Early city tests show low PFAS levels

Oshkosh Herald

The state Department of Natural Resources announced that administrative rules for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances – known as PFAS – are now in effect that Oshkosh officials are following.

“The two rules set regulatory standards for PFAS in drinking water and drinking water and the third rule sets requirements for using PFAS-containing firefighting foam,” the DNR announcement reads. “The rules will provide a better understanding of where PFAS are located in Wisconsin, require actions to correct contamination when it is found and reduce additional contamination.”

If PFAS compounds are found at levels higher than allowed by standards, action to reduce contamination will be required.

PFAS are a group of human-made chemicals used for decades in many products, including non-stick cookware, fast-food wrappers, stain-resistant sprays and certain types of firefighting foam. These contaminants have made their way into the environment, and historically have been present in city drinking water.

Butterfly effect

Concerns with monarchs engage local activities

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Baseball star

Buehring plays in State Legion All-Star game

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Solutions Recovery specialists promote healthy balance

Molly Farady-Sultze, SRI’s navigator program coordinator and a person in long-term recovery herself, has been in social work for most of her professional career. In her role, she provides clients with knowledge on where they can get into treatment.

She and her husband entered recovery in 1992 and maintained sobriety for a while. But a back injury caused a relapse after being prescribed with narcotics in 2016.

“My dealers weren’t on the street – they were doctors,” Molly said. “This is a disease you can’t cure. I have to work on it every day. I have to look at it and I have to surrender to it every single day. The more people talk about it – the more education we can provide – more people are going to be willing to speak up.”

Even though she’s been in recovery again for six years, she said she still learns something with every new client.

“I think places like (SRI) help lift the stigma and humanize this disease. There seems to not be quite that sharp edge (as there was a long time ago). I think society is beginning to look at this as a disease. There are different facets of addiction that still need to be shown.”

Solutions Recovery has a group specifically for parents to talk through their child’s use, which Molly emphasized will help them know they are not a bad parent.

“The group, called ‘The Mamas and the Papas,”’ she said. “It’s their first time dealing with this, so they need to know they’re not a bad parent.”

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County asks residents to recycle properly

Winnebago County’s Recycling Transfer Station has seen an uptick in contamination in recent months, particularly with an increase of construction materials improperly disposed of in recycling carts.

Construction contamination poses a safety risk to workers, impacts the efficiency of sorters and equipment to process acceptable materials, and ultimately increases costs.

The following items may not be put in curbside recycling bins or multifamily commercial recycling dumpsters: wood or pallets, doors or windows, drywall, concrete, gutters, venting or siding, tubes, pipes or poles, air filters, furniture, plastic landscape edging, appliances, roofing or shingles, and tires.

Commission advances TIF district for Mill on Main

The Plan Commission recommended approval last week for creation of a tax incremental financing (TIF) district for the Mill on Main housing project that is redeveloping a former industrial property along the Fox River.

The 13.45-acre property will include 291 residential units, 22,000 square feet of commercial space and a clubhouse with an overall value of $47.8 million. TIF District No. 43 would provide a public financing method that is used to revitalize and attract those districts.

The development lies within the Sawdust District, “an area targeted for revitalization with a mix of new and rehabilitation projects to attract commercial and residential developments,” according to a memo from city staff.

The Mill on Main will be constructed in three phases, starting along South Main, according to T. Wall project manager Jake Bunz. The first phase is set to begin in October and open around spring 2024. From there and how fast T. Wall can lease units, the other two phases will come a year or two after each addition.

The commission also recommended approval of a specific implementation plan for construction of a Panda Express at 508 S. Koeller St., where the former Golden Corral restaurant had been situated. It closed in October 2020.

City resident Susan Denning said she is not opposed to the restaurant proposal but raised questions about snow removal and sound levels as her home is directly behind the location.

