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Virus cases climbing with variant

Winnebago County officials promote safety

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COVID-19 case rates are rising again in Winnebago County – more than four times the two-per-day rate of a month ago – due to the highly transmissible Delta

variant.

The county's Public Health Department last week reported a 51 percent increase in the number of confirmed or probable cases compared with the previous week, totaling 125 new cases in those two weeks.

"Communities that are experiencing high rates of infection today are the ones with low vaccination rates," Winnebago County Health Department Director Doug Gieryn said. "The best way to prevent rising cases is for every eligible adult and child to get vaccinated."

The county case burden is considered moderately high, with rates among ages 18-24 increasing with a 6.2 percent positivity rate across the past week.

There were 11 COVID-19 patients hos-

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Photo by Michael Cooney

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Fresh Hops, a five-piece band from northwest Indiana, performs Saturday night at Fletch's Local Tap House as part of the Main Street Music Festival that returned downtown with live music, artists, comedians and other entertainers.

Innovative aviation options grow with technology

Electric, hybrid projects add public possibilities

By Kaitlyn Scoville OSHKOSH HERALD

Twice last month, billionaires made historical flights into the atmosphere to test their latest aerospace technology amid the race to commercialize the new mode of travel.

Former Amazon chief executive Jeff Bezos and Virgin Group founder Richard Branson completed short expeditions to promote their new endeavors to space travel. Branson's Virgin Galactic plans to give customers "joyrides" as early as next year.



Photo by Bye Aerospace

An electric-powered eFlyer by Bye Aerospace is shown.

Bezos and his company Blue Origin flew 10 miles higher than Virgin Galactic, spending 10 minutes in zero gravity. The demand for galactic flight is growing rapidly, he said, noting Origin's \$100 million in sales for trips already.

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But how accessible is commercial aviation for average consumers? Several presenters at EAA AirVenture last week cited advancements in electric and hybrid technology and urban travel making it easier for day-to-day consumers to pursue air transportation.

Common among aviation businesses across the grounds, the largest hurdle to overcome in the industry is equipment and

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Proposed shelter site gains rezoning

By Kaitlyn Scoville
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The Common Council passed a zoning change last week that would allow the Day By Day Warming Shelter to pursue a new location at the northeast corner of Broad Street and Ceape Avenue for its development into a year-round facility.

The location across from the Leach Amphitheater had been recommended by the shelter's site selection committee over other options that included expanding the current site at Most Blessed Sacrament

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Catholic Parish at 435 High Ave.

It was revealed during the July 27 council meeting that at least one other privately owned location has been offered besides the three other sites that the shelter's board had considered.

Shelter executive director Molly Yatso Butz said she was unsure of the viability and suitability of other suggested locations and has not discussed it with the board of directors, which would have to give approval before another site is considered.

The location at Broad and Ceape is owned by the Oshkosh Housing Authority with a project estimate at about \$3.5 million.

"Day By Day is always willing and inter-

ested in being a good community partner – that will always be a priority for us," Yatso Butz said.

Council member Mike Ford told City Manager Mark Rohloff that this is just a fraction of what's been asked of city officials to deal with homelessness issues in the community.

"A single project is not a comprehensive approach to addressing homeless in our community," he said. "It can be part of the plan; it cannot be the plan."

Butz and other employees of the shelter, which first opened in 2011, said they would like to see the new development open by its next season in October 2022. A vote on acquiring the land will not be on the council's agenda before fall.

Voting laws topic of LWV speaker

Barry Burden, a political science professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, will discuss the changing landscape of voting laws and procedures at the League of Women Voters of Winnebago County's Aug. 11 Food For Thought speaker series.

The online Zoom presentation begins at noon and those interested in attending can email wclwvinfo@gmail.com by Monday. Questions can also be sent and will be considered if time allows.

Burden is director of UW's Elections

Research Center and the Lyons Family Chair in Electoral Politics. His research and teaching focus on U.S. elections, public opinion, representation and Congress. His recent research has centered on aspects of election administration and voter participation.

Burden's presentation is courtesy of Badger Talks, a series that features faculty and staff with expertise in a variety of disciplines.

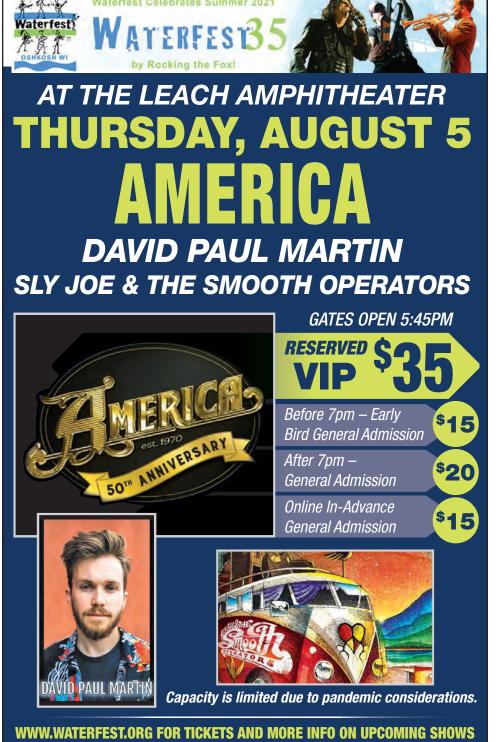
Jackson Street restriping project underway

Jackson Street "road diet" work will begin next week to reduce the four-lane road to one lane in each direction and a single center turning lane.

This week, Al Dix Concrete is removing and replacing defective sidewalk in this

year's sidewalk rehabilitation area and improving curb ramps at proposed crosswalks.

Vinton Construction Co. and subcontractors will be doing the restriping work. Lane restrictions are expected.





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Diversity coordinator discussed in committee

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The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee discussed further steps in acquiring a board facilitator and a diversity coordinator position in the city.

To continue forward with a plan development for the committee, city staff compiled five possible candidates to be a facilitator through a request for proposal, though city staff will consider others.

The facilitator position would gather discussion information from meetings and organize it, then come back with proposals as part of the plan development.

Common Council liaison Aaron Wojciechowski said the group needs to begin the plan development as soon as a facilitator is chosen.

The committee also discussed the next

steps to Wojciechowski's proposals to decriminalize marijuana and ban conversion therapy in the city. He said that for banning conversion therapy, after a meeting with City Manager Mark Rohloff, the best first step would be to create a resolution rather than a law-binding ordinance.

Wojciechowski said a symbolic resolution as such will tell residents that the city does not approve of what is considered a pseudo-scientific practice of trying to change a person's sexual orientation. Instead, legal disputes must be resolved with state or federal legislation.

He also informed the group that council will be dealing with decriminalizing cannabis, and the first step will be to consider lowering the fine for possessing the sub-

WineFeast benefit returns to Convention Center

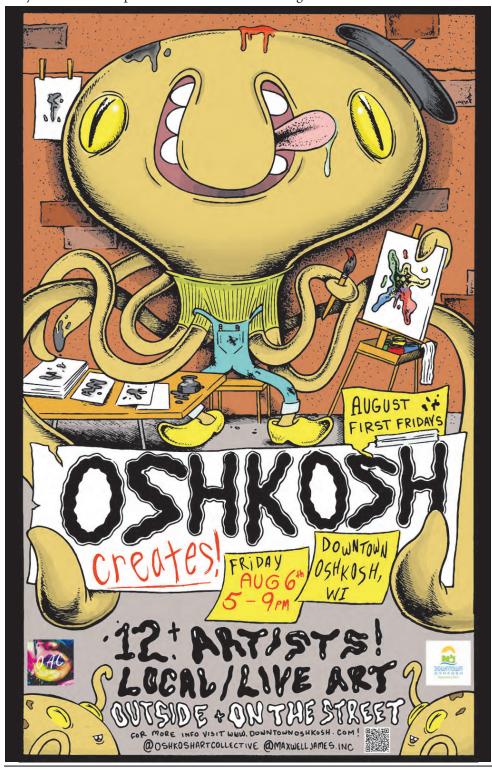
WineFeast 2021 to benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh is set for Oct. 30 at the Oshkosh Convention Center.

