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Wittman Regional Airport welcomes air traffic business to its new general terminal with today's ribbon-cutting to mark completion of the project.

New Wittman Airport facility takes flight

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Wittman Regional Airport's new 12,500-square-foot aviation terminal is open for business to transient Fox Valley air traffic with updated space for administrative offices, meeting rooms, rental car operations and Basler Flight Service operations.

The aviation terminal dedicated this Wednesday with a ribbon cutting at 525 W. 20th Ave. was ahead of schedule by more than two weeks and under budget. Cardinal Construction of Fond du Lac was the general contractor for the \$5.5 million project.

The single-story building replaces the existing commercial service passenger terminal built in 1971 and the former terminal built in 1958. Construction began last July.

"This addition to the airport will greatly modernize aviation services and reduce operating and maintenance costs," airport

director Jim Schell said in announcing the terminal dedication. "The new facility also opens in time for the return of EAA AirVenture Oshkosh."

The terminal opening follows the completion of Taxiway A, a \$7.5 million reconstruction project accomplished in November ahead of its original June timetable. The 60-foot-wide taxiway with updated lighting and signage replaces pavement that was constructed around 1967.

Funding contributions came from the FAA's Airport Improvement Program and matching support from the Wisconsin Bureau of Aeronautics and Winnebago County.

Taxiway A operates as a third runway during the Experimental Aircraft Association's AirVenture and will now operate three non-intersecting runways for arrivals and departures at the event set to open July 26.

Federal assistance gets input

ARPA funding ideas aired at public forums

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Members of the public were given an opportunity to talk with City Manager Mark Rohloff about American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) fund opportunities for the community.

The funds, to be used by the end of 2026, were federally granted to municipalities to recoup from economic losses during the pandemic.

Rohloff outlined the possible uses of the funds, including:

- Deal with economic impacts caused by COVID-19 with assistance to households and small businesses; assist non-profits and impacted industries, including tourism.
- Replace lost revenue to the public sector.
- Provide premium pay for eligible essential workers.
- Invest in water, sewer, stormwater and broadband infrastructure.

The June 17, 21 and 23 listening sessions brought forward several ideas from nonprofit groups and residents.

Of topmost concern among those who spoke was homelessness. Bill Wyman of the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation expressed concern with several factors and asked Rohloff and the Common

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Edible cannabis short on warnings

Therapeutic, other uses require level of judgment

By Joseph Schulz
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While parents may be familiar with "pot brownies" – marijuana baked into a cake recipe – from their youth, today's edibles are much different as they often can look like name-brand candies, which has caused concern among parents.

Over the last 10 years, there's been an evolution in the cannabis industry beyond the dried flower product to more concen-

Third 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.

trated THC products and marijuana candies, according to Drug Recognition expert and Wisconsin police officer Nick Place.

As the marijuana industry has evolved,

the drug has become more potent over time. Place says the marijuana of today has a 15 percent concentration of THC, which is roughly 10 percent higher than the marijuana of the 1960s.

"It's not the Woodstock weed of the 1960s," he said.

Beyond increased potency, Place says marijuana edibles are one of the biggest emerging markets for THC products.

"Soccer moms that don't want to smoke weed are jumping into the edible market because they don't have to pollute their

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Photo from Nick Place

Some Delta-8 edibles look similar to name-brand candies, such as this package for "Stoney Patch Kids."



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NAVIGATING CANNABIS

Edible THC

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lungs,” he said. “They can have that marijuana edible, which has that psychotropic effect, that high, that they’re looking for without having to smoke it.”

The way the body processes marijuana edibles is different from the way the body processes inhaling THC, according to Dr. Eric Smiltneek, an addiction specialist at Aurora Medical Center.

There is a receptor in the brain called the endocannabinoid system that doctors are still researching but is stimulated by marijuana use and can produce calming effects, pain relief and happy feelings, Smiltneek said.

Smoking marijuana produces the quickest onset and offset of effects, while edibles come on slower and the effects last longer, Smiltneek explained.

“There are hundreds – maybe even thousands – of different strains of marijuana that fit into a few key buckets,” he said. “What the different strains do is tend to be greater effects of different things, so some are more calming, some are more excited to make people feel better and give more of that happy feeling. Then some seem to



Photos by Joseph Schulz

Packages of Delta-8 THC edibles are on display in A-Z Tobacco and Vapor. Edibles are described as more potent than the dry plant THC and often do not smell or taste like marijuana.

do a little bit better job of numbing pain.”

Place says he has seen instances where edibles are more psychoactive than smoking THC because it comes on slower, and individuals tend to take more because they’re used to the quick effects from inhaling THC.

“We get quite a few EMS calls where someone took a marijuana edible and they didn’t feel the effects right away that they would from smoking it, so they take more,” Place said. “Then, an hour later, it starts to hit them and then they start to hallucinate with high blood pressure, high pulses and they start to freak out.”

The commercial edibles differ from homemade pot brownies or cookies in that they do not taste like marijuana and can often come in brightly colored packaging. In the process of making THC can-



Packages of CBD edibles in A-Z Tobacco and Vapor have colorful packaging, which has become a point of concern for some parents and health advocates.

dies, Place said the terpenes, which give marijuana its odor, have been removed.

“I bought some Delta-8 (THC) gummies and sent them off for testing and you couldn’t even smell marijuana,” Place said. “It smelled like a fruity candy.”

The candylike appearance and colorful packaging have caused concern among some parents and health advocates.

At the same time, as states start allowing the sale of marijuana for recreational purposes, it coincides with an uptick in emergency room visits by children who have ingested THC-laced edibles, according to the American Association of Poison Control Centers.

Samantha Hilker, Winnebago County community health strategist and Drug-Free Communities coordinator for the Breakwater Drug and Alcohol Coalition, says the colorful packaging and fruity flavors in edibles are forms of marketing directed toward youth.

“We know that price and promotion are a huge issue when it comes to youth engaging in substance use whether it’s alco-

hol, marijuana or anything else,” she said.

Her advice to parents is to look twice at a package of candy they may find in their child’s room or backpack because it may not be Sour Patch Kids.

Because marijuana remains federally illegal, it’s hard to monitor how much THC someone may be consuming.

“People seem to have a lower perception of harm when it comes to edibles, where you may not be somebody who would go and smoke marijuana in the traditional sense – you’re not going to roll a joint and smoke marijuana – but you may feel that you know eating a gummy bear or a piece of chocolate or a pot brownie may be less harmful,” she said. “It does affect the body differently and a lot of this stuff is still federally illegal, so the regulation is in a gray area.

“They can tell you how much is in a gummy bear, but if you eat part of that gummy bear or the whole gummy bear, you don’t necessarily know exactly how much you’re getting, and how it will affect your body.”

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