The applicant, GC Oshkosh Holdings, submitted plans for a two-phase development of the site, starting with the Panda Express. The second phase is said to be an undetermined second drive-thru restaurant.
Housing project builds path to better life

By Kaitlyn Scoville
Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Kids Foundation (OKF) recently announced the placement of the first dwelling in its Tiny House Village on Packer Avenue between Jackson and Main streets. By this time next year, all 32 houses are expected to be occupied.

The concept of tiny house villages has been around a few decades now, and has just come to Oshkosh through the OKF. While some view the tiny house concept as a way to downsize toward minimalism, others benefit from them as a solace away from homelessness, poverty, abuse and neglect.

According to a report from United for ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed), Oshkosh has been identified for the past several years among the top cities with the fastest increase in those who experience extreme poverty.

The Oshkosh Area School District averages anywhere from 175 to 220 homeless children each school year, according to the report. OKF co-founder and executive director Julie Dumke said since the organization’s inception, they have helped more than 400 children struggling with homelessness.

Thanks to a donation by Oshkosh native and entrepreneur T.J. Rodgers last fall, the tiny houses have been under construction since April.

In June, the Common Council approved both a zone change and a specific implementation plan for the site on Pack er Avenue after a recommendation from the city’s Plan Commission.

At neighborhood meetings before the commission’s review and approval earlier this year, residents voiced concerns about site management and operations. At a previous workshop, board members generally voiced support for the development.

Advocap affordable housing director Lu Scheer said the Tiny House Village will provide a stable, healthy environment for those residents looking to make changes for themselves.

“Giving opportunities to empower the people to make changes in their life is incredible, and that’s exactly why (these) programs work,” Scheer said.

Families will be able to stay anywhere from six to 18 months. The only requirement being that they have to participate in the programming and resources available to them.

Dumke said the leases are short-term to allow families to secure transitional housing, employment, transportation for school and work, along with a stable lifestyle. After 18 months they will return to the housing market.

“They’ll have a place to live with resources to help them work through whatever got them into a homeless situation,” she said.

A community center, where tenants can get in touch with assistance, is now under way. The first phase is expected to be completed Dec. 1 with families moving in by Dec. 15. The second phase is targeted to be April 1 with the goal to have all homes occupied by June 1.

“We felt that having the services in one place will help move the needle for these families,” Dumke said.

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Sunnyview completes east campus work
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The first phase of the Sunnyview Expo Center east campus project was completed last month with added parking and RV/trailer camping areas along with grading, stormwater treatment and expanded electrical services.

The estimated $1.6 million project that began in October more than doubled the number of camping and parking spaces.

Ongoing projects at the Sunnyview Expo Equine Complex include converting the lighting in the horse barns and show arena to LED lights, paving the area around the barns and installation of rain gutters for a total cost of $127,000.

The LED lights were projected to cost $55,000 but county parks and expo director Adam Breest said they will save roughly $5,200 a year annually with an estimated life of 20-25 years.

The current pavement is inundated with spider cracks and is sinking in spots since it’s been about 25 years since any work has been done in this area.

The paving would provide better walking surfaces for the people and horses as well as being able to handle the semi and large-truck traffic.

The facility generates about $226,000 in revenue annually.

Countless reports first monkeypox

On Monday the Winnebago County Health Department confirmed the first case of monkeypox in a Winnebago County resident. The individual is currently in isolation and working with the health department to identify anyone who may have been exposed to the virus.

“While the risk to the public remains low at this time, it’s important for everyone to know the symptoms and seek medical care if exposed or showing signs of monkeypox. Treatment options are available,” said Doug Gieryn, WCHD Health Officer/Director. “We can help prevent the outbreak from getting worse if we take the steps now to stay safe and prevent spread of the disease.”

Monkeypox is not typically fatal but it can be very painful and cause scarring. The disease is often characterized by new, unexplained rash and skin lesions in the genital, groin and anal regions, which might be confused with rashes caused by sexually transmitted diseases such as herpes or syphilis. Other early symptoms of monkeypox include fever, chills and swollen lymph nodes.

The overall risk to the public remains low at this time, the health department said.