The two-part event starts with Cellar Select at 5 p.m., a five-course, wine and dining experience featuring Greene's Pour House at the Granary, Gabe's Wisconsin Kitchen and Tavern, Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center and Suzy's Cream Cheese Cakes.

During dinner, a live auction and short program centers on the mission-focused story of the club's impact on the lives of children and families.

A post-dinner event follows at 8 p.m. with wine and beer sampling, and cuisine from area restaurants. A silent auction runs through the evening with more than 50 packages along with raffles such as Wines of the World, Hughes' Home Maid Chocolate and Grocery, Gas and Gear prizes.

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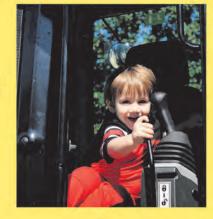


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AirVenture returns

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Ascension requiring vaccination of staff, associates

Ascension's health care system, which includes Mercy Medical Center and other campuses, will be requiring its associates to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

"Ascension conducted a thorough moral and ethical analysis as part of the decision-making process. This decision is rooted in our mission commitment to leading with quality and safety," Ascension stated in a press release.

"As a health care provider and as a Catholic ministry, ensuring we have a culture of safety for our associates, patients and communities is foundational to our work."

Ascension reports that tens of thousands of its associates have already been vaccinated. While Aurora Medical Center recommends vaccinations for its staff and the general public, it hasn't issued a similar requirement at this time.

Implemented in accordance with collective bargaining agreements reached between Ascension and unions, all associates will need to be vaccinated against COVID-19 regardless of whether they provide direct patient care or work re-

This includes associates employed by subsidiaries and partners; physicians and advanced practice providers; and volunteers and vendors entering facilities.

The medical system's timeline for completing the vaccine series will be Nov. 12, aligned with Ascension's annual influenza vaccination requirement.

In those instances when someone may not be able to get vaccinated due to a medical condition or strongly held religious belief, Ascension will provide a process for requesting an exemption.

"As the COVID-19 pandemic continues and new variants of the virus emerge, Ascension continues to focus on ensuring our associates are protected — for the safety of patients and visitors, our associates, our families and loved ones, and the community. Together, we will put this pandemic behind us so that we can continue to focus on meeting the needs of those who come to us for care."

Victim Crisis Response volunteers sought for Oshkosh

The Fox Cities Victim Crisis Response team is looking to expand its services in Winnebago County to the Oshkosh area with 10 volunteers to support the program here.

The professional volunteer organization assists police departments in providing support, assistance and resources to community members in crisis. Trained VCR volunteers support the needs of victims of crime and those in crisis, primarily with emotional support, safety, information and referrals.

Volunteers will work within Winnebago and Outagamie counties for a minimum of 12 hours of on-call time per month and must attend monthly training meetings to develop personal skills and team building.

Ideal volunteers are over age 21, pass a background check, and are understanding, empathetic and compassionate for those experiencing a traumatic event.

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Oshkosh airline history took many routes

By Randall Davidson HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

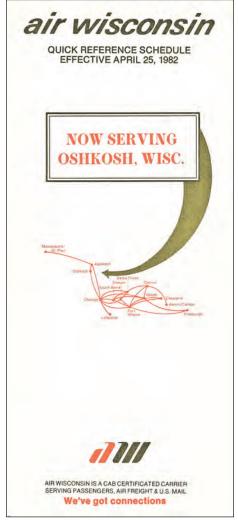
It's been 18 years since Oshkosh had commercial airline service but the city has had a long history of passenger aviation, stretching back to the industry's earliest

Oshkosh's first commercial air service dates to Dec. 15, 1928, when Northwest Airways began offering airmail and passenger service to Oshkosh with one flight each way per day on the Milwaukee-Green Bay route. It connected in Milwaukee to Chicago-Milwaukee-Minneapolis routes. Northwest lost the Milwaukee-Green Bay air mail contract in March 1933 but volunteered to continue operating the route. They discontinued passenger service to Oshkosh after March 31 of that year.

Later that decade, a firm in Clintonville was frustrated with poor roads and declining rail services in its area. The Four Wheel Drive Co., a manufacturer of transmissions and heavy-duty trucks, decided to form a flight department in 1939 for corporate use.

The planes transported their own executives and allowed other local business passengers to ride along if space was available. FWD realized that charging for this service was possible and they incorporated Wisconsin Central Airlines in May 1944.

Wisconsin Central began its intrastate service on April 3, 1946, with two Cessna Bobcats and the following month added Oshkosh to its schedule. The flight originated in Madison and traveled via Milwaukee to Oshkosh, then continued to Clintonville, Wausau, Land O' Lakes and



An Air Wisconsin flight table notes Oshkosh on the cover.

Superior. From there, it followed the same route back to Madison.

The following month, Oshkosh was bypassed due to work at the airport and flights would not resume until late August. In November, the airline suspended service for the winter. Wisconsin Central used the experience to bolster its chances of getting "local service certification" from the Civil Aeronautics Board and it paid off: The firm was approved for a 43-city airmail route on Dec. 31. It spent the following year raising capital to start its new certified interstate airline.

A scheduled airline

The new Wisconsin Central Airlines began service to Oshkosh on Feb. 25, 1948, with two flights a day using nine passenger Lockheed 10A aircraft. The original route through Oshkosh was to and from Chicago, Racine and Milwaukee to the south and Clintonville, Wausau, Rhinelander, Duluth and Hibbing, Minn., to the north. The Oshkosh airport terminal was a Quonset hut and a one-way Oshkosh-Chicago fare was \$9.25. By the end of the year, 531 passengers had boarded at Oshkosh.

Traffic continued to grow and the airline acquired six former TWA DC3 aircraft. They placed the 21-seat planes in Oshkosh starting in March 1951. The airline moved its operational headquarters from Madison to Minneapolis/St. Paul in 1952 and changed its name to North Central Airlines.

Many other cities in the North Central system had invested in modern airport terminal facilities and local officials became increasingly embarrassed by Oshkosh's cramped Quonset hut terminal. Funding was approved for a new 6,700-squarefoot terminal and the \$250,000 building opened May 5, 1958. Oshkosh passenger boardings for that year totaled 23,794.

In 1959, North Central began using 44seat Convair 340 planes in Oshkosh, the first pressurized aircraft in their fleet. They completely replaced DC3s in Oshkosh service in April 1963. In March 1967, Oshkosh entered the jet age when North Central began using Convair 580 propjets, converted from earlier piston-engine Convairs. In September, DC9s were added to the fleet and Oshkosh enjoyed two flights daily from the new jets.

The new jet aircraft made it possible for North Central to apply for new routes. In September 1970, they gained authority for Milwaukee-New York/LaGuardia nonstop service. Eastbound Flight 50 operated as a through plane Oshkosh-Milwaukee-New York. A new terminal building for Oshkosh was dedicated in early 1972. The 36,000-square-foot facility cost \$1.09 million.

