but as a franchise we also want to elevate women's basketball and help grow the league. We hope to get to 20-game schedules and games during the week with 12, 14 and 16 teams in the league."

"We're kind of in the infancy of our vision right now. Women's basketball and women's sports in general have taken some big steps forward the last few years. We want to be a part of that movement. There's only 144 jobs in the WNBA and we've learned there is way more talent in the country. We feel there's a niche out there we can help fill and at the same time provide opportunities for women's sports."

The Glo is led by first-year head coach Lauren Busalacchi, who is also the head women's coach at Ripon College.

What can a first-time fan expect? Crisp shooting, lots of scoring, a quick pace and an emphasis on team basketball. In the June 27 rout of the Surge, the Glo drained a whopping 15 3-pointers. The team has scored more than 100 points in two of its four games and its season low point total is 83.

"We can score," Pierce said. "We have some great shooters and play good fundamental basketball. If you have a child who wants to play basketball, these are great role models to watch. They're great team players who can pass and shoot."

"In the men's game, you might find more athleticism. There's a lot of talent – don't get me wrong – but the women's game is just different. It's more of a team game. If you like basketball in its fundamental form and want to watch some highly skilled players who can run, shoot and play defense, you're going to like our team. All 16 of our players are making a career of the game they love, and it's fun to watch."

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Independence celebration

John Nieman of Father Carr's Place 2B hosts the broadcast of Oshkosh's Fourth of July parade celebration. House of Flowers provided a table arrangement. The full parade can be seen on Oshkosh Media's YouTube channel.

School facility updates underway

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Area School District updated progress on its historic referendum passed in November in its summer newsletter.

Miron Construction and Bray Architects began their projects of enhancing security at several schools as soon as classes let out for the summer.

The design phase of the new middle school also is ongoing. The user group making the design has moved to interiors and specific room needs.

A traffic study is being finalized at the site of the new middle school as well. Tours are underway in the greater Fox Valley area for the user group.

Though the schedule is tight, Miron Construction reports it is making good time.

Anniversary

Barb and Ray Panske

Barb and Ray Panske celebrated 65 years of marriage with a June 27 celebration at St. Jude's Parish, formally St. Vincent Parish, where they were married June

30, 1956, at St. Vincent Parish. They had eight children in 15 years and now have 23 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. Ray will celebrate his 90th birthday July 30.

Middle school principal endorsed for new facility

Washington Elementary School Principal Kristi Levy is being recommended to serve as principal of the Oshkosh Area School District's new middle school scheduled to open in fall 2023.

Levy's appointment was to be confirmed at this week's Board of Education meeting and would be in place for the coming school year where she would serve as Merrill Middle School principal until the new middle school opens.

Levy previously taught at Oshkosh North and West high schools and South Park Middle School. She graduated from



Levy

the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh with a bachelor's degree in secondary education. She obtained her master's degree in educational leadership and PK-12 principal licensure from UW Oshkosh, and is pursuing a doctorate from Cardinal Stritch University.

The interview process included teams composed of staff from Merrill and Webster Stanley middle schools as well as district leadership.

Pending board approval, Levy will be working at both Merrill and Webster Stanley for the next two years to help transition to the new facility. Levy and her team will provide significant input into the planning and design of the new school, and will be focused on bringing staff and families together as a new school community.

Community First Credit Union announces VP changes

Community First Credit Union has promoted Craig Gloudemans to vice president of finance and hired Bill Gunckel as vice president of information security for the financial services company, which has three Oshkosh locations.

Gloudemans was one of the first student tellers at the credit union branch at Appleton West High School in 2001. After earning an accounting degree from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, he was hired as a staff accountant in 2005 and has been assistant vice president of finance since 2019. In his new role, he manages accounting and finance functions, financial report-

ing, budgeting, audits and finance projects.

Gunckel is a Minnesota native with a business degree from Lakeland University and an MBA from UW Oshkosh. He has spent 23 years working with Fox Valley companies on information technology and security programs, most recently with Navitus Health Solutions.

He will lead the company's information security program while providing management and development direction.

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Roe Park project

Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods recently partnered with Amcor to revive the Roe Park Born Learning Trail. The Oshkosh Parks Department replaced signs and volunteers cleaned and painted surfaces on the trail during the Rock the Block Oshkosh program in the River East Neighborhood in June. A United Way project, Born Learning Trails boosts children's literacy and language skills.

Surplus food fridge effort launched at Wagner Market

Oshkosh Herald

Wagner Market at 502 N. Main St. announced it will work in partnership with Fox Valley's Hope Fridge to bring a food pantry to the downtown community.

"Thanks so much to Wagner Market for being willing to host a community fridge and pantry to help bring much needed free food and household goods to anyone in or around Oshkosh," Hope Fridge said in a Facebook post.

The mutual aid organization run by volunteers has one location in Neenah. Community fridges are places where surplus food is shared by local businesses and individuals on an honor system, according to the Hope Fridge ChangeX.org page.

So far, they've helped thousands of peo-

ple connect to their communities, access nutritious food, save money and reduce waste.

Over three months, one community fridge can redistribute 12 tons of food, save households and community groups more than \$10,000 worth of food and provide employment opportunities.

"We look forward to opening our second location as soon as possible," Hope Fridge's Facebook post added.

Correction

JULY 7, PAGE 4: In a photo of Harold Eichstadt celebrating his 104th birthday, it should have been noted that Ruth Stryzewski, who is 109, is the oldest resident of Oshkosh.



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Colleagues honor Stanley as state's leading fire chief

Oshkosh Fire Chief Michael Stanley was recently named the 2021 Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs' Association Chief of the Year.

Stanley, who was named the city's fire chief in June 2018, was presented the award June 26 at the group's annual conference in Green Bay. The award selection criteria emphasize leadership, innovation, professional development, public service and contributions to the fire service as a whole. Nominees are reviewed by a panel of state fire chiefs.

"Chief Stanley has met the challenges of the past year and is poised to continue to deliver public safety services – as well

as innovative programs – into the future," stated City Manager Mark Rohloff.

Stanley was appreciative of the award, saying, "When I look at the caliber of the fire chiefs in the state of Wisconsin that lead their departments, there are so many that deserve the same recognition. This award is recognition of the work our firefighters do every day to make a difference."

Stanley's career spans more than 25 years. He received the Chief Fire Officer credential from the Center for Public Safety Excellence and has a master's degree in education and human resources from Colorado State University.

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Titanic's state ties highlighted in museum exhibit

The enduring story of the ill-fated White Star liner RMS Titanic continues to fascinate people 109 years later. The ship and the tragedy of its passengers and crew are some of the few events in history that have immediate name recognition.

The Oshkosh Public Museum will unveil "Titanic: The Wisconsin Connection" beginning July 21 through Oct. 13. Over two years in the making, the exhibition is based on research of Wisconsin passengers conducted by museum staff and researchers from Experiential Media Group (E/M Group), the salvager and owner of the Titanic artifacts.

There were more than 50 people on the Titanic, in all classes, either from Wisconsin or journeying to the state as immigrants. The exhibition tells the story of 20 of those passengers and was developed specifically for the museum.

E/M Group had previously focused on

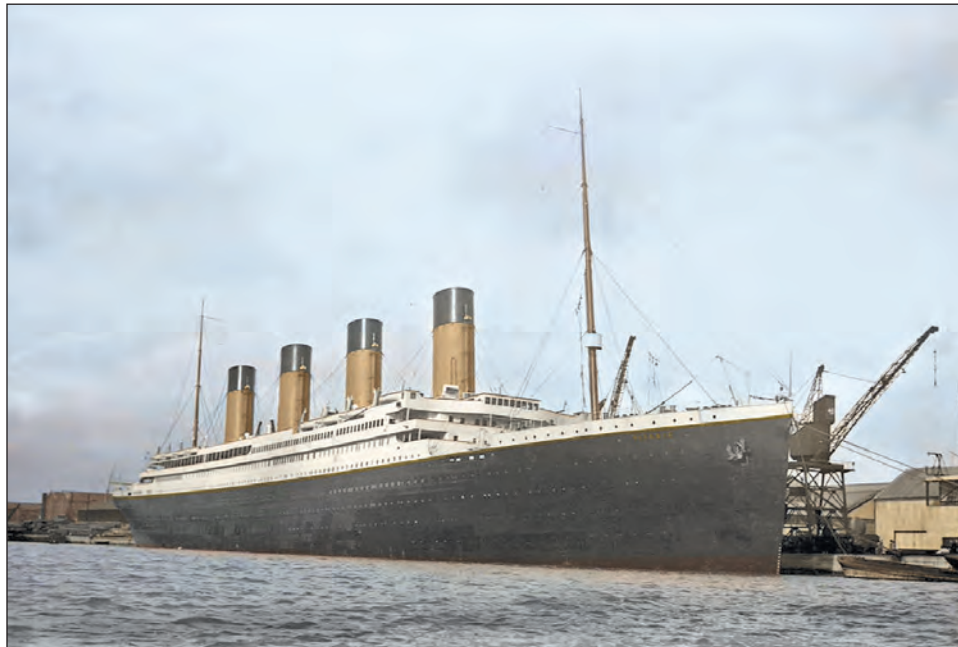


Photo from Oshkosh Public Museum

The RMS Titanic is shown at its Belfast dock where it was built and launched in April 1912.

the broader story of the ship and passengers, scientific aspects of the vessel and its discovery. Instead of the standard storyline, E/M Group collaborated with museum staff on a customized exhibition focused on those Wisconsin associations.