Typically, people become infected with monkeypox by having direct contact with the skin lesions, scabs or body fluids of an infected person; through prolonged face-to-face exposure to respiratory secretions or during intimate physical contact; or through touching items such as clothing that previously touched the infectious rash.

While anyone can develop and spread monkeypox after being exposed to the virus, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that nearly all cases of monkeypox in the U.S. have occurred among gay, bisexual, trans, and other men who have sex with men.
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PFAS levels

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mass and animals can develop negative health impacts when exposed.

PFAS have been used since the 1940s in the U.S. and are primarily used for their water and stain-resistant properties in products such as clothing, carpeting, coolware, packaging and fire-fighting foam.

Most people in the U.S. have come in contact with PFAS in their lifetime and have been linked to “reproductive and developmental, liver and kidney and immunological effects in laborato-

ry animals, and have caused tumors and increased cholesterol levels,” according to a recent Milwaukee Journal Sentinel article.

Oshkosh Public Works director James Davis-Foust is president for the Fox Valley Area chapter of the organi-

zation Wild Ones, a group that has been tracking monarchs since the 1990s.

“I’ve had at least a dozen people com-

ment to me that they’re not seeing mon-
arch butterflies in their yards,” said Davis-Foust, who is also a senior lecturer of biology and environmental studies at UW Oshkosh. She also said climate change and illegal landscaping in the South are contributors to the population’s decline.

Over the past couple of years, Girl Scouts Natalie Larsen and Callie Rudoll of Troop 6441 have created a monarch butterfly education area at the Oshkosh Public Library.

Davis-Foust said Wild Ones has been taking a strong approach to native land-
scaping to provide habitat for the species.

“At least around here, we have to consid-
er the three areas where monarchs are be-
ing affected: habitat loss, food production and the cultivation of lawns. They have major habitat loss,” Davis-Foust said. “The amount of Roundup we’ve been using is extremely effective in killing milkweed species, which monarchs rely on for re-
production.”

She suggests the community consider setting up a 200 foot butterfly garden near Davis-Foust’s home outside of Omro.

PFAS in Oshkosh are likely from both the city’s Water Utility and a nearby wastewater treatment plant, according to an Associated Press article.

“The city’s Water Utility has not be-
gun testing for PFAS compounds in the treated drinking water given the low background test results,” according to the article.

A local customer also tested PFAS compounds in April and found 1.34 ppb of PFOA and 0.844 ppb of PFOS.

“The city sent two samples to the DNR for voluntary sampling that were damaged in transit,” Rabe said. “Anoth-
er sample is scheduled to be taken this month.”

“There are no PFAS containing com-
ponds utilized in the treatment of water at the city of Oshkosh water fil-
tration plant,” Rabe said. “Therefore, PFAS compound concentrations within the city of Oshkosh drinking water sys-
tem should mirror those of the source water background levels.”

In addition, Rabe said the water utili-
ty has taken steps to comply with regu-
lations by both the state DNR and U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency.

Deer, game bird data sought by state DNR

“The state Department of Natural Re-

sources (DNR) is seeking the public’s help in collecting crucial deer and game bird management data,” according to a recent WLUK news article.

“The DNR has begun conducting the Operation Deer Watch Survey and the Game Bird Brood survey, designed to measure the reproductive status for deer and game birds.”

“The city will also be hosting another workshop about the Clearwaters water treatment facility project at the Aug. 23 Common Council meeting. For more information on PFAS in Oshkosh, visit ci.oshkosh.wi.us.

“Wherever you are in Wisconsin, you can help the DNR manage wildlife by collecting data in your neighborhood and submitting it through our app,” said Brian Dhuey, DNR surveys coordinator. “Every submission increases our dataset and gives us a clearer picture of how wildlife is doing in Wisconsin. The DNR encourages everyone interested in wildlife, from hunt-
ers and trappers to outdoor enthusiasts, to take part.”

The deadline to submit bird observa-
tions for the Game Bird Brood survey is Aug. 31.