Deregulation and decline

In 1978, the airline industry was deregulated, which allowed airlines to add and discontinue services more easily. That year, Oshkosh set a record with 70,873 passengers boarding North Central flights. The following year, North Central merged with Southern Airways and changed its name to Republic, and in 1980 Republic purchased Hughes Air West.

Now the arrivals and departures board in Oshkosh showed through-plane service to or from cities like New Orleans, Tucson, Nashville, Toronto, Memphis and Tampa in addition to long-standing destinations such as Rhinelander.

Oshkosh got a second airline in 1982 when Appleton-based Air Wisconsin be-

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gan offering two southbound and three northbound flights daily to and from Chicago O'Hare using 50-seat de Havilland Dash-7 propjets.

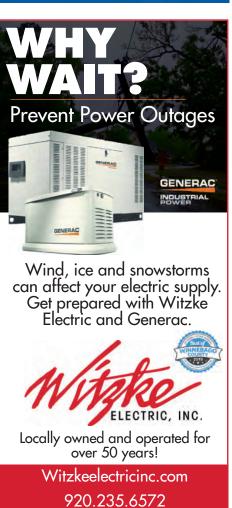
On the last day of May 1984, Republic served Oshkosh for the last time, dropping its remaining seven flights. The next day, Iowa-based American Central Airlines began offering Oshkosh-Chicago O'Hare service using propjets. The service only lasted until December when ACA had its air carrier certification suspended by the Federal Aviation Administration. Air Wisconsin was Oshkosh's sole carrier for the next year and a half.

Big changes came in 1986. In August, Midstate Airlines began service to Oshkosh with five daily round trips to O'Hare in direct competition with Air Wisconsin. In October, Northwest acquired Republic. A regional carrier operating as Northwest Airlink began service to Oshkosh that month with four daily flights to Minneapolis/St. Paul and two to Milwaukee.

For this brief period, Oshkosh could boast service from three airlines. In October, Midstate added two Oshkosh-Milwaukee flights but announced it had sold all of its landing slots at O'Hare and dropped these Oshkosh flights by the end of the month. A week later, the Milwaukee-Oshkosh fights were dropped and ceased serving Oshkosh entirely.

The rapid departure of Midstate coupled with computer problems at Northwest that initially left Oshkosh out of its reservation system upset local officials who were running a promotional campaign to encourage more use of the Oshkosh airport. Another change that fall was Air Wisconsin operating under the United





Express name.

In October 1988, a third airline joined Northwest Airlink and United Express at Oshkosh. Midway Commuter began offering five daily round trips to Chicago's Midway Airport. Oshkosh reverted to two carriers when Northwest Airlink dropped its service at the end of January 1989. Midway Commuter dropped its service in March 1991, but in July, Skyway Airlines came to Oshkosh with three trips a day to Milwaukee as a feeder to Midwest Express.

The next month, Oshkosh was back up to three airlines as a new Marshfield-based carrier, Allied Airlines, began offering Green Bay-Oshkosh-Chicago/Midway round trips. This service lasted only two weeks and the airline suspended operations soon thereafter.

In the spring of 1992, Skyway Airlines dropped its Oshkosh-Milwaukee flights, leaving only United Express service to O'Hare, which was provided by Great Lakes Aviation starting in 1994. In 1996 and 1997, Oshkosh suffered from the FAA grounding of Great Lakes for three months due to maintenance concerns and a long period of spotty service, including one month when nearly half the Chicago flights were canceled. Ridership numbers continued to tumble from 16,978 in 1991 to 2,874 in 2002, the last full year of service.

From 1999 onward, the Great Lakes/ United Express service at Oshkosh was subsidized by the U.S. Department of Transportation, which announced in February 2003 it would discontinue the subsidy. The carrier ran its final flights to and from Oshkosh on Feb. 28.

A newspaper reporter was the only passenger on the last outbound Chicago flight, which ended nearly 75 years of commercial air travel to the city.



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Deer Watch data collection encouraged

The state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has announced its Operation Deer Watch campaign, which also encourages the participation of citizen scientists.

Through an online form and printable tally sheet, residents can help the state by marking down any deer sightings, includ-

ing bucks, does and fawns, providing crucial data for management.

Participating takes no registration and can be done on a computer or cellphone and data will be collected through Sept. 1.

More information on how to record data and download previous survey results is at dnr.wisconsin.gov.







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Pandemic could change justice operations

By Robert Chappell and Shereen Siewert Madison365 and Wausau Pilot & Review

Even before COVID-19 began to snake through Wisconsin's jails and prisons, Chad Billeb saw a storm coming.

As chief deputy for the Marathon County Sheriff's Department, Billeb was already studying ways to reduce the number of inmates in the jail, a challenge that county leaders have been examining for years. As early as 2017, overcrowding was such a central issue that staff and outside experts concluded that the county would need a new \$75 million jail.

The pandemic's arrival brought new urgency to the overcrowding problem.

A similar story played out in jails and prisons across Wisconsin and the country, triggering experiments in public health and criminal justice.

Nationwide, corrections officials faced the fact that incarcerated people exposed to the coronavirus were getting sick and dying at a rate unparalleled in the general public. The scramble to protect the health of inmates,





Signs and posters outside the Wisconsin governor's mansion in Maple Bluff were part of a Drive to Decarcerate event. Those attending urged Gov. Tony Evers to release inmates from Wisconsin's overcrowded prisons to slow the spread of COVID-19.

nities meant incarcerating fewer people – a long-standing demand of criminal justice reform advocates.

Combined, Wisconsin's state prisons and local jails held fewer than 30,000 inmates in December, the lowest number in more than 20 years, according to Department of Corrections data.

Oshkosh Correctional Institution was holding 1,851 inmates as of July 1.

While corrections and law enforcement officials view their efforts as successful, those numbers aren't good enough for most advocates.

"I think everyone was ill-prepared," said Anthony Cooper, coordinator of re-entry services at the nonprofit Nehemiah Center, which aims to strengthen Madison's African-American community. He said he saw a mix of right and wrong moves from jail and prison officials. "The people that were incarcerated were still looked at as less than," he said.

One out of every two inmates in Wisconsin's prisons have tested positive for the virus, a rate four times higher than the state's general population, according to the DOC.

One in 737 prisoners died of COVID-19 complications, a rate of 135 per 100,000 people – higher than the state rate of 124 per 100,000 residents. In Marathon County, an October outbreak traced to an inmate who initially tested negative for the virus, only to test positive three days later, led to dozens of infections among inmates and staff.

The sickness and death inside often poorly

ventilated jails and prisons prompted pleas for early or temporary releases. But a range of other actions ultimately eased crowding.

Dane County's jail population dropped from above 700 to about 570, roughly 70 of whom were outside the jail building on electronic monitoring. Dane County Sheriff's Capt. Kerry Porter, who oversees security services including the jail, said the county reduced the population as much as possible but also needed outside help.

Porter said judges stayed many sentences, which, along with a hiatus on jury trials, slowed the intake of inmates at the jail. The court system also offered what he called "COVID release warrants," which gave law enforcement discretion to decide not to arrest someone with an open warrant if they didn't pose an immediate threat to the pub-

Porter said the sheriff's office also encouraged municipal law enforcement agencies to "exercise discretion" if they could cite someone or refer charges to the district attorney without an arrest.

Police elsewhere did the same.

DOC Secretary Kevin Carr said his agency instructed parole and probation officers to incarcerate only those violators who posed a risk to the public.

"Our primary mission is public safety," Carr said. "You can assess the nature of the contact and determine that there's no reason to hold that person in custody for three days or more, disrupt their lives, put their jobs and housing at risk."