The exhibition also showcases more than 100 recently conserved artifacts recovered from the debris field 12,000 feet below the North Atlantic Ocean. Each artifact illustrates an element or person in the dramatic event with a storyline that enables 21st-century visitors to connect with and empathize with the people of 1912.

RMS Titanic merchandise will be available, including T-shirts, dishware, hats and blankets. Buying tickets in advance is recommended at oshkoshmuseum.org. Museum hours are from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1 to 4:30 p.m. Sundays.

Back in the Day

Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

July 14, 1874

Fourth Great Fire Devastates North Main Street Area: With the third 'Great Fire' only months earlier, Oshkosh-ians were in the process of rebuilding when tragedy struck once again. A fire broke out in a stable behind the McCabe Block in the 400 block of North Main and fanned by brisk winds

quickly spread to the backside of nearby Main Street businesses. The direction took mainly to the north, sparing the Main Street businesses located to the south. In its path that included the Parkway, Jefferson and Irving Street neighborhoods, working class family homes were hardest hit. Between 250-300 structures were destroyed and again as many seriously damaged. Well over half that total was residential buildings (boarding houses, apartments, and single-family dwellings). Reports filed post blaze included widespread homelessness and looting. Only one fatality was directly attributed to the blaze.

Source: Oshkosh at 150 by Michael Goc

Calendar of events

Ongoing

Walk this Way: Footwear from the Stuart Weitzman Collection, Paine Art Center, 1410 Algoma Blvd.

Wednesday, July 14

Brews on the Bay with Tuba Dan, 5 p.m., Menominee Park's Kiwanis shelter
NEW Food Truck Mashup, 4:30 p.m., 1600 S. Koeller St.

Thursday, July 15

Waterfest with Uncle Cracker, Copper Box, Bound for Branson, 5:45 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Friday, July 16

Erin Boehme and Oshkosh Jazz Fest preview, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh
Jedidiah Tuyls, 7 p.m., Dwelling 2:22, 222 Church Ave.

Saturday, July 17

Sawdust City Classic basketball tournament, UW Oshkosh Student Recreation Center, 735 Pearl Ave.
Wisconsin Glo vs. Detroit Queens, 7 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena
Pigfest 10s Rugby Tournament, 8 a.m., Winnebago County Community Park
Monty Berger and Joe Corbin and Cowboy Church, 6 p.m., Peniel Welsh Chapel, W9644 Zoar Road
River East neighborhood rummage sale,

8 a.m., 203 Otter Ave. and other locations
Royal Flush, 3 p.m., Fifth Ward Brewing Co., 1009 S. Main St.

Sunday, July 18

Kids from Wisconsin and Kinsella Irish Dancers, 1:30 p.m., Leach Amphitheater
Sawdust City Classic basketball tournament, UW Oshkosh Student Recreation Center
Wisconsin Glo vs. Chicago Breeze, 3 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena
Bearded Brothers, 2 p.m., TJ's Harbor, 7098 U.S. 45
Jazz Orgy, 9 p.m., Fletch's Local Tap House, 566 N. Main St.

Monday, July 19

Oshkosh YMCA Charity Golf Outing, 8:30 a.m., Oshkosh Country Club, 11 W. Ripple Ave.

Tuesday, July 20

Live at the Leach, Rising Phoenix, 6 p.m., Leach Amphitheater
Mascot Day at Menominee Park, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, July 21

"Titanic: The Wisconsin Connection" opening, 10 a.m., Oshkosh Public Museum
NEW Food Truck Mashup, 4:30 p.m., 1600 S. Koeller St.

Friday, July 23

"Batman" (1966), 6:30 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.
Jay Edward & Jay Stulo, 7 p.m., O'Maroro's Public House, 2211 Oregon St.

Sunday, July 25

Jazz Orgy, 9 p.m., Fletch's Local Tap House, 566 N. Main St.

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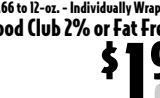
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Grand's new live season schedule announced

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The Grand's new season includes:

- James Garner's Tribute to Johnny Cash – Oct. 9-10
- ABBA Mania – Nov. 2-3
- Swing in the Holidays with Janet Planet and the UWO Jazz Ensemble – Dec. 5
- Christmas with The Four Phantoms – Dec. 16-18
- A Shari Lewis Legacy starring Mallory Lewis and Lamb Chop – March 19
- Farewell Angelina – April 23
- Husband and wife comedy duo Tim Harmston and Mary Mack – April 29
- The Four C Notes – May 14

Oshkosh Community Players, a Grand arts partner, will perform "Drop Dead! A Farce" May 26-28 and will announce an additional show. The calendar will also feature dozens of performances by guest presenters and promoters.

Ticket holders will see exterior improvements to the 550-seat theater made earlier this year with a new marquee and message center.



Photos from The Grand

ABBA Mania (left photo) and James Gardner as Johnny Cash are some of the featured shows coming to The Grand in its new season.

Community Band sets summer series

The Oshkosh Area Community Band is resuming live concerts this month starting at 7 p.m. July 26 outside Oshkosh West High School, 375 N. Eagle St., near Alberta Kimball Auditorium.

The band also will perform at 7 p.m. July 28 at The Grand, 100 High Ave., to a limited audience. Patrons will be asked to wear masks and maintain social distancing during the 60-minute program.

The concert will include light classics, marches and popular tunes including "American Folk Rhapsody No. 4," by Clare Grundman; "Semper Fidelis," by John Philip Sousa; and "Sixties Gold," a medley of hits by Sam Cooke, arranged for band by Douglas Wagner.

Admission is free but donations will be accepted at the door.

Chamber Singers offer new recording

The Oshkosh Chamber Singers have released a video of newly recorded material in place of its regular in-person spring concert.

The video is on the Oshkosh Chamber Singers channel on YouTube, Facebook and oshkoshchambersingers.org.

The singers rehearsed through the winter and the recording was done in May under the direction of conductor Herb Berendson and Deb Mackenzie as accompanist.

The group is preparing for in-person concerts during the 2021-22 season with the first in October.

"When The Grand opens in September, it will have been 18 months since the closure due to the pandemic," said Joseph Ferlo, Grand director. "Although we've never been closed thanks to livestream and online production, we are all very excited to welcome our audiences back."

Tickets are currently available to members. Subscription season tickets and other select shows will go on sale July 26. Season packages of three or more subscription shows offer a discount of up to 15 percent.

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Project Success earns UW System excellence award

By Shane Nyman
UW OSHKOSH TODAY

Days before she earned her bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, Mariah Zingale made clear the significance Project Success has on what she'd accomplished.

"I wouldn't be here without them," she said. "They gave me my own little success story. Without their help I wouldn't be where I am today."

Project Success is a remedial program at UW Oshkosh for students with dyslexia and other language-based learning disabilities. After four years of hard work and the support of Project Success along the way, Zingale walked into graduation day having already accepted a job at a Marshfield Clinic hospital on the neurotrauma floor.

It's because of the success of students like Zingale and thousands like her that Project Success recently was honored with a 2021 UW System Board of Regents' Academic Staff Excellence Award – the highest recognition bestowed on members of the UW System academic staff.

"I will fully admit Project Success was the main reason I decided to come to UW Oshkosh," said Zingale, a Minneapolis native who hopes to one day be a critical-care nurse with a master's degree and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner certification. "Then it was just another great thing they had one of the top nursing programs in Wisconsin."