The deadline to submit deer observa-
tions for the Operation Deer Watch Sur-
vey is Sept. 30.
Combating conspiracy theories has become the norm

Last week myself and a couple of others helped an out-of-state woman push her broken down SUV out of the road. She thanked us, handed us a piece of paper with names on it, and explained that she was in town to search for child sex traffickers. A glance at the names revealed each had a corresponding description, and about half of them were described as covert CIA agents. It appears I had stumbled upon a conspiracy theorist.

It is not the first time I have crossed paths with conspiracy theorists. When I was first elected to office, I had more than one well-meaning individual warn me about the Illuminati and freemasons. Years ago, I had a family member attempt to show me the “truth” about 9/11.

Less dramatic but perhaps more toxic is the public discourse about who is really behind a policy, or the questioning of one’s real motives when taking a policy position. I think we are attracted to conspirato-

ril thinking because it creates space for forces beyond our control to explain the ascendance of policies and opinions with which we disagree. Let’s say I am a strong proponent of a policy, and that I cannot fathom how anyone could oppose it. Let’s say a legislative body makes a decision that runs counter to my preference. I face some choices when explaining to myself what happened.

I can admit that my opinion is in the minority. I can admit that I may be wrong and/or out of touch with the majority. I can try to learn more about why people disagree with me. All of these options require vulnerability and a willingness to be imperfect.

On the other hand, I can convince myself that forces beyond my control conspired to do something so obviously wrong. The issue is not me, but some nefarious group with unclear goals. The problem with this path is it strips the individual of all agency.

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lice were called in and the keeper was arrested, and handled by three police in a manner which is pronounced by spectators as unnecessarily rough. The keeper was taken before Judge Nevitt and fined $11. The affair caused great commotion for a few minutes at the menagerie.

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, Aug. 17, 1882

Aug. 17, 1882
Row at the Circus: WW Cole’s circus and menagerie made its advent into this town this morning. A street parade was held in the afternoon with a crowd not as immense as usually seen on circus day. The explanation is prob-
bably that farmers are too far behind in their harvesting to spend time to come to town just now. During the circus this afternoon, some man fed the elephant tobacco whereupon the keeper of the elephant pounced upon him and beat him frightfully. The police were called in and the keeper was arrested, and handled by three police in a manner which is pronounced by spectators as unnecessarily rough. The keeper was taken before Judge Nevitt and fined $11. The affair caused great commotion for a few minutes at the menagerie.

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If I truly believe my opinion does not and cannot matter, I will naturally feel I have no place in a democratic society.

My first thought when dealing with a conspiracy theorist is that it has to be a stressful way to live. I cannot imagine feeling there is always someone to blame or that most people cannot be trusted. I would rather be a little naïve than constantly on edge.

My second thought relates to the reason I generally do not believe in conspiracy theories. I have worked in and around government for almost 20 years and we simply are not that organized. In public discourse government is often understood as a single entity. But in reality, government is a complex decentralized network of state, local, and federal power centers.

Individual governments are no less complex. The city of Oshkosh, for example, has 600 employees working across many departments. The level of coordination and secrecy needed for conspiracies large and small is inconsistent with the structure of our government.

But, people are still drawn to conspiracy, and that cannot be ignored. I go back to my point about agency. If people are drawn to conspiracies because they feel a lack of agency, efforts to give them agency can combat conspiratorial thinking. How? I think it begins with a commitment to proac-
tive transparency.

Proactive transparency is when a government entity provides financial and performance data that goes beyond what is required in statute. A culture of proactive transparency seeks to meet residents where they are, presents the same information in various formats, and translates the language of government into common language. Over time, such a culture will empower residents and crowd out the ambiguous spaces where conspiracies thrive.

No doubt there will always be conspiracy theorists. But, a deliberate effort to get at the root causes of conspiracy can ensure such opinions are outliers rather than mainstream. Ultimately, a more transparent and responsive government will be better at tackling human trafficking, that are devalued when wrapped up in conspiratorial thinking.