On March 2, 2020, Wisconsin's county jails housed 3,680 people on probation or parole holds or short-term sanctions; by

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April 20, that number had dropped to 1,723 — a decrease of 53 percent.

As of July 5, that population had risen back to 2,270, still well below the normal number. Winnebago County Jail listed 238 inmates as of Friday.

Carr said that change in criteria and reduction in holds and sanctions were part of a longer-term plan that began before the pandemic. "But it was certainly accelerated by the pandemic," he said.

For well more than a decade before the pandemic, Marathon County's daily jail population hovered around 400. Recently implemented diversion programs and policing policies only slightly eased crowding.

Today, with an average daily population of about 244, it might be tempting to view overcrowding as solved.

But that would fail to envision the future of the jail, which has a maximum capacity of 279 inmates and a recommended cap of 250. An enormous disparity persists between the number of pretrial inmates and those who have been sentenced, Billeb said.

In mid-June, for example, only 45 of 244 Marathon County inmates had been sentenced. Of those, 28 were serving their sentences on electronic monitoring, rather than spending time in a cell. Some of those inmates are in juvenile detention centers, while a handful were waiting to be transferred to other facilities or jurisdictions. The rest – 140 inmates – were awaiting trial.

The court system already faced a backlog before the pandemic due to a lack of prosecutors, public defenders and judges to handle growing caseloads in Marathon County. That problem only worsened when the pandemic paused jury trials for more than a year due to safety concerns. Marathon County

District Attorney Theresa Wetzsteon said her office has at least 400 additional pending cases now compared with 15 months ago.

The backlog has police, prosecutors and judges on edge.

"Pandemic or no pandemic, if we can't get a handle on the massive backlog in the court system, if something doesn't move, we're going to need a 1,000-bed jail," Billeb said. "The tipping point is coming."

County officials statewide implemented several strategies to reduce the jail populations during the pandemic. Police and prosecutors summoned defendants into court rather than taking them into custody. Fewer "failure to appear" warrants were processed. Many court appearances were rescheduled, and probation and parole agents sought to avoid jail sanctions.

Early studies suggest decarceration efforts lowered infection rates in some jails. But for all those efforts, Billeb said, the influx of people coming into the system hasn't slowed. And the biggest issue he sees is not with the law enforcement officers on the street.

"It's the system that's not moving anything along," Billeb said.

Wisconsin's local jail populations declined by more than one third last spring, according to a Wisconsin Policy Forum report released in March. Populations have since risen but remain 24 percent lower than they were a year earlier, DOC figures show.

Even so, Marathon County deputy jail administrator Paul Mergendahl pointed out that the average length of jail stays increased during the pandemic. For the first six months of 2019, inmates averaged 31 days in jail, a number that more than doubled during the first six months of 2020, to 76.

That's largely due to the state's refusal to bring new inmates into the prison system, Mergendahl said. Inmates who would normally be sent to Dodge Correctional after sentencing instead remained in county jails that were ill-equipped for long-term stays. The percentage of Marathon County inmates awaiting transport to secure facilities grew, even as the jail population overall shrank.

When the state began accepting inmates again in late April, Billeb said, dozens were transferred to state prisons over a two-week span. But those awaiting trial must continue to wait as courts work through a pandemic-induced backlog of cases.

On any given day, more than 85 percent of Marathon County inmates are in custody for nonviolent offenses, with only a fraction sentenced for crimes they are convicted of committing.

In Dane County, many people have remained in custody for the entire pandemic while awaiting trial, said Porter, the sheriff's captain.

Prosecutors are calling for dramatic changes to reduce court backlogs.

"We may not have the number of people in jails taking up space, but their cases are accumulating at an alarming rate," said Wetzsteon.

Wetzsteon wants more scrutiny of courtroom delays to help defense attorneys, prosecutors and judges pinpoint solutions to move cases more swiftly without sacrificing public safety.

The pandemic forced courts to adapt to keep cases moving forward. Wetzsteon said she hopes some of those changes, such as video access to court hearings, will be permanent. Video appearances streamline the process for attorneys and allow "tremendous access" for victims to appear in court, she said.

But allowing the accused to show up on Zoom rather than in person requires less accountability, she said.

Judges will decide whether to continue video court

For some inmates, especially juveniles,

appearing in court via video can avoid the trauma of wearing handcuffs and leg irons, Mergandahl said.

Video court also saves time and taxpayer money.

"It's certainly more cost-effective and more efficient for us to use video visitation for routine court matters, like a scheduling conference," Carr said. "Why would you drive somebody from Stanley, Wisconsin down to Milwaukee for a five-minute scheduling conference, when you can do it over the internet?"

Carr said video visitation can also provide a bit more humanity for inmates. As important as in-person visits are, they don't allow glimpses into homes.

"(In in-person visits) they couldn't see the dog that they left behind, or they couldn't see somebody carrying their niece or nephew in the background, or what the house looks like now, or the Christmas tree, or whatever they wanted to see," Carr said.

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Understanding limits of local control informs decisions

It is easy to cringe when the official local government response to an issue is: Sorry, we cannot take action because the state is in charge of that. It feels like a cop-out, a way for local officials to avoid taking on a difficult issue.

But it is also a reality. Local government is a creature of the state. What do I mean by creature of the state? Well, if you read the U.S. Constitution you will find no mention of local government. Power is given to the states but not to municipalities. Hence, we must look to the Wisconsin Constitution, which states:

"Cities and villages organized pursuant to state law may determine their local affairs and government, subject only to this constitution and to such enactments of the legislature of statewide concern as with uniformity shall affect every city or every village. The method of such determination shall be prescribed by the legislature."

To translate, cities like Oshkosh have power until the state Legislature decides an issue is a matter of state concern. This concept is known as Dillon's Rule (based



on two 19th century court decisions), which states that a municipality has three types of powers. First, those that are specifically granted to them by the state. Second, those that are clearly implied in state statute. And third, those that are indispensable to the running of the municipality.

The third area is by far the broadest, but the definition of what is considered to be indispensable is generally decided by the courts, and more often than not the state is on the winning side of those cases.

The balance of power between state and local government has come up in a few local debates recently. The first is our marijuana ordinance. Whatever one's personal opinion of legalization, the state is pretty clear about what regulatory powers cities have around marijuana regulation. The powers granted by the state are to

create a local possession ordinance (i.e. decriminalization), and set the fine for possession. While some cities have wink and nod agreements with district attorneys regarding prosecution of specific cases, the specific powers given to cities are very

Another area of debate is allowable uses under zoning codes. If you ever look at a building, or use, and ask yourself how that can be allowed, the answer is often that it is not. The issue is when uses were allowed under a previous version of a zoning code. This is called a nonconforming use and is allowed to continue under state law until serious changes are made to the building in question.

So, when a city updates its zoning code it is really planning for the future, but cities cannot simply zone existing uses away.

Perhaps the biggest example of state dominance over local government relates to municipal finances. The local property tax rate, for example, is a function of state decisions regarding municipal aid, state-imposed tax levy limits tied to new construction, and the state expenditure

restraint program. I could write an entire column on these budgeting issues, but the larger point is that local government discretion around high-level budgeting decisions is incredibly limited by state legislative decisions.

All that said, local government is not powerless. The decisions we make, even when limited by the state, influence the quality of life of local residents. The best way to overcome the limits of local discretion is through long-term planning that ensures future residents enjoy appropriate land-use and financial stability.