Project Success was founded at UWO in 1979 and remains one of few university programs in the country to specialize in phonics-based multisensory methodology to improve students' reading, spelling and writing. The program also provides devel-



Photo from UW Oshkosh
Mariah Zingale earned a nursing degree while in the Project Success program.

opmental math instruction and tutoring. Many of the students it serves have been diagnosed with dyslexia or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), or both.

"We support students who have disabilities in the area of reading, writing, spelling, math or ADHD," said Jayme Reichenberger, who has served as either the program's director or interim director since 2014. "A lot of our students have something like dyslexia or a learning disability as well as ADHD. There's a very high comorbidity rate between them."

Research has shown students with learning disabilities enter four-year institutions at half the rate of those without. The services offered through Project Success increase enrollment for this group of students and, oftentimes starting the sum-

mer before their first day of college, directly aids in their persistence and success.

While other schools offer some similar services, a key aspect that sets Project Success apart from other like-minded programs at other colleges and universities is there is no extra cost to students.

"We don't believe that students should have to pay more for support that will help them be successful when they have a disability," Reichenberger said.

With a university of about 10,000 students, Project Success works with about 300 students each year. That includes students who've been diagnosed with a learning disability before starting college and those who recognize their need for accommodations or other services while on campus.

An example of an accommodation is moving an exam into a different location or having a reader available. During the 2019-20 academic year, Project Success staff proctored more than 1,700 exams, each one requiring careful planning and coordination.

Besides making sure students who need it are set up with the proper accommodations, Project Success includes other endeavors like a summer program for students about to begin their first year at UWO. Some students are required by the Admissions Office to take it based on their high school grades or ACT score, while others might just be encouraged or offered to get them better prepared for the fall.

Zingale took part and, looking back, knows it made a big difference. She learned skills like how to take notes for a college course, study techniques, how accommodations worked and what resources are available to students. She also found a sense of community which, as a student coming from out of state to Oshkosh, was a huge benefit.

"I wouldn't have made it through college, specifically my first year, without Project Success," she said. "Because yes they're there for you academically, but they're also there for you emotionally. College is hard, specifically your first two semesters, and sometimes when having a

learning disability, you feel excluded because it takes longer to understand things and you feel like an outsider."

To hear her tell her story, it becomes clear how the program could earn such a recognition from the UW System Board of Regents. Once, during an eight-week health class that's among the most grueling in the nursing program, Zingale said a Project Success employee read her an exam over the phone while in her car on a family vacation.

"They are very dedicated to their students," she said.

Milwaukee native Alexa Ratkowski, like Zingale, was among the spring class. She earned an early childhood education degree and had a close relationship with Project Success during her time at UWO, both using the services offered but also working a paid position in the Project Success office.

Ratkowski is what those familiar with the program call a walk-in admit. Though she had at times struggled with reading and comprehension in high school, she'd shrugged off any suggestion that it was because of a disability. After all, she was getting As and Bs.

"I thought, 'I'm getting good grades so I can't possibly have dyslexia,'" she remembered.

But after having a tough time in the early going of her first year, she spoke to an instructor who connected her with a rep from Project Success who thought she should get tested. Ratkowski said OK and, sure enough, she was diagnosed with dyslexia.

This led to a number of things, including Ratkowski getting set up with an organizational tutor, getting extended test time and access to readers—whether it be a person or an electronic setup—for tests and textbooks. As a Project Success student, she also gained access to the program's study rooms and tutoring options.

She's now a college graduate finishing her student teaching in a third-grade class at Butte des Morts Elementary School in Menasha this week. By commencement she'd applied for about 60 jobs in the Milwaukee area and the hope is by late summer she'll be starting her teaching career.

She said she planned to bring her cap and gown into the third-grade class to show the students and deliver some words of wisdom.

"It's like, 'Look, I really struggled with reading but I can still do great things. I got honors cords. I did good in school even though I had all these struggles,'" she said. "It's really the perseverance I try to tell them about the most. Regardless of the struggle, you can do it."

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UW Oshkosh outpaced mask-wearing average

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How did the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh make it through the past year without a major coronavirus outbreak? A recent study conducted in collaboration with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) suggests the mask-wearing habits of the university community may have played a part.

UW Oshkosh was one of 54 colleges and universities nationwide taking part in the eight-week study called MASCUP! this spring. Students trained as data collectors observed people on the Oshkosh campus and at off-campus sites frequented by students.

Oshkosh observers found that nearly 93 percent of people were properly masked, compared with an average of 85.6 percent among the participating schools.

"It was encouraging to see such great adherence to our face mask expectations," said Michelle Bogden Muetzel, program manager in the office of sponsored programs and risk and safety. "It should be no surprise though, considering the low number of COVID-19 cases on our campus this spring."

The data shows overall 98.7 percent of people observed at UWO were masked, 94.2 percent of which wore them properly

ly – with the mask covering the nose and mouth and secured under the chin. Nationwide 93.7 percent were masked, 91.4 percent of which wore them properly.

UWO officials created a culture of mask-wearing during the pandemic.

The most common mask type observed was cloth (73.6 percent), followed by surgical masks (23.9 percent). UWO purchased and distributed more than 25,000 cloth masks to students, faculty and staff at all three campuses for the start of the fall semester after the mask requirement was put in place in the summer. University bookstores on all three campuses also sold masks and the athletics department purchased Titans masks for the student-athletes.

The CDC is using the data from the MASCUP! study to learn about masking compliance, proper mask use, communication strategies and more. By participating in the national study, Bogden Muetzel said UWO was simply doing its part for the greater good.

The on-campus mask requirement was one of several measures taken to keep the university safe and open throughout the year. It wasn't until late in the spring semester vaccinations were readily available, so it's likely the low rates of infection at UWO were due to the following of health and safety guidelines.

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Substance use

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seeing a large jump in drug use between middle school and high school.

“One of the most effective ways to prevent youth substance use is to just have those conversations with your kids starting at an early age,” she said. “It doesn’t have to be a big intimidating sit-down and stare at each other across the kitchen table conversation.

“It can be five minutes while you’re out on the walk, playing in the yard, or driving to the grocery store. Having those small conversations can open that line of communication, which helps prepare your kids to call you if they’re finding themselves in a situation that they’re uncomfortable with.”

Hilker added that having those conversations requires parents to be open and honest.

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Police Capt. Chris Tarmann, who has children of his own, says having those conversations can be a difficult line to straddle.

“You don’t want to turn off your child; you don’t want to approach them and yell at them,” he said. “You want to open a conversation with them and see if you can help guide them.”

Culture can play a role, especially in a state like Wisconsin with a deep-seated drinking culture, Tarmann said. He has season tickets to the Wisconsin Herd and when going to a basketball game, it’s normal to have a beer, which may not set the right example.



Tarmann

“I was just thinking, ‘How do I help them understand that you shouldn’t always have a beer?’ In our culture, it’s always there, it’s available,” he said. “So, it’s making that decision, ‘I don’t have to have a beer today.’ It’s not going to change the game for me; it’s going to be the same experience.”

Children learn by watching their parents, which doesn’t always give the full picture,

so it’s important to partner an example with a good conversation to help them make the right decisions, Tarmann noted.

“In Wisconsin, we embrace the (drinking) culture, but we never step back and think, ‘What’s it doing for our culture?’ he said. “We need to pause and take a look at it and think, ‘How can I help prepare my children?’”

Likewise, Dr. Eric Smiltneek, an addiction medicine specialist at Aurora Medical Center, emphasizes the importance of being honest with children about substance use and abuse.

He says parents should be honest about the risks associated with youth substance abuse.

“If people get too ‘this is bad, don’t do this,’ it may shut down their kids and make them not want to talk about it, but if you’re too ‘well, I don’t worry about it,’ that’s probably not the correct method either,” Smiltneek said.

In terms of marijuana, Winnebago County Sheriff John Matz said parents should be honest with their teens about the potential

legal ramifications.

“At 17, you’re treated as an adult and if you have several contacts with law enforcement, and you’re charged with the possession of marijuana, that’s something that changes your ability to reach all the goals that you have in life,” he said.

Hilker encourages parents to have a conversation about healthy versus unhealthy relationships with substances.

“Having that conversation about a healthy relationship with substances or an unhealthy relationship with substances is important because substances, in general, are not a good coping mechanism,” she said. “We’re not a bunch of prohibitionists; we’re not out here trying to say nobody should have alcohol, or nobody should do this or that.”

“We do have a vested interest in keeping it out of the hands of youth and making sure that they understand consequences and can see good examples of healthy relationships to alcohol or whatever substances may be in the community.”