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Bank First acquires Hometown Bank

Bank First Corp., the holding company of Bank First N.A., is merging with Home- town Bancorp Ltd., parent company of Hometown Bank, a Wisconsin state-char- tered bank based in Fond du Lac.

Bank First Corp., a Manitowoc-based holding company with an Oshkosh loca- tion at 1159 N Koeller St., has agreed to acquire 100% of the common stock of Hometown in a stock-and-cash transac- tion.

The closing of the transaction is expect- ed to be in the fourth quarter of 2022. Based on June 30 financial results, the combined company will have total assets of about $4.3 billion, loans of $3.3 billion and deposits of $3.7 billion.

Shea Electric partners with breezEV on charging stations

To help property owners, businesses and municipalities create electric vehi- cle (EV) charging infrastructure, Shea Electric & Communications is installing breezEV hassle-free charging stations.

EV drivers normally charge their vehi- cles while at home, but also need places at work or in the community to power up.

“Drivers are looking for more chargers and they expect to see them at work, busi- nesses and schools and public places like parks or a shopping district,” said Dan Shea, owner of Shea Electric & Commu- nications. “EVs have grown in popularity and the framework needs to be in place so drivers can get where they need to go.”

Created by Illinois-based Light Effec- tive Design, breezEV chargers work with every type of vehicle. BreezEV comes with AmpUp, an EV software that pro- vides tools for managing multiple EV sta- tions and locations. Shea said the mobile app alerts drivers when a nearby charger is available and uses Amp Reservations to schedule vehicle charging.

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Oshkosh Defense system delivery begins

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The Small Business Innovation Re- search (SBIR/STTR) program is available and uses Amp Reservations to provide tools for managing multiple EV sta-

Business startup info offered at free session

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Businesses that are typically not good matches for SBIR/STTR funding include restaurants, hospitality businesses, direct consumer retail and real estate.

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Come sail away
Sailing students of all ages gather twice each week on the dock at Millers Bay to participate in classes conducted by International Youth Sailing of Oshkosh. Sara Eliasen serves as instructor and is shown briefing students before launching Hobie Wave catamarans. Each boat crew carries a radio and, as needed, an instructor. There is also an outboard powered safety boat ready to assist. Fourth-graders in the school district have an opportunity to participate. “The best part about teaching sailing is the ability to share something we love and see people get excited and take up the sport,” Eliasen said. “Kids gain confidence and do something they never thought they could do.”

Airsoft gun incidents keep police busy
Oshkosh Herald
The Oshkosh Police Department has investigated 38 incidents so far this year involving Orbeez guns. Orbeez guns are plastic airsoft facsimile weapons that use water-filled projectiles. Some of these Orbeez guns closely resemble real firearms, such as handguns and rifles. If these facsimile weapons are mistaken as real firearms, the results can be catastrophic. There is a current trend on social media encouraging individuals to post videos of themselves shooting the gun at random people. Oshkosh police have made four arrests for disorderly conduct and shooting an airsoft gun. These projectiles can injure people and cause damage to property. Last week in Oshkosh, two children were injured by an individual firing this type of gun out of a moving vehicle. Police urge parents to monitor their children if they own an airsoft gun and explain to them the consequences of shooting them at people or property.

Parks Department offices relocate to 3rd
The Oshkosh Parks Department's office has relocated its operations to the Water Distribution building at 757 W. 3rd Ave. in preparation for the new Parks Administration and Operations Building that will be constructed this fall. Parks Director Ray Maurer and administrative assistant Stacy James will be based at the Water Distribution building throughout the construction project that is anticipated to last 12 to 13 months. Assistant Parks Director Chad Dallman, landscape operations manager Travis Derks and field staff will relocate to the Public Works Field Operations Facility at 639 Witzel Ave. Office hours will remain from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m.

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St. Paul’s United Church of Christ and Emmaus Ecumenical Catholic Communi-
ty share worship space at Highway 21 and Leonard Point Road, and more recently that includes garden space in a lot owned by host church St. Paul’s.