The work of strategic planning and budgeting does not get the public attention, but it is the strongest tool we have to keep moving Oshkosh in the right direction. So the next time you hear the city cannot do something because of the state, do not get upset, get engaged in the planning process.

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Safe Water for All initiative promotes public education on resource

To mark National Water Quality Month in August, the state Department of Natural Resources is launching the Safe Water For All Campaign to spotlight the need for clean drinking water.

The campaign is focused on educating the public on the leading drinking water contaminants, including PFAS, nitrates and lead, and their impact on health. An upcoming panel series is being offered to the public to stay informed and learn steps to keep safe.

"This effort will let the public know where they can go to learn about the safety of their water, what the DNR is doing to protect their health and the solutions we could implement today to ensure clean water for all," said DNR Secretary Preston D. Cole.

"Our work isn't a response to what's going on in the Legislature, it's what's going on in our communities around the state of Wisconsin," said Cole, noting continuing

reports of PFAS problems in La Crosse, Rhinelander, Marinette, Peshtigo and Dane County as examples.

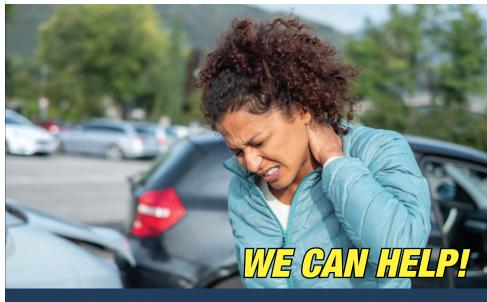
"While their politics will be their politics, we have work to do as agency officials that we make sure to keep clean water in front of everybody."

PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) are a group of human-made chemicals used in non-stick cookware, fast-food wrappers, stain-resistant sprays

and firefighting foam. The contaminants have made their way into the environment more than 50 sites across Wisconsin – through spills of PFAS-containing chemicals and discharges of wastewater to treatment plants.

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Calendar of events

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Winnebago County Fair, 8 a.m., Winnebago County Fairgrounds

NEW Food Truck Mashup, 4:30 p.m., 1600 S. Koeller St.

Thursday, Aug. 5

Winnebago County Fair, 8 a.m., Winnebago County Fairgrounds

Waterfest with America, David Paul Martin, Sly Joe & the Smooth Operators, 5:45 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Friday, Aug. 6

Winnebago County Fair, 8 a.m., Winnebago County Fairgrounds

First Friday: Oshkosh Creates, 4 p.m., downtown

Joel Ross, 7:30 p.m., The Howard, 405 Washington Ave.

Adelaide, 7 p.m., Dwelling 2:22, 222 Church Ave. Open Tab, 7 p.m., Revs Summer Out-

door Music, 275 N. Washburn St. Alice's Poster Show, 4 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Saturday, Aug. 7

Winnebago County Fair, 8 a.m., Winnebago County Fairgrounds

Downtown Oshkosh Chalk Walk, 8 a.m., 100 to 700 blocks of North Main St. "Sixteen Candles," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Pop spirit bluegrass gospel group, 6 p.m., Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, W9644 Zoar Rd.

Sunday, Aug. 8

Winnebago County Fair, 8 a.m., Winnebago County Fairgrounds

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

Tuesday, Aug. 10

Live at the Leach, Star Six Nine, 5:30 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Wednesday, Aug. 11

Brews on the Bay with Copper Duo, 5 p.m., Menominee Park

Thursday, Aug. 12

Waterfest with Cornerstones of Rock, 5:45 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

"Sixteen Candles," 7 p.m., Time Com-

munity Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Friday, Aug. 13

"Friday the 13th" (2009), 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Outdoor Family Movie Night, "The Mighty Ducks," Leach Amphitheater

Ben Wagner, 7 p.m., Revs Summer Outdoor Music, 275 N. Washburn St.

Saturday, Aug. 14

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Menominee Park Drag Race, 11 a.m., Hazel Street and Merritt Avenue

Otter Street Kids Fisheree, 8:30 a.m. registration, Menominee Park

Sunday, Aug. 15

Shayna Steele, 7:30 p.m., The Howard, 405 Washington Ave.

Vroman memorial motor show set

Winnebago Detachment Marine Corps League No. 357 and Auxiliary will be holding its fifth annual Pfc. Brent Vroman Memorial Car & Motorcycle Show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 21 at 4715 Sherman Road.

Vroman grew up in Omro and served with Fox Company 2nd Battalion, 24th Marines in Milwaukee. Fox Company deployed to Iraq where he was killed in action Dec. 23, 2004.

There will be 10 award classes for cars and four for motorcycles. Classes are listed on the Winnebago Detachment 357 webpage. In addition, there will be awards for Best of Show Car and Best of Show Motorcycle.

Individuals can preregister for \$10 per entry or register the day of the event for \$15. The public is invited to view the cars and motorcycles at no cost. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. and awards will be presented at about 2:30 p.m.

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Child labor photographer featured in children's book

Oshkosh Herald

An Oshkosh native who became an iconic photojournalist in the early 20th century is the subject of a new Getty Publications children's book that illustrates his work as a leader in child labor reforms.

Lewis Hine was best noted for traveling the country taking photos of children as young as 5 working under dangerous conditions in cotton mills, seafood canneries, farms and coal mines. His pictures attracted national attention toward a movement against underage workers.

"If I could tell the story in words, I wouldn't need to lug a camera," Hines once said of his work.

In "The Traveling Camera: Lewis Hine and the Fight to End Child Labor," author Alexandra S.D. Hinrichs and illustrator Michael Garland use poetic text from Hine's own words and imagery to capture his determination to change lives.

Hine was born in Oshkosh on Sept. 26, 1874, to Douglas Hull Hine, a Civil War veteran, and Sarah Hayes Hine, an educator. His father died in an accident in 1892, which forced Hine to help sustain the family, according to a biography from the International Photography Hall of Fame.

His first job was at a furniture upholstery factory, where he said he worked 13 hours a day, six days a week for \$4 per week. Other jobs followed, the biography states, such as a janitor in a bank, "where after several years I worked up as far as supervising sweeper," Hine wrote. At that time he experienced the exploitation of young workers and was determined to escape this type of life.

He attended university extension courses where he met Frank Manny, principal of



Oshkosh native and photojournalist Lewis Hine (right photo) captured the indignity of child labor in the United States in the early 20th century. His story has been produced in a Getty Publications children's book.

the State Normal School in Oshkosh, who encouraged Hine to become a teacher. He also studied under noted educators John Dewey and Ella Flagg Young.

Through his many years of photographing children laboring under extreme conditions, Hine also worked for the American Red Cross during World War I, the New Deal Agency, the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Rural Electrification Administration and the Works Progress Administration among other organizations.

One of his most famous commissions was to photograph all stages of construction of the Empire State Building in New York City, which required hanging from

cherry-pickers and balancing 100 stories high to capture aerial views.

Hine returned to Oshkosh in 1904 to marry Sara Rich.

Getty publicist Sydney Lopez said the children's book tells Hine's story as "a teacher and photographer who employed his art as a tool for social reform."

Hinrichs, the author of "Therese Makes a Tapestry" and "I Am Made of Mountains," holds master's degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Garland is a New York Times best-selling author and illustrator of 40 children's picture books and illustrator for more than 50 books by other authors.