Educators publish free climate science workbook

The Wisconsin Initiative for Science Literacy has published a free climate science workbook intended to provide tools high school and college teachers can use to help their students understand the evidence of global warming and climate change and the human activities that cause them.

The online workbook integrates existing curriculum subjects in science courses — such as heat, light, energy, and acids and bases — into a discussion of the properties and effects of greenhouse gases, especially

climate warming and ocean acidification.

“Global warming is the biggest challenge humanity has ever faced,” says Bassam Shakhshiri, UW professor of chemistry and director of the science literacy center. “Our hope is that all students learn to understand and appreciate the importance of taking responsibility and stewardship for their local communities and the whole planet we inhabit.” The workbook can be found at scifun.org/ClimateWorkbook/home.html.



Oshkosh Public Library

Lifelong learning

Local history and genealogy librarian Michael McArthur was honored with the Community Partner Award from the Learning in Retirement program at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. McArthur has been doing presentations for LIR for several years, covering local history, technology and other topics for a group of lifelong learners.

UW presidential search committee named

The University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents appointed a 19-member Search and Screen Committee to identify the next UW System president.

Current president Tommy Thompson has been serving in an interim role since July 1, 2020. He replaced Ray Cross, who retired after a 42-year career in higher education, including serving as president from February 2014 to June 2020.

Sabrina Mueller-Spitz, associate professor of biology, represents UW Oshkosh

on the committee.

The committee will schedule listening sessions at UW System’s 13 universities in September, when additional faculty, staff and students will be invited to participate. The sole finalist in a previous presidential search was “forced to withdraw” amid an onslaught of criticism that Board of Regents leaders viewed as “unfair” and “unprofessional” in 2019.

The committee is perceived as more representative in its membership.

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Challenging conditions brought out best in state champ

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

“The Art of Racing in the Rain” was a best-selling novel and hit movie.

Sam Blaskowski’s version had a happier ending and also was critically acclaimed.

The Oshkosh West senior turned a sprinter’s nightmare into nirvana at the WIAA Track & Field State Championships in late June. A first-time state meet



Blaskowski

qualifier, Blaskowski shrugged off cold, rainy conditions to deliver an incredible performance. Blaskowski won both sprint events – the 100 and 200 meters – and completed the trifecta by winning the long jump. He also ran a leg on the Wild-

cats’ second-place 400-meter relay team to generate 30 of West’s 38 points.

And he did it on the type of day that most sprinters dread.

“When I got up in the morning and saw the rain, I thought the meet was going to be canceled,” Blaskowski said. “Then after I found out it was still on, I thought it’s either going to be a great day or a bad day.”

It was a great day for Blaskowski, who wasn’t fazed by the cold, rainy weather. In fact, conditions couldn’t have been much better in his view.

“I just came in thinking, ‘I can do it – no one is stopping me,’” he said. “I’m going to leave it all out there, and I did. I’ve played a lot of soccer in rainy weather over the years and I love the cool weather. I’d rather run in cool weather than the hot, humid stuff. Everything just felt different in the rain that day.”

Blaskowski had winning sprint times of 10.83 in the 100 and 22.22 in the 200. He soared 23 feet, 5¾ inches in the long jump, delivering his winning leap on his final attempt.

“What made a difference in the 100



Submitted photo

Sam Blaskowski of Oshkosh West shows his WIAA state championship awards.

was that I got out fast while the other kids were slow out of the blocks,” Blaskowski said. “It gave me the gap that I needed. I watched a lot of YouTube videos on how to run the 200 and that really helped.

“As for the long jump, it was really cool that I was able to win on my final jump. As I was going down the runway, I was thinking, ‘This is it, make it count.’ I was so excited when I found out my distance that I ran over and gave my coach a big hug.”

What made his spectacular day even

more special was that Blaskowski entered the meet as an underdog. He was seeded third in the 100 and sixth in both the 200 and long jump.

“Coming into this season, Sam had high goals in each of his events and it’s safe to say he met them,” said West track coach Brett Hartman. “One of the most impressive aspects of Sam is his ability to stay calm under pressure and perform regardless of the circumstances. I think the weather got to some of the athletes over

Senior Spotlight

the weekend, but Sam stepped up and did what he had done all season.

“He’s an incredible athlete who has a bright future ahead at La Crosse.”

Blaskowski was a three-sport athlete at West who also excelled in swimming and soccer. He swam the 50 and 100 freestyles along with the 100 breaststroke and was a forward in soccer, receiving second-team all-Fox Valley Association honors this year.

“Swimming helped me 100 percent in track,” he said. “You’re kicking the entire time when you’re swimming. You’re using your legs 24/7 and I really believe it helped my sprinting. Soccer is a great sport for endurance and getting in shape and it helps a lot, too.”

Blaskowski will be heading back in the fall to the site of his jaw-dropping state-meet performance – the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse’s Veterans Memorial Stadium – where he plans to build on his success. He will attend UW-La Crosse and join the school’s track program. Blaskowski, a strong student who graduated from West with a 3.5 grade-point average, is considering either an accounting or athletic training major.

“I’m really excited about getting to focus on track and maybe put together some Olympic trial times,” he said.

Blaskowski is one of the few athletes who may have benefited from the pandemic circumstances. While other athletes isolated from others and refrained from intense training, Blaskowski ramped up his workout regimen.

“COVID actually made an impact with me,” he said. “A lot of people fell into depression, but I tried to take advantage of it rather than just sitting around and resting. I worked hard and hit the YMCA two, sometimes three, times a day. That was my life during COVID and it paid off.”

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All-conference sports honors

BASEBALL

Two Knights players on Trailways' first team

The Lourdes/Valley Christian baseball team had a solid year, finishing 17-7 with a second-place finish in the Trailways-North with an 8-1 mark.

The Knights had two make it on the first team in seniors Jack McKellips (infield) and Jayden Lewan (outfield).

McKellips led the team in hits, doubles, triples, walks and was second in RBIs while Lewan was third in hits, third in doubles and fifth in RBIs.

Making second team included junior Gavin Stelter (pitcher), who finished the year with a 6-2 record and a 2.32 ERA.

North's Bennett earns second-team all-FVA

Oshkosh North finished 11-15 this season, with an 8-10 mark in the tough Fox Valley Association – and a big reason why was because of junior catcher Ethan Bennett.

Bennett earned second-team all-FVA, the only Oshkosh player to do so, the conference recently announced.

Joining Bennett on the all-FVA teams for the Spartans included junior Jack Kese (pitcher) and Max Bittner (outfield), both who made honorable mention.

The Wildcats had two make honorable mention as well, in seniors Andrew McCoy (pitcher) and Colton Tirpe (first base). West finished just 6-19 this season but upset the Spartans in the first playoff game before falling to Manitowoc Lincoln in the regional final.

BOYS GOLF

Morrell from West named to FVA team

Oshkosh West's Matt Morrell was the lone Oshkosh golfer to make the Fox Valley Association's all-conference team as he earned honorable mention.

Morrell, a senior, missed sectionals by just one stroke this spring, firing a 90 in the WIAA Division 1 Regional at Ridgeway Golf Course in Neenah.

Kimberly's Aiden Cudney was named Player of the Year.

Four from Lourdes on all-conference team

The Lourdes/Valley Christian boys golf team had a great season, finishing first in the Trailways-North while four Knights were named to the all-conference team.

Senior Preston Ruedinger led the way, finishing first with a nine-hole average of 42.60 while freshman Cooper McLaughlin was second with a season average of 43.30. Both advanced to sectionals this season.

Also making the team was seniors Peter Chartier and Will Frank, who had averages of 45.20 and 49.89.

GIRLS SOCCER

West's Robl and Rock lead way on first team

Oshkosh West had an excellent season, finishing 10-4-2 (6-2-1 in Fox Valley Association) while making it to the WIAA Division 1 sectionals before falling 3-2 to Appleton East.

The Wildcats had two make first-team

all-FVA in junior forward Ally Robl and senior forward Ashley Rock.

Joining them on the second-team was junior midfielder Meredith Posanski and seniors Kennedy Benesh (defender) and McKenna Lloyd (goalie) while junior forward Sabrina Pickart and senior defender Ciarra Prill made honorable mention.

The Spartans, who finished 3-9, had two named to the FVA's second team in juniors Lindsey Porst (goalie) and Klara Stelzer (defender). Earning honorable mention for North was junior forward Mia Salbego and senior forward Taylor Rammer.