The congregations made plans during the early stages of the pandemic for a garden that would supply local food pantries with fresh produce. Prayers were up, a committee formed and meetings were held. Ground was broken in 2021 and a 30-by-50-foot plot was prepared by a St. Paul’s member who is a lifelong farmer and gardener.

A bountiful harvest was realized in the first year with more than 400 pounds of produce donated.

Bonds between the two congregations, and among surrounding communities, were formed and strengthened. Church officials noted that deer, rabbits and Japanese beetles sampled the beet and bean tops from time to time and seemed to approve of the endeavor.

This year the plot was expanded to 30 by 70 feet with space dedicated for wildflow-

ers and sunflowers. By mid-July the garden required nearly daily attention.

“Pastors and church councils are not the only ministries within a church. Everyone has a ministry through which they can serve and improve the world,” one church leader said. “A church garden is one of those min-

istries that just so happens to reach those who are in vital need, from the ground up.”

Residents can visit the garden and faith communities any Sunday morning and company the effort by contacting Tim at tgr0ganus@yahoo.com.
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**Calendar of events**

**Ongoing**

"Helen Farnsworth Mears: A Genius of Wisconsin," Oshkosh Public Museum, through Sunday


**Wednesday, Aug. 10**

Brews on the Bay, 5 p.m., Menominee Park

Bingo, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, 1332 Spruce St.

Andy Braun, 6 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

**Thursday, Aug. 11**

Waterfest with The Beach Boys, 6:30 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Music on Main, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

Jolly Jester Community Theater’s "The Music Man," 7 p.m., Albert Naumburg Auditorium

Mike Grass, 5:30 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co., 1501 Arboriduare Drive

Ruckus Unplugged, 6 p.m., Dockside Tavern

Music on Main, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

Jolly Jester Community Theater’s "The Music Man," 7 p.m., Albert Naumburg Auditorium

Oshkosh City Golf Tournament, 8 a.m.

Westhaven Golf Club

"Jaws," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Stank Town, 3 p.m., TJ’s Harbor, 7098 Wisconsin St.

Kip Jones, 2 p.m., TJ’s Harbor, 7098 Wisconsin St.

Michael Sullivan, 5:30 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co., 1501 Arboriduare Drive

TJ and Lynn, noon, Parker John’s BBQ, 30 Wisconsin St.

Orleans Avenue and Gov’t Mule, 5:45 p.m.

Astronaut and Bad Omens, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

"Jaws," 7 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

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TJ and Lynn, noon, Parker John’s BBQ, 30 Wisconsin St.

Fire on High, 2 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

Jordan Blanchard, 2 p.m., TJ’s Harbor, 7098 U.S. 45

Michael Sullivan, 5:30 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co., 1501 Arboriduare Drive

United Way campaign kickoff set for the friends and neighbors who need our support,” said campaign co-chair Brenda Haines. “This event reflects the impact that we have on our community and inspires everyone to join the fight to raise funds that improve access to services for early childhood development, mental health, and financial stability.”

Participants are asked to wear their favorite Oshkosh and/or aviation-themed gear. Registration is required and will close at noon Friday at oshkoshunitedway.org/campaignkickoff.

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**Wednesday, Aug. 10**

Oshkosh man charged after high speed pursuits

Oshkosh Herald

A 42-year-old Oshkosh man was charged with possession of cocaine with intent to deliver and eluding during two high-speed pursuits with law enforcement on Aug. 5 between Fond du Lac and Winnebago counties.

No injured or property damage properties were damaged in these chases, the final of which proceeded northbound on I-41 at speeds of near 120 mph.

According to KFIZ-FM, a sergeant with the Fond du Lac County sheriff’s department pulled the man over for a traffic violation on I-41 near County Highway B. After a second officer arrived on scene after noticing a scent of drugs, the driver took off.

Shortly after the first pursuit of about 6.6 miles was terminated, the same vehicle was found driving recklessly in Fond du Lac.