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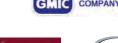




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Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

Aug. 8, 1930

Grave of Oshkosh Pioneer is Found at Columbia, S.D.: The practically unmarked grave of Webster Stanley, first settler and founder of this community, has been located in a cemetery at Columbia, S.D., by members of the Frank Stanley family, descendants of the pioneer, according to the Winnebago County Historical and Archaeological Society. The Frank Stanley family was here in Oshkosh June 14 to attend the unveiling and dedication of the marker at the corner of Lake Drive (Bay Shore Drive today) and Bowen Street, designating the approximate site of the Webster Stanley log cabin, the first white-man's house built on ground where later Oshkosh was to be built. The monument shows the date of 1836 when he came here. Stanley's log cabin played an important part in the development of the community. It was used as the first school and was also the meeting place of the men of the town. It was in the Stanley cabin that the name "Oshkosh," in honor of the Menominee chieftain, was chosen. The Stanley's lived here for some years before moving to Stanley's landing on the Wolf River. Webster Stanley was visiting in South Dakota at the time of his death and was



Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society
A marker was created to commemorate
Oshkosh founder Webster Stanley.

buried there. Mrs. Stanley and a daughter are buried in the Ellenwood cemetery on the Zion road southwest of this city. When Stanley's gravesite was found, the only marker at his grave was a board that measured twelve by twenty-nine inches on which the name "Webster Stanley" was scratched with a nail. Proposals were made to have the pioneer's body re-interred in the proposed pioneer section of Riverside Cemetery, but efforts never materialized.

Source: Oshkosh Daily Northwestern, Aug. 8, 1930



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Electric aviation

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operation costs. Lessons to get a pilot's license are expensive on top of buying materials or a new plane altogether.

However, electric systems are becoming a more widely used engineering technology and can be, in turn, more cost effective and efficient.

Bye Aerospace founder George Bye said the power of electric aircraft is one-tenth the energy cost of gas or jet fuel and about one-fifth the operating costs.

"Electric aviation is going to change everything," Bye said. "The honor of being a pioneer is bringing to the next generation of pilots the next generation of technology to benefit all of us."

VerdeGo Aero chief executive and co-founder Eric Bartsch said hybridized aircraft can be more efficient as well.

Noting a comparison to today's hybrid vehicles, Bartsch said these upcoming aircraft can be just as attainable for both shortburst travel and longer distances.

Hybridized aircraft are similar to hybrid cars, acting as a bridge between traditional and battery-electric propulsion, making it 120 percent more effective than fuel alone, Bartsch explained.

Hyundai Motor Group has also been taking steps to enhance travel through underused airspace and urban air mobility.



A Hyundai Motor Group illustration depicts the envisioned use of aircraft and skyports in an urban environment.

The company's Matthew Sattler delivered a presentation about introducing hubs and skyports for easy and quicker commutes.

The average flyer only uses air travel 1.5 to 2 times per year, and 50 to 60 percent of Americans do not fly at all, according to Sattler.

This new mobility solution can dramatically change commute times to avoid congested road traffic. As it stands, urban air mobility and commuter access to this underused airspace will play a major role in future city development, Sattler said.

These skyport hubs will act as a mobility connection point between ground and air passengers. Doing this will help remove social and economic barriers to the sky.

Sattler said the first urban airport is slated to be built in the United Kingdom and commercialized by 2026, and expansions are expected to come by 2029.

Another group expanding the reach of urban air travel is Volocopter. At AirVenture, the group presented its air taxi, VoloCity, to convention-goers and announced its services to begin in Singapore in the next

three years.

According to Volocopter, by 2035 the market for urban air mobility is expected to surpass 240 billion euros, or almost \$285 billion.

"Electric UAM is an emerging industry offering a new mode of transportation in a city's lower-level airspace," the company states. "Unlocking this new dimension of mobility enhances overall urban mobility by unlocking a new dimension of mobility in the lower airspace above the city."

Essential to urban air mobility is the ability to take off and land vertically without the need for a runway and will make intracity travel more reliable, shorten the miles traveled and increase convenience to a city's key routes, the paper reads.

To lower operations costs, Volocopter notes the increasing need for autonomy in the air sector "and become democratized, accessible and affordable to an even broader customer base."

The removal of pilots will also make the industry more competitive to today's mobility offerings.

Along with Singapore, Paris will also be among the first cities to launch the air taxi service.

"Going forward, Volocopter will continuously ramp up its city rollout efforts," the paper concludes. "Volocopter is creating tangible results as it paves the way for quiet, safe, sustainable and commercially viable urban air taxi services at scale and competitive pricing in the near future."





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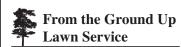
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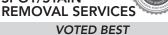
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Interim rule allows remote drawbridge operations

Lift bridge operations in the city could shift from human tenders to an offsite, remote process as a result of ongoing testing by the U.S. Coast Guard.

A Coast Guard interim rule allowing for remote operations of bridges crossing the Fox River in Oshkosh is available for comment in the Federal Register, according to the state Department of Transportation (DOT) Northeast Region office.

The interim rule provides statutory authority for remote operations in Oshkosh through Nov. 1. The "test period" will allow for public comment on the safety and

effectiveness of the remote operation. The operating schedules will not change.

The Main Street bridge (U.S. 45), Congress Street bridge (State 21) and the Wisconsin Street bridge (State 44) began testing remote operations equipment in April and has been ongoing with bridge tenders also in place.

The DOT will provide data on the remote operations to the Coast Guard, who will determine whether to extend the test period, modify the arrangement or make the remote arrangement permanent.

Lakeside Packaging makes management promotions

Mark Salzer, Allan Topping and Kathy LeClair have been promoted to upper-management positions at Lakeside Packaging Plus (LPP).

Salzer joined LPP in 2019 as business development coordinator and has been



Salzer **Topping** promoted to production coordinator for

its Neenah location. He will oversee customer projects, staff and associates along with production operations including materials, quality, personnel and safety.

LeClair, who has been with LPP for almost 10 years, was named business coordinator and will oversee financial matters,





office and accounting personnel.

Topping, who has been with LPP for 21 years as a case manager and adult services manager, will be adult service coordinator and will be the direct supervisor to day services staff.

LPP is a nonprofit organization with two facilities at 100 W. Fernau Ave. in Oshkosh and 1040 Breezewood Lane, Neenah.

Virus spread

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pitalized in Fox Valley area hospitals as of Thursday; there were no hospitalizations reported after the first week of July.

57.8 percent of Winnebago County residents ages 12 or older have received at least one dose of the vaccine as of last week.

Health officials said that while progress was being made on vaccination rates the region is still lagging where high rates of infection match low vaccination rates.

Vaccinations prevent severe illness, hospitalization and death while reducing the spread of the virus.

"If you are vaccinated, find time for conversations with your unvaccinated friends, family and co-workers.

"Listen to their concerns, share the

reasons why you got vaccinated, provide reliable resources, and help them find a vaccine clinic when they are ready," the county report states.

"Your support and understanding matters the most when it comes to talking with friends and family."

Vaccines are available any day of the week. A regional COVID-19 vaccine tour is occurring throughout the summer with vaccine clinics being held in Winnebago, Calumet and Outagamie counties. Visit www.wcvaccine.org for more information.

The state Department of Health Services supports the new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recommendations for masking in indoor settings, including teachers, staff, students and visitors of K-12 schools regardless of vaccination status, and other public indoor settings.

Fighting vehicle concept design work approved

The U.S. Army Contracting Command has selected Oshkosh Defense to participate in the concept design phase for the Army's Optionally Manned Fighting Vehicle (OMFV) program.

The OMFV will replace the Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle, which has been in service since 1981. Oshkosh Defense will use modeling, simulation and analysis to meet program requirements leading to a system functional review.