Gutierrez, Mullen from Lourdes on first team

The Lourdes/Valley Christian girls soccer team had a solid 2021 spring season, finishing 11-7-1 while finishing fourth in the Flyway Conference with a 5-3 mark.

Earning first-team all-Flyway for the Knights was junior midfielder Cielo Gutierrez and freshman defender Charley Mullen while sophomore forward Delilah Hawley was named to the second team.

Earning honorable mention was junior midfielder Olivia Hawley and senior goalie Paige Droessler.

SOFTBALL

Borowitz, Jodarski earn first team on FVA

Oshkosh North junior pitcher Ashley Borowitz and Oshkosh West freshman Braelee Jodarski were recently named to the Fox Valley Association first-team.

Borowitz was dominant in circle for the Spartans, picking up six wins with a 2.67 ERA while striking out 218 batters against just 36 walks. She also led the team in batting average at .397.

Jodarski helped lead a 23-6 Wildcat team to the Division 1 sectional final before losing to Beaver Dam. Jodarski had a team-high six home runs this season and 35 RBIs while batting .370.

Making second team were West junior Abigail Curtis (outfield), junior Dominique Bauer (infield), senior Tatum Duff (pitcher) and freshman Laina Hammen (catcher).

Making honorable mention for the Wildcats included senior Taylor Emery (outfield), junior Briann Kitchen (outfield), senior Brianna Davis (infield) and sophomore Brianna Bougie (pitcher).

The Spartans were led by seniors Mollie Bittner (outfield), Noelle Frank (infield) and Emma Phillips (infield) – all who earned honorable mention.

Proud makes first-team all Trailways-North

Lourdes finished sixth in the Trailways-North Conference with a 3-5 mark, but had some bright spots as freshman Reagan Proud earned first-team all-conference.

Proud was sixth in the conference in total hits, seventh in runs, 15th in RBIs and was tied for sixth in home runs this season.

On second team for the Knights was junior Saraah Blanchard while junior Camille Clark and sophomore Rylee Kuklinski earned honorable mention. Clark had four wins with a 4.20 ERA and 78 strikeouts.

BOYS TENNIS

Eight Oshkosh players earn honorable mention

The entire Neenah boys tennis team earned first-team all-Fox Valley Association this season while the entire Appleton North team earned second team.

West and North combined for eight spots on the honorable mention team.

Leading at No. 1 singles was senior CJ Counts while sophomore Cohen McConnell made it at No. 3 singles. Counts went 1-1 at the Division 1 state tournament.

At No. 1 doubles, North's Makylar Larson and Kauldon Larson; West's No. 2 team of Anders Larson and Hans Larson; and No. 3 team of Robert Appleton and Ryan Jorgensen made honorable mention.

Kauldon and Makylar Larson made it to state as well, finishing 1-1.

TRACK & FIELD

West's Blaskowski named first team in three events

The Oshkosh West and North boys teams represented well in the Fox Valley Association as 15 boys made the all-conference team, they recently announced.

North's Devin Williams made first team in the 400 with a time of 49.13, second team in the 100 at 11.15 while earning honorable mention in the 200 with a time of 22.65.

Also for North, Julien Harden had the league's best high jump – making first team – at 6-foot-2 while Greg Harden was second team with the same height. Milian Stojilovic was honorable mention in the long jump at 20 feet, 5 inches. Liam Murphy – a freshman – was second team in the triple jump with a distance of 41 feet, 5 inches.

The Spartans finished fourth in the conference behind Oshkosh West. Kimberly was crowned champions.

For West, Sam Blaskowski led the Wildcats as he was first team in the 200 (22.24), 100 (10.88) and long jump (20-11).

Ja'siah Williams was honorable mention in the 100 (11.27) while the 400 relay team (Blake Langlitz, Riley Taylor, Williams, Blaskowski) had the best time of 43.27 to be named first-team all-FVA.

Tiernan Deppiesse, a junior, was honorable mention in the pole vault at 11 feet.

On the girls' side, the Wildcats, who finished eighth out of 10 teams, was led by sophomore Faith Galica with honorable mention in the 800 with a time of 2:30.33.

The Spartans, who finished 10th, was led by Maria Falk, who was second team in the shot put with a throw of 39 feet, 5 inches.

BOYS SOCCER

Ostertag on first team

Oshkosh West's Grant Ostertag was the lone Oshkosh soccer player to make the Fox Valley Association's first team as the senior defender helped the Wildcats to a 3-4-3 record this spring before falling to Neenah in the WIAA Division 1 regional.

Teammates Sam Blaskowski and Demetri Voulgaris both landed on the second team while North's Rais Bikyeombe was also named to the second team.

Earning honorable mention was West's Alex Nehans and North's Kyle Gillingham, both goalies.

GIRLS GOLF

North's Brunk, Miller named to FVA team

Oshkosh North seniors Grace Miller and Hailee Brunk ended their stellar high school careers at the state tournament this spring and both were recently named to the Fox Valley Association's first team.

Miller and Brunk were two of three golfers named to the alternate fall season's first team while Taylor Rammer of Oshkosh North was named honorable mention.

Miller finished tied for 11th at state with a two-day score of 166 (82-84) while Brunk was 19th with a score of 179 (88-91).

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Oshkosh Legion pushes unbeaten streak to 12

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

After claiming the Stevens Point Firecracker Championship the previous weekend to improve to 9-0 on the season, the Oshkosh Legion baseball team was ready for another busy week as it put an unbeaten mark up against three more teams.

Oshkosh finished off the week with victories against Appleton Post 38, Hortonville and Marinette. Despite a tough matchup with Appleton Post 38, Oshkosh ran its winning streak to 12 as they capped off another unbeaten week.

Led by a late offensive surge, Oshkosh overcame a rare deficit and picked up a 7-5 come-from-behind win against Appleton Post 38. After defeating this team 6-0 to open the season, Post 38 gave Oshkosh all it could handle.

With Max Bittner getting the start, Post 38 benefited from not seeing pitcher Charlie Stenson this time around as he dominated them last time out. Bittner relies on his off-speed stuff more than his heater to keep hitters off-balance, which got him in a bit of trouble during his three innings of work.

After holding Post 38 scoreless through three innings, Appleton finally got to Bittner in the fourth with three singles to lead off the inning to load the bases with no outs. Patrick Crawford then earned a walk to push across the game's first run.

Head coach Brian Burgert went to Colton Tirpe in relief as the righty was put into a tough spot. Post 38 continued with their hard contact as Noah Leopold, Nick Lavigne and Austin Holmes all struck for RBI singles to create a 4-0 lead. A play at the plate when Kaden Wright's throw nailed a runner prevented further damage.

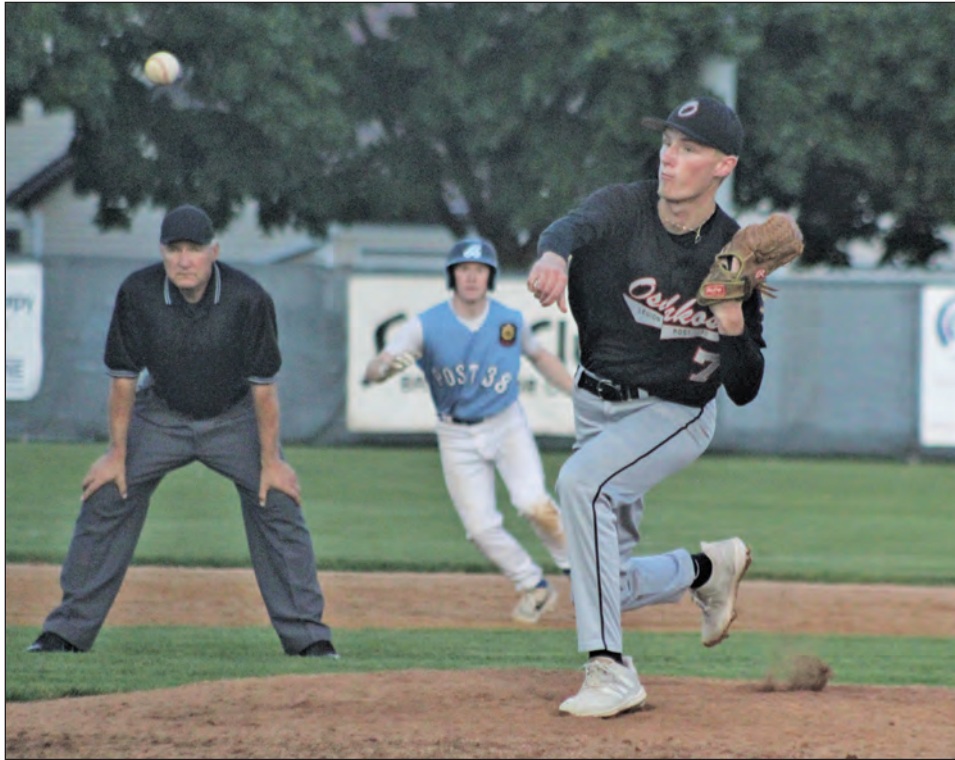


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Colton Tirpe came on in relief of Max Bittner on Thursday to shut down Appleton Post 38.