After avoiding deflation devices on Johnson Street, the pursuant entered I-41 at high speeds.

**Friday, Aug. 12**

Marine Corps League bingo, 5:30 p.m., 4715 Sherman Road

Music on Main, 5:30, Opera House Square

Jolly Jester Community Theater’s "The Music Man," 7 p.m., Albert Naumburg Auditorium

That Guy, 6 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

**Saturday, Aug. 13**

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown
downtown Oshkosh Chalk Walk, 8 a.m., Opera House Square

Jolly Jester Community Theater’s "The Music Man," 7 p.m., Albert Naumburg Auditorium

Oshkosh City Golf Tournament, 8 a.m.

Westhaven Golf Club

"Jaws," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Stank Town, 3 p.m., Fifth Ward Brewing Co., 1009 S. Main St.

The MoonShiners, 7 p.m., Dockside Tavern

Music on Main, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

Oshkosh City Golf Tournament, 8 a.m., Westhaven Golf Club

Scotty Meyer, 5:30 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co., 1501 Arboriduare Drive

Nicki Sims, noon, Parker John’s BBQ, 30 Wisconsin St.

Kip Jones, 2 p.m., TJ’s Harbor, 7098 Wisconsin St.

**Monday, Aug. 15**

Bingo, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, 1332 Spruce St.

Andy Braun, 6 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

**Tuesday, Aug. 16**

Live at the Leach with the Glam Band, 5:30 p.m.

Leach Amphitheater

Beethoven and Bad Omens, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Open Roll No. 4, 5:30 p.m., Andy’s Drive In, 2413 S. Main St.

Dark Nights Trivia, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Backstage Pass, 6 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

**Friday, Aug. 19**

Bingo, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, 1332 Spruce St.

Andy Braun, 6 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

**Saturday, Aug. 20**

Marine Corps League bingo, 5:30 p.m., 4715 Sherman Road

Bobby Evans, 5:30 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co., 1501 Arboriduare Drive

Backstage Pass, 7 p.m., Revs Bowl, 275 N. Washburn St.

**Saturday, Aug. 21**

United Oshkosh Farmers Market and Square Fare, 8 a.m., downtown

Town of Algoma Fire Department Car Show & Pig Roast, 8 a.m., Skipper Buds, 2060 Omro Road

Sawdust City Classic basketball tournament, 8 a.m., UW Oshkosh Student Recreation Center

Ruckus, 3 p.m., Fifth Ward Brewing Co., 1009 S. Main St.

Soul Revival Trio, 7 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

**Sunday, Aug. 21**

Bubbie Bonanza, 1 p.m., Menominee Park

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Be Courageous

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pass,” is held every Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Solutions Recovery building, 621 Evans St.

“It’s a 12-step-based program to help them look at the disease and not the child,” Molly said.

SRI also has a 24-hour hotline at 920-233-0888 where people can talk with recovery coaches.

Erik Smiltneek has been certified in family and addiction medicine for about a decade. He works directly with patients in or seeking recovery by providing them medication that aids with treatment and their recovery journey.

Typically someone identifies first that there’s a problem, whether it be that they overdosed and went to the ER, had their own realization or a family member spoke up, at which point they get referred to Smiltneek.

“The referrals to me are usually people who are looking for medications to help with either the management of withdrawal symptoms or relapse prevention,” Smiltneek explained.

There are other referrals where the person may be still using but are seeking ways to stop or use more safely.

“We get to know a lot of what the different dimensions are of their issues and work on how we solve those,” he said. “If people are working through (other recovery) programs and it seems they’re faltering, that may be a time where addiction medicine might help. I’ve seen people working virtually perfect programs but are still struggling. I think it’s just how the brain is set up.”

Treatment with Smiltneek can last anywhere from a few weeks to several years, depending on the circumstances. If someone gets stuck in a situation where relapse is more likely, the medications he provides may be significantly beneficial for that long period of time, potentially indefinitely.