The Oshkosh Defense consortium includes Pratt Miller Defense, Hanwha Defense USA, Rafael Advanced Defense Systems, QinetiQ Inc. and Plasan.

"Each of our industry partners will contribute their own best-in-class expertise in ground combat vehicles, turrets, armor and autonomy," said Pat Williams, vice president of U.S. Army and U.S. Marine Corps programs for Oshkosh Defense. "Together, we will provide a modular OMFV solution designed to defeat emerging threats with flexibility and room for growth to accommodate evolving requirements."

Oshkosh's OMFV concept will use a Hanwha Redback chassis and Rafael Samson turret. The Redback is one of two contenders for Australia's Land 400 Infantry Fighting Vehicle, while Samson turrets are the foundation for Oshkosh's recently awarded medium-caliber weapon system contract with the Army.





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Oshkosh Legion's 23–3 season ends at state

By Dustin Riese HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

After winning state in 2019, the Oshkosh Legion baseball team had one goal in mind for 2021 - not only to get back to state, but make it back to Nationals.

As Oshkosh found out firsthand, staying on top may be harder than winning state as they fell one game short of Nationals.

"Today was a disappointing day for us," Oshkosh Legion head coach Brian Burgert said. "We had a great season and several guys really stepped up for us down the stretch. Unfortunately, we just didn't do enough tonight and it did us in."

La Crosse 4, Oshkosh 3

In its first game of their state title defense week, Oshkosh (20-1) took on a very good La Crosse team that entered play with a 13-5 mark.

La Crosse sent their ace to the mound in left hander Dylan Lapic from La Crosse Central. Opposing him was fellow left hander Max Bittner in what was a matchup of contrasting styles.

It was in the fourth when La Crosse began to take advantage of Bittner, which spelled trouble for Oshkosh. After Bittner retired the first two hitters in the bottom of the fourth, La Crosse rallied to load the bases on three consecutive singles by Hunter Hess, Christopher Wilson, and Kyle Keppel. Looking to pitch his way out of trouble, Bittner walked Lapic to push home the game's first run before walking Calvin Hargrove to double the lead 2-0.

With the lead 4-0 after four innings, it was time for Oshkosh to make Lapic



Photo by Dustin Riese

Jack McKellips dives back to first base to beat a pickoff attempt.

work after carving them up through four innings. A leadoff walk by Payton Wright got things rolling before Dane Kutnink reached first on a questionable hit by pitch call. A Collin Ryan walk later in the inning loaded the bases which set the tone for the top of the Oshkosh batting order.

Jack McKellips answered the call by picking up a sacrifice fly to left field before Dominic Kane flared a bloop single to right to make things 4-2. Another walk to Colby Gibson loaded the bases, but Oshkosh was unable to push across another run. Moving to the sixth, Oshkosh benefited from another Payton Wright walk as he would come around to score on a fielders' choice to make things 4-3.

Faced with a do or die seventh inning, Oshkosh had the top of the order set to face Adam Olson who was looking for the five out save. That is what happened as he retired the top of the Oshkosh lineup in order in the seventh to secure the win.

Oshkosh 8, Point 0

Faced with a win or go home scenario, Oshkosh took to the field Wednesday against a Stevens Point team that they beat 4-2 earlier in the season. The second time around was different from their first meeting as Oshkosh pushed across six runs in the first inning to set the tone for an 8-0 win.

That first inning was all set up by some sloppy play in the field as a leadoff error followed by a Kane walk had a pair of runners on base with no outs. Looking to move both runners up, Ben Buehring dropped down a sacrifice bunt, but McKellips was able to score on the same play as another costly error kept the line moving.

Kutnink followed that error up with an RBI single to double the Oshkosh lead 2-0 before coming home to score later on a passed ball. The big blow in the first came off the bat of Berndt as he connected for a three-run shot to put Oshkosh in front 6-0. They would never look back as that early lead was plenty for starter Payton Wright to work with.

Oshkosh would add to their lead later in the game when Kutnink picked up an RBI single before Brenden Krumrei brought home the game's final run with an RBI double in the sixth.

Oshkosh 6, Superior 5

Faced with its backs against the wall for a second straight day, Oshkosh turned to Charlie Stenson as he looked to send Oshkosh closer to a national berth. After what was a one-sided game early on, it got interesting late as Superior rallied from a 4-1 deficit to take a 5-4 lead in the seventh. Down to their last out, McKellips came through with a huge single to left center and gave Oshkosh the walk off win.

Stenson was shaky early on, giving up a run in the first but cruised after that giving Oshkosh six strong innings with nine strikeouts.

Oshkosh used a massive first inning to take the early lead. McKellips led off the game with a single before a Kane walk put two runners on as a series of costly errors had Oshkosh in front 2-1. A Berndt single kept the line moving extending the Oshkosh lead to 3-1 before another error had Oshkosh up 4-1. That would be all the Oshkosh offense for the next five innings as they went scoreless on several bases

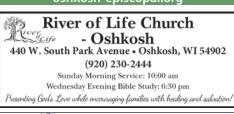
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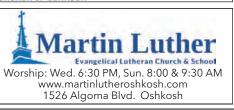
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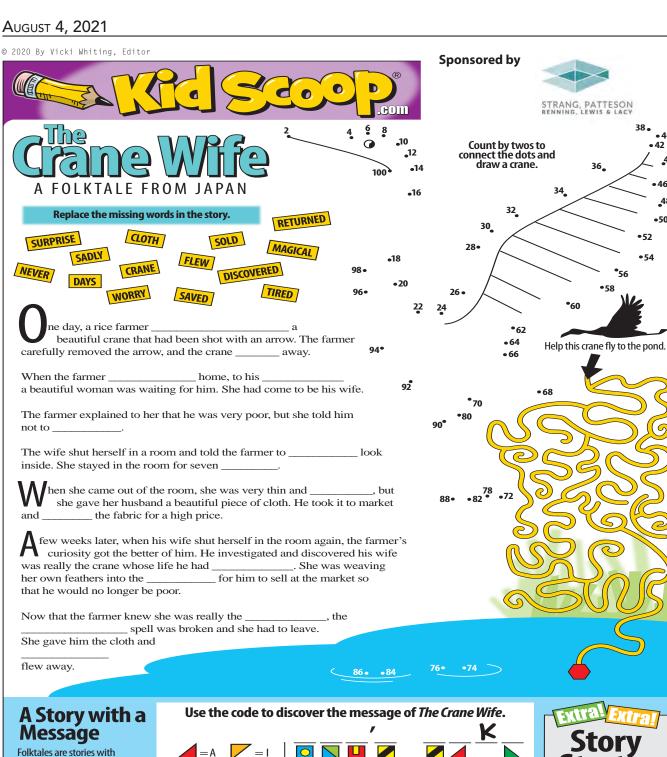
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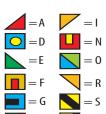
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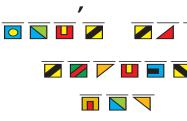
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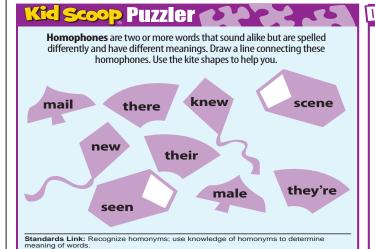
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Country Club ace

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Legion ball

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loaded chances throughout the game.

With the score still 4-1 in the fifth, Superior began their comeback bid with Stenberg picking up an RBI groundout to make things 4-2. Two innings later saw Stenberg come through again as his single off Blake Roach had Superior within 4-3 and in danger of striking again. After a Tristan Brennan single tied the game 4-4, Roach uncorked a wild pitch to score Riley Rehnstrandt and just like that Superior held a 5-4 lead with Oshkosh coming to bat one last time.