Owen Weber held Oshkosh hitless until the fourth inning when Jack McKellips led off with a single, advanced to second on a wild pitch and kept rolling to reach third. Dominic Kane followed that with an RBI single to put Oshkosh on the board.

A Coby Gibson walk put two runners on base and Dane Kutnik came through with an RBI single to make things 4-2. Gibson later came home to score on a balk by Weber before a Carson Krumrei single tied the game moving to the fifth.

With George Henkel now on the mound, Oshkosh continued its momentum from the fourth and put it to good use in the fifth.

Noah Berndt hit a single and Kaden Wright picked up a walk to put two runners on. A series of Appleton errors allowed McKellips and Kane to score, then Gibson came through with an RBI single to give Oshkosh a 7-4 lead.

Appleton would pull a run closer on a Lavigne single in the sixth but Tirpe closed things out for the 7-5 win.

Oshkosh was on the road Friday to take on Hortonville. Led by an offensive explosion that saw Oshkosh push across 16 runs, Payton Wright earned the win on the mound 16-6. Five of those 16 came in the first inning.

A Ben Buehring single made things 1-0 before Carson Krumrei collected one of his team high four hits to put Oshkosh up 3-0 with a double. Add in a Collin Ryan fielders choice and Brendan Krumrei's RBI single and Oshkosh was up 5-0 before Hortonville stepped into the box.

That lead continued to grow in the second when Carson Krumrei cleared the bases with an RBI double to make things 8-0, singling home another run in the third. Kane also added an RBI single in the third giving Oshkosh a commanding 10-0 lead.

The Hortonville offense finally got going in the third, with Gunnar Plachetka picking up an RBI double. Parker Lawrence added an RBI single to make things 10-3.

Leading 11-3 after a Buehring single, Oshkosh continued to take Hortonville's best shot with Plachetka adding an RBI walk in the fourth to make things 11-4. That would be as close as things would get as the Oshkosh erupted again in the seventh pushing across five more runs.

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Sawdust project

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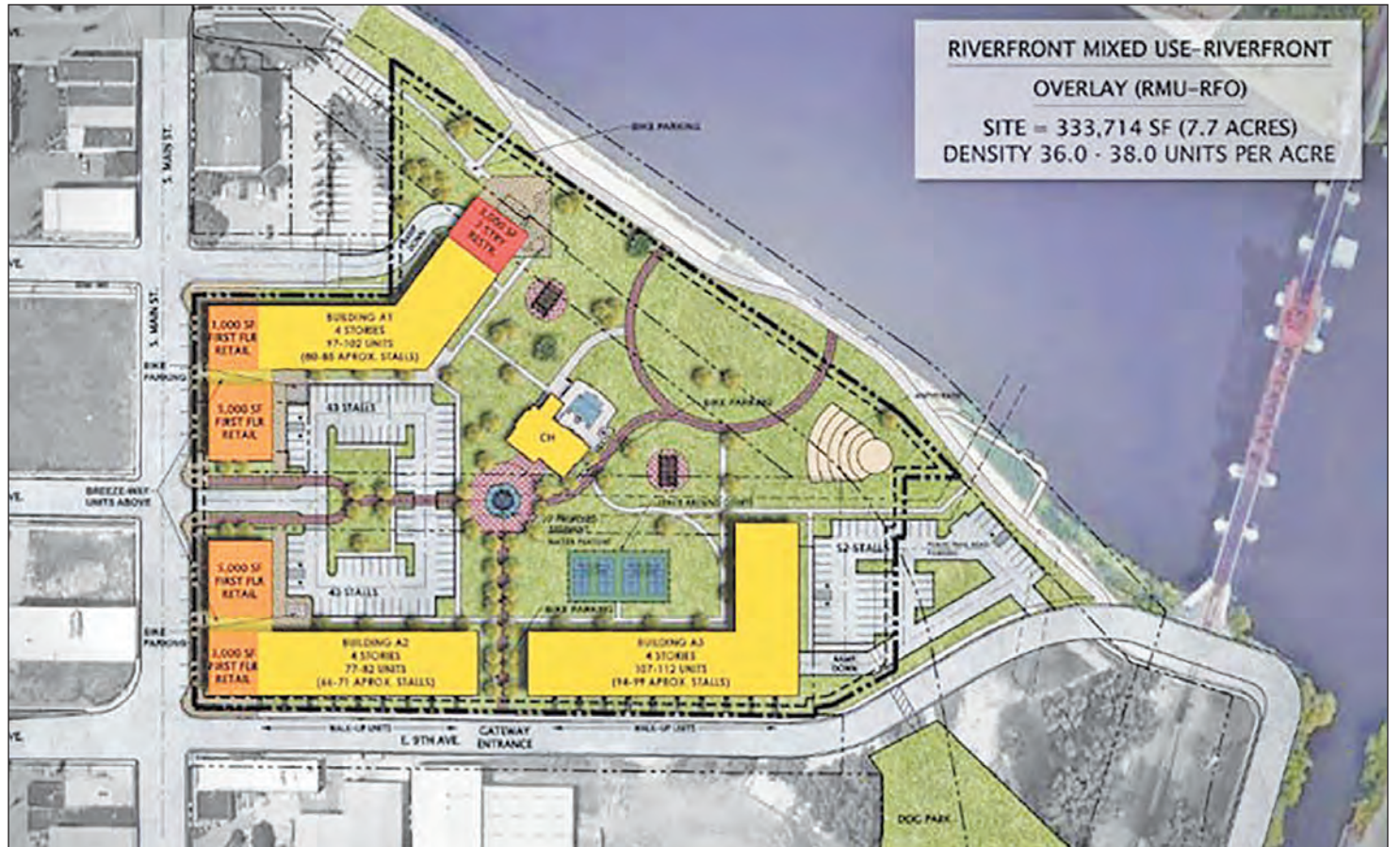
All three multifamily buildings are proposed to be four stories with walk-up, ground-level units for residential access. They will include studio, one-bedroom, one-bedroom plus den, two-bedroom and potentially three-bedroom units ranging from \$850 to \$2,650 a month.

The commercial spaces will seek to attract small retail businesses, destination commercial users such as real estate and insurance agents, along with a waterfront restaurant. The restaurant would have second-story balcony seating with Fox River views, as well as ground-level patio seating.

“The stores along South Main Street will activate that corridor while the waterfront restaurant will bring nightlife to the Riverwalk,” the proposal states.

A dog park, private club, bike parking, fitness center, bowling alley, billiards, pingpong table, pool, hot tub, community room and outdoor patio with grilling areas are also listed in the site plan as amenity options. A tentative timeline has construction beginning next fall and full occupancy of all three buildings in 2028.

The property would be sold to the developer for \$1 in consideration of any undetermined site costs it would have to cover and



A residential-commercial site plan for the northeast area of the city's Sawdust District was endorsed by the Redevelopment Authority.

Rescue fund allocation input sought

Oshkosh has been allocated \$20.5 million through the American Rescue Plan Act, also known as ARPA, to help communities respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, deal with economic fallout, and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery.

The city is seeking public input on how the ARPA funds should be spent in the community. Go to polco.us/s2ykmc to

will utilize a tax incremental finance (TIF) district to provide some public support of the project. The proposal now goes to the

complete the survey, or the city of Oshkosh website.

The U.S. Treasury released guidance on how the funds can be used to respond to immediate public health and financial stability needs, fill revenue shortfalls, and support households, workers and businesses that were hit the hardest by the pandemic. Treasury guidance is attached to the Oshkosh survey.

Plan Commission before it advances to the Common Council, which will also decide in the future how much taxpayer assistance the developer gets.

T. Wall Enterprises is 80 percent backed by financial investors owning less than 19 percent interest in the company while T. Wall owns at least a 20 percent interest. Company namesake and chief executive officer Terrence Wall went to UW Madison and received a bachelor's degree in economics and master's in real estate appraisal and investment analysis.