Oshkosh 12, La Crosse 4

Needing to win to advance to the championship, Oshkosh faced off with the team that knocked them off earlier in the tournament. With La Crosse already in the championship game and guaranteed a spot at Nationals, Oshkosh had a bit more motivation as they looked to avenge their loss earlier in the week.

Led by a fabulous pitching performance by Kaden Wright who went the distance, the Oshkosh offense broke out in a big way, pushing across 12 runs in the victory.

Down 2-1 in the third, the Oshkosh bats came to life as they used a six-run inning to put the game away. Buehring opened the scoring with a single to left as the first three hitters of the inning reached base. Following a second hit by pitch to load the bases, Berndt cashed in for another clutch hit bringing home a pair with an RBI double. Singles by Ryan and Brendan Krumrei capped off the big inning with Oshkosh in front 7-2.

That lead continued to grow in the fourth as a Carson Krumrei single mixed in with an error allowed for two more

runs to score with Oshkosh leading 9-2. Brandon Stadtler put an end to the scoring binge with an RBI single of his own in the fifth to pull within 9-3. That was not enough as Brendan Krumrei, Buehring, and Kane all added RBIs across the final two innings to pull away 12-4.

De Pere 14, Oshkosh 7

Oshkosh faced off with a De Pere team who they beat 2-1 earlier in the season and unlike the first time where pitching was at a premium, De Pere had a hot day at the plate as they managed to double up Oshkosh, putting an end to their season with a 23-3 record.

"We had to play well this weekend and for the most part we did," Burgert said. "However, there were times when we just couldn't get the big hit or make the key pitch to get out of an inning. That is the way baseball goes sometimes and luck wasn't in the cards for us this weekend."

With Bittner on the hill once again, De Pere seemed to have his number early on. After scoring a run in the first inning, a Brendan Krumrei double to center in the second put Oshkosh in front 2-1 before Ryan came through with another huge RBI single in the third to extend the lead to 4-1.

After a weather delay, De Pere came out with a different mindset as they not only chased Bittner, but got to Roach, using a five-run third and six-run fourth to bust the game wide open and take a 12-5 lead. Austin Litts played a big part in that surge as he picked up four hits to go with three RBIs. He was joined by Benje Hencke and his three RBIs as De Pere pounded out 17 hits in the win.

Kutnink was able to keep things close after picking up an RBI single to make things 6-5, but that would be as close as things would get with De Pere pulling away from there.



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Accreditation review for city police rescheduled

The Oshkosh Police Department's re-accreditation assessment by a team from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) has been rescheduled from this week to Aug. 23-25 due to a CALEA scheduling issue.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 23 in Room SB1 of the Oshkosh Police Department.

CALEA requires agencies to comply with standards in areas such as policy and procedure, administration, operations and support services. The Oshkosh Police Department is the only municipal law en-

forcement agency in the State of Wisconsin currently accredited by CALEA.

The on-site assessment will re-examine compliance to 459 standards of law enforcement to follow up its initial accreditation in 1994. Employees and the public can also offer comments by calling the assessment team between 1 and 3 p.m. Aug. 24 at 920-252-0210.

The standards are available for viewing by contacting Professional Standards Lt. Matthew Harris at 920-236-5758 or mharris@ci.oshkosh.wi.us. Written comments can be sent to CALEA, 13575 Heathcote Blvd., Suite 320 Gainesville, VA 20155 or emailed to calea@calea.org.

UW Student scholarship, vaccination promotion set

UW Oshkosh Today

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh has launched a campaign to encourage students to get vaccinated.

Vax Up Titans comes on the heels of the announcement July 25 by UW System of its Vax Up! 70 for 70 campaign that will offer a limited number of \$7,000 scholarships to COVID-19 vaccinated students at UW schools that reach a 70 percent vaccination rate. The UWO campaign will provide students enrolled full time this fall with the opportunity to receive one of 10 \$1,000 scholarships.

The UWO scholarships will be offered regardless of the vaccination rate reached

on campus. The campaigns run through Oct. 15.

"Our students helped us not only get through this pandemic, but also defeat smash it — the past year," said Chancellor Andrew Leavitt. "This is the next wave in our efforts to continue that success on our campuses."

One positive case has been reported on campus this summer, with zero active cases currently. The university has continued to offer on-campus COVID-19 testing and ThedaCare is providing mobile testing to the public 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays and Fridays in the Culver Family Welcome Center parking lot.

Obituaries

Shirley C. Heisler

Shirley C. Heisler, age 84, of Oshkosh, passed away at her home on July 21, 2021. She was born on September 9, 1936, in Oshkosh a daughter of the late Lowell Kenneth and Regina Katherine (Hubertus) Grasee. She married Thomas F. Heisler on April 18, 1954. Tom preceded her in death on April 14, 2019. Shirley and Tom had owned and operated La Sure's Cafe Cakes and Catering for 26 years. She was proud to have made cakes for those such as Count Basie, (full size piano) and a Pitt Special airplane for the EAA Museum. Shirley greatly enjoyed old cars, especially her 1970 Mustang convertible and was a member of the Central Wisconsin Auto Collectors Club. Shirley also was active and enjoyed volunteering at Mercy Medical Center. Her faith was important to her and she was a member of St. Raphael Catholic Church and was a member of the Christ Child Society and the Prayer Shawl Ministry and the "54 Club." She will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved her.

She is survived by and her memory will be cherished by a son, Robert Thomas (Beverly) of Oshkosh: a daughter, Dawn Marie Heisler of Fort Lauderdale, FL; two grandsons, Craig Robert and Curt Robert Heisler; her first great-granddaughter, Hannah-Mae Heisler; and many "foster" children; and many dear friends. She was preceded in death by her husband Tom; a sister, Nancy (Royal) Peterson of Kaukauna; and seven babies in heaven.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Shirley on Monday, August 9, 2021 at 4:00 pm in St. Raphael Catholic Church, 830 S. Westhaven Drive in Oshkosh with Fr. Tom Long as celebrant. A time of visitation will be held at the church from 2:00 pm until the time of Mass. Burial will follow in Calvary Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of floral expressions, a memorial fund will be established.



Lorraine A. Mueller

Lorraine A. Mueller, 91, of Oshkosh passed to be with her Heavenly Father on



Saturday, July 3, 2021 at the Courtyard in Oshkosh. Private family services were held on Friday, July 9, 2021.

A public Celebration of Life for family and friends will now

be held at Trinity Lutheran Church (370

Bowen Street – Oshkosh) on Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. with Pastor Marvin Ahlborn officiating. Following the Memorial Service for Lorraine there will be a time to share memories and fellowship in the church commons.

As before and per Lorraine's wishes, memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church in her name.

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You are notified of the availability of information from the Circuit Court Commissioner as set forth in §767.105, Wis. Stats.

§767.105 Information from Circuit Court Commissioner.
(2) Upon the request of a party to an

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(a) The Circuit Court Commissioner

(a) The Circuit Court Commissioner shall, with or without charge, provide the party with written information on the following, as appropriate to the action commenced:

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such an action.
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assist the parties.

4. The procedure for setting, modifying, and enforcing child support awards, or modifying and enforcing legal custody or physical placement judgments or

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(b) The Circuit Court Commissioner shall provide a party, for inspection or purchase, with a copy of the statutory provisions in this chapter generally pertinent to the action.

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