Community development director Allen Davis, who retired from his position

last week, said the proposal best met the needs of the city's Sawdust District Master Plan finalized in 2019.

Mayor Lori Palmeri, who chairs the Redevelopment Authority, said she was impressed with the developer's history.

“The decision came down to a very specific track record with challenging industrial redevelopment and sustainability, including solar and welcoming green space,” Palmeri said. “There is an intentionality in the architectural features and amenities, along with references from multiple cities in which the developer has been successful.”

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UWO to host high school all-stars

The state's top senior players from the 2020-21 high school football season, including five from Oshkosh, showcase their talents when UW Oshkosh hosts the 44th edition of the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association All-Star Classic this weekend at Titan Stadium.

The two-day event features three all-star games, including an Eight-Player contest at 6 p.m. Friday. Players will compete Saturday in the Small School (Divisions 4-7) game at 2 p.m. and the Large School (Divisions 1-3) contest at 6 p.m.

Oshkosh players include Max Pieterick and Riley Stobb from Oshkosh West and Joshua Bauer, William Pollack and Charlie

Weber from Lourdes Academy.

Head coaches in the Small School contest are Altoona's Chad Hanson for the North and Mike Fink of St. John's Northwestern Academies for the South.

The head coaches in the Large School game are Rhinelander's Aaron Kraemer for the North and Jim Kenesie of Kenosha Indian Trail and Academy for the South.

The WFOA All-Star Classic is being held in Oshkosh for the 39th time. Last year's games were canceled due to the pandemic.

Fundraising efforts and proceeds from the games have gone to the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.

Legion

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Stenson, who went the distance and allowed five hits to go with seven strikeouts. Oshkosh pushed across six runs in the sixth to pick up a 10-0 win.

Oshkosh scored all 10 in two innings with the first four in the first. With Kutnik leading off the bottom of the first, Kane came through with a double putting runners on second and third with no outs. A Gibson single followed that up to give Oshkosh a 2-0 lead as they led Marinette start to finish. With the bases loaded and two outs, Bittner came through with a huge single to double the Oshkosh lead.

Over the next four innings, the Oshkosh

offense was held in check from Marinette starter Seth Seefeldt, who settled down nicely after his rough first inning.

A costly dropped third strike allowed Noah Berndt to reach base before he stole second. Berndt would later come home to score on a Ryan single with Oshkosh building their lead to 5-0. Two more singles by the Oshkosh offense had the bases loaded before Kutnik was hit by a pitch to bring across another run the painful way.

A single by Kane followed by a bases-loaded walk from Brendan Krumrei had the Oshkosh lead up to 8-0 before Payton Wright pushed that to 9-0. Needing one more run to finish off Marinette, Carson Krumrei capped off a huge week with the bat delivering a sacrifice fly as Oshkosh rolled to a 10-0 victory.

Obituaries

Albert L. Starrett



Albert L. Starrett passed away July 7, 2021, in Oshkosh, WI. He was born November 8, 1924, in Richboro, PA to Robert and Ethel (Jahn) Starrett.

On June 8, 1946, he

married Ruth Washburn at Wright-Patterson Airfield in Dayton, Ohio. He proudly served in the Army Air Corps during World War II for four years. He worked as a printer for seven years, and then as an administrative officer in Wisconsin National Guard for 15 years, followed by an auto service and parts manager for 19 years. He retired in 1987. Most importantly, he dedicated his life to family.

Albert is survived by his sons, Jack

(Bobbi) Starrett, and Jay (Julie) Starrett; daughter-in-law Barbara, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Ruth; son, Dale; his parents; siblings, Fred, Robert, James, Helen, and Louise; sisters-in-law, Jean Meixl, Nellie Starrett, and Catherine Starrett; brothers-in-law, Earl Meixl and Graham Duffy.

A special thank-you to the staff at Ascension Hospice and Bethel Home, espe-

cially nurse Jenny and aide Stacy, for the care and love they provided over the last several months.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to First Presbyterian Church, 110 Church Ave., Oshkosh WI 54901.



Jan Scalpone

Jan Scalpone passed away at age 89 on June 25, 2021 at Theda Clark Hospital.



Jan Scalpone was born on October 2, 1931 in Englewood, NJ, the daughter of Anne and Sam Wides. She received a B.A. in English from Mt. Holyoke College, a B.S. in Education from UW-Oshkosh

and completed coursework for a Ph.D. in American Literature at the University of Notre Dame. In 1957 she married Frank Scalpone and moved to Wisconsin where he took a job with Mercury Marine. They later divorced. Early in her career she worked in NYC for the Research Institute of America and the McCann-Erickson Advertising Agency. In Fond du Lac she was advertising manager for Berger's retail shops. Later, she spent 23 years as public information officer and transportation planner for the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, Menasha, retiring in 1995. Much of her work focused on setting up the current system for elderly and disabled transportation in the Fox Valley.

Jan was an activist throughout her

life. She was a 50+ year member of the League of Women Voters, serving on League boards in Oshkosh, Fond du Lac, and South Bend, IN. In the 1960s she co-founded the Fond du Lac Human Rights Council. In the 70s she helped found and served as president of the Winnebago chapter of the National Organization for Women. In the 80s she became interested in environmental issues, and from then to the present served in various positions on boards of the Citizens National Resources Association of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame, the Winnebago Audubon Society, the Horicon Marsh Area Coalition, Sullivan's Woods and the Sheldon Nature Area. In 2007 she helped found the Winnebago Lakes Council.

Jan served the Oshkosh community as a member of the Oshkosh Citizens Advisory Committee for its entire 25-year existence. She also served five years on the Oshkosh Public Library Board, represented the city on the United Way's Consortium to distribute CDBG funds and recently served on the Oshkosh Sustainability Advisory Board. In the Town of Winchester, Vilas County, where her cabin was located, she served on the Winchester Smart Growth Committee, the Winchester Town Lakes Committee and the Rainbow Lake Association Board.

She played tennis, golf, and croquet, liked to cross country ski and kayak; traveled near and far to hear favorite folk singers, and tried not to miss a Mozart concert. She was a state ranked tennis player and won several city tennis championships. She loved to spend time at her cabin in Mt. Morris with Louise Coumbe, her long-time friend.

Jan is survived by two children, son Ste-

phen and daughter Mary; daughter-in-law Carol Scalpone; and granddaughters Gina and Cara; all of Portland, OR. She was preceded in death by a brother, David, and her parents. There will be a Celebration of Life on August 21, 2021. If you would like to attend, email mira.scalpone@gmail.com. Memorials should be sent to the Janet Scalpone Fund at the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation.

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Harry Schuessler

Harry Arthur Schuessler, of Gulf Breeze, Florida passed away December 28, 2020 at the age of 90 from complications related to COVID-19.

Harry was born on July 26, 1930 in Oshkosh, WI to Edward and Agnes Schuessler. Harry joined the U.S. Army in 1948 and spent six years in the Army Air Corps where he was a communications specialist stationed in Germany as a part of the Berlin AirLift, in Alaska keeping an eye on the Russians during the start of the Cold War, and finally at Hurlburt Air Force Base near Fort Walton Beach, FL. In Fort Walton, he met and married the love of his life, Nyna Lee

Pruitt. After leaving the newly created U.S., as a Staff Sergeant in 1954, Harry and Nyna moved to Oshkosh where they raised three children: Charles, Sherie, and Thomas (Tomi Jo). Harry was an incredibly talented craftsman who built beautiful furniture and toys that are family heirlooms. After retiring from the Morgan Door Company Harry and Nyna split their time between their Oshkosh home and their Mary Esther, FL condo just minutes from where they met and fell in love.

Harry was predeceased by his parents, brothers Edward, George, and Roy, sister Marion, and his wife Nyna. He is survived by his sister Clara. He was the beloved "Papa" to five grandchildren: Michael

(Marissa) Schuessler, Jessica (Scott) Frank, David (Maria) Schuessler, Caitlin (Aaron) Witt, and Simone (Dustin) Shank, and six great-grandchildren: Allison Frank, Lena Witt, Evelyn Schuessler, Matthew Witt, Susan Schuessler, and Christopher Frank.

He will be remembered for his quiet strength, his ability to craft anything out of wood, his love of the Green Bay Pack-

ers, and how he loved talking to his kids, grandkids, and extended family on Facebook and Snapchat.

A memorial service for our father Harry Schuessler will be held at 7:00 pm on Friday, July 16, 2021 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church 1860 Wisconsin Street. Oshkosh, WI 54901. After the memorial service, there will be a dessert reception at the church.

Marilyn Ginnow

Marilyn Joann Ginnow (Precour), of Oshkosh, WI, passed away peacefully (from a long battle with dementia) on June 27, 2021, surrounded by her family, at The Waterford of Oshkosh.



Marilyn, born on September 16, 1933 to Edward & Ada Precour in Oshkosh, WI immediately brought joy into the world. Marilyn went on to graduate from Oshkosh High School in 1952, an all-girl finishing school in Buena Vista, VA, and eventually attended Layton School of Art and Design in Milwaukee, WI as a student

eager to become a commercial artist.

Shortly after graduating from high school, she met James Ginnow and the two were inseparable from that point on. Marilyn and Jim were married on July 25, 1953 and had three children, Jay (Rita), Robert (Karen), and Stacey (James Schiek). They celebrated 51 years of marriage when James passed away 17 years ago.

Marilyn was a ball of energy in all she did inside and outside the home she and Jim built together. Painting remained a strong passion to her as she put her brush to the canvas, as she studied and appreciated the work of other artists. Marilyn loved reading, playing Bridge, getting lots of sun outside, camping,

boating and raising her three children. She spent many years working in retail sales, focusing on fine men's clothing.

Later in life Marilyn sought out ways to better her health and invested her time into Jazzercise. Marilyn would receive awards from them for the dedication and attendance achievements she devoted to Jazzercise. She would also join and participate in many local community groups such as the Oshkosh Jr. Women's Club, the League of Women Voters, Helen Mears Art Program, and other groups supporting the arts in the Oshkosh community. Marilyn was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church for many years.

Marilyn was predeceased by her parents, husband James and granddaughter Ellalynn Schiek. She is survived by her three children, her 13 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and her precious kitty Chrissy.

Services will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church, 311 Division St., Oshkosh, WI 54901 on July 14, 2021 at 1p.m. Visitation will be from 12 p.m. to the time of service. A private graveside ceremony will follow.

The family would like to thank the staff and caregivers at The Waterford, where she was affectionately known as "Trouble." Our sincere thanks also go to the staff at Heartland Hospice Care, the staff at Eden Meadows and all her friends near and far who have visited her and wished her well the past few years.



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Obituaries

Richard J. Wenzel

Richard J. (Dick) Wenzel passed away peacefully at his home on July 8, 2021 after a struggle with pulmonary fibrosis. He was born on January 14, 1943 to Norman and Mabel (Strey) Wenzel. On February 27, 1965 he married the love of his life, Jane Barnes at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Oshkosh. Dick graduated from Oshkosh High School, Class of 1961. He then attended UW-O. Dick proudly served his country in the United States Air Force from 1964-1968. In March of 1969, he started his career



with Cumings Electric and eventually became half owner. He was dedicated to the success of the business and to the workers that he considered family. Dick retired in 2017. He was a member of Fox Valley Builders Association and served on the Oshkosh Electrical Board. Dick loved to fish, competing in Otter Street Fishing Tournaments, Mercury Walleye Weekend, and his yearly fishing trips to Canada with his brother. He also loved to deer and turkey hunt, especially with his sons. Weekends were for early morning golf, which he thoroughly enjoyed no matter the weather. Their cabin in Waupaca was Dick's home away from home. Mowing the lawn (the "right" way), enjoying deer watching, feeding the

birds, and occasionally a trip to the casino. Above all he loved his family and friends. Spending time with them is what truly made him happy. Dick is survived by his wife of 56 years, Jane. His children: Mark (Kay) Wenzel, Lori Wenzel, friend Barb Behm, Michael (Angela) Wenzel. His three wonderful grandchildren: Katlyn, Jack, and Ellyn, whom he loved more than words can say. He is also survived by his sister, Marion Daley, brothers: Ronald (Eunice) Wenzel, and William (Bonnie) Wenzel, sister-in-law, Karen Wenzel, brother-in-law, Loren (Jay) Kenefick and sister and brother-in-law Keith (Mary) Hess. Dick is also survived by many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Carol Kenefick, Susan Wenzel, and identical twin brother Douglas.

He was also preceded in death by his in laws, Howard and Veronica Barnes, brothers-in-law, Tom Daley and Herbert Barnes. Funeral services will be at Konrad Behlman Funeral Home, 402 Waugoo Ave. Oshkosh with Rev. Karen Jewell officiating on Thursday July 15, 2021. Visitation will take place starting at 9:30 am until the service starts at 11:30 am. Full military honors will take place at the funeral home following the service. A memorial is being established for the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation to help protect the outdoors that Dick cared so deeply about. Due to Covid, it is requested that people who are not fully vaccinated wear a mask when greeting family.



Julene Stadtmueller

Julene M. Stadtmueller, age 62, passed away at Mercy Medical Center on Wednesday, June 30, 2021. She was born to the late John and Jacquelyn (Weed) Stadtmueller in Oshkosh on November 20, 1958. She was a graduate from Lourdes High School. She worked as a station clerk at the Titan Shell station. Julene enjoyed playing board games and listening to music. Julene is survived by her fiancé, Daniel Schmitt; sister, Joan (Roger) Zentner and Jeannie (John) Hein; brothers, John (Ber-

nie) and Doug (Missy) Stadtmueller. She is further survived by many aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, aunts, uncles, niece Jandrea Hein and great nephew Dylan Tritt. A private graveside service will be held by the family. The family would like to thank the ER and ICU staff at Mercy Medical center for their care and compassion.



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\$22.00 per Hour - Part Time (No Benefits)

EVCO Plastics, a privately owned custom injection molding company located in Oshkosh, an ISO 9001 Certified custom injection molding company needs your help to inspect and pack products for a variety of amazing customers.

INSPECTOR/PACKER: Part Time – Flexible shift hours: afternoon/evening/night shifts

Responsibilities include:

- Prepare your workstation with materials needed for the job. Observe machine operation and alert Supervisor and/or Process/Setup technician if problems occur.
- Read the Work Instruction & Quality Specification Sheet to become familiar with the customer requirements before starting the job.
- Inspect the product for defects and compare it to the requirements on the Quality Specification Sheet as well as the physical samples and pictures provided to ensure constant reduction of defects.
- Consult with the Quality Assurance Inspector and communicate product quality issues.
- Trim or clip sharp edges, flash and runners from the product.
- Stack, mark, count, pack tape and transport the product to prepare for shipment.
- Grind rejected product in the appropriate grinder.
- Records rejects as required and maintain paperwork as needed.
- Ability to adapt to quick job changes.
- Follow company safety procedures to ensure your safety as well as the safety of others.

If you are reliable, detail oriented, a team player and want to make \$22.00 per hour (no benefits) working part time, please stop in at EVCO Plastics for an application. Flexible hours and temperature controlled environment plus a friendly culture.

Apply in person at 450 W. Ripple Ave. Oshkosh or send your resume to andrea_b@evcoplastics.com

No Calls Please



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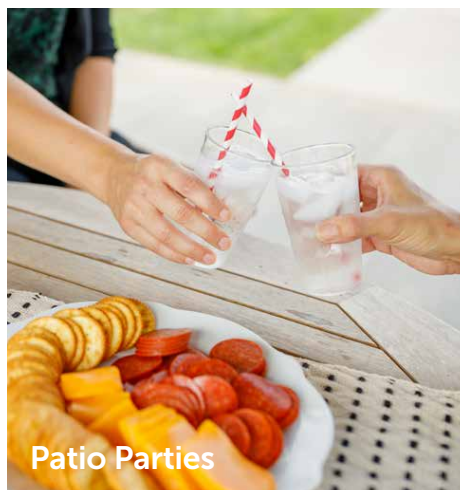
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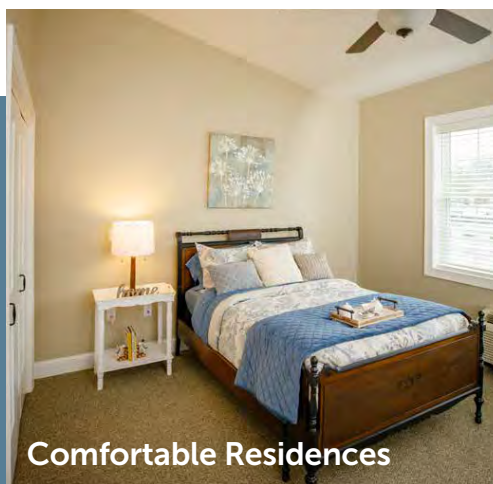
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- Brand new, primarily private residences
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