“The idea is to make it so that the recovery process is not intrusive in your life but a strong one,” Smiltneek added. “Talk to people about what you’re worried about and what’s going on. Talk to someone who you love and trust.”

Kathleen Mueske of the Campus Lutheran Ministry at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh is actively working to bring certified peer support specialists to campus for students seeking recovery through the national Peer Recovery Movement.

Peer recovery specialists may be students going into helping careers or professions and interested in the path of substance use recovery, she explained.

“We want to take a look at (lived experiences) and help the person determine how they want to live their life and make choices, what their lifestyle is going to look like and how to follow those guidelines,” Mueske said. “When you have peers working with peers, it’s a good resource to learn about boundaries and making positive, healthy choices for themselves.”

Mueske said these peer specialists are quite supportive in addition to counseling and 12-step programs because they allow a connection at a personal level.

“You just have to have the desire to get clean. There’s always a chance to start over,” Farady-Sultze said.

For more information about the Peer Recovery Movement, visit wicps.org. For those who may be interested in pursuing a career in addiction medicine, contact Smiltneek at eric.smiltneek@aah.org. For more information about Solutions Recovery, visit sri-wi.org. Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous groups can be found at aa.org or na.org.
Downtown creativity

The Downtown Oshkosh Business Improvement District has been hosting multiple art events this month, including artists creating live on Main Street. A new mural titled “Grew with the Flow” was installed at 219 State St. on the side of Richard’s School of the Dance by artist Molly Z. Saturday the community can watch more than 40 artists create chalk art around Opera House Square at the eighth annual Chalk Walk starting at 8 a.m.
West golfers bring more experience to the course

By Steve Clark
Oshkosh Northwestern

Oshkosh West girls golf coach Dan Powers hopes to reap rewards from a more experienced group as the Wildcats prepare to tee off on the 2022 season.

“West returns three members of the team it took to the WIAA regional meet last year and Powers said he has a nucleus of five or six girls who “have played a lot of varsity golf over the past few years” to build around entering the season.

“All of our underclassmen are coming back and that gives us more experience,” said Powers, whose team is slated to open the season Friday at an invitational at Winagamie Golf Course. “I think we will be more competitive than we were last year just with the experience level we have and the kids playing a little more golf over the summer.”

The group of returners for the Wildcats includes sophomores Haley Hammern and Kennedy Foote as well as senior Tessa Whitcomb, who each played on West’s regional team that finished seventh at Rolling Meadows last fall.

Powers also highlighted Marin Bell, Morgan Toman and Kiley Gibbs as experienced players for the Wildcats, who are likely to compete for varsity spots.

“Then, you always have a couple of freshmen you don’t quite know about that will hopefully be a surprise,” Powers said.

Although having the experience helps, the Wildcats will have to replace its two golfers from last year, including one – Abby Curtis – who qualified for the sectional meet as an individual.

Curtis, who was West’s first sectional qualifier since the Wildcats advanced as a team in 2017, may be graduated but Powers believes that her efforts last year can still impact this year’s squad.

“When you have somebody who makes it to sectionals or a team that makes it sectionals, it gives a little extra motivation to the girls to show that this is what we can do and these are what our goals are,” Powers said. “I think (this team) can be competitive and I have a hope for a top four or five finish in the conference. That would be a good goal for us.”

The Wildcats’ first conference dual meet of the year will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 16 at the Oshkosh Country Club against rival Oshkosh North.

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Oshkosh North

Oshkosh North fielded three freshman and a sophomore in taking ninth at last year’s WIAA Division 1 Regional Meet and could have a much more experienced group if all four players return this season.

The group that competed for the Spartans consisted of Jena Vonholzen, Kaya Webster Smith, Maggie Lynch and Brooke Peters.

Oshkosh North has not had a sectional qualifier since 2019 when Gracie Miller, Hailie Brunk and Taylor Rammer each advanced. Miller went on to qualify for the state meet where she finished in a tie for 20th place.

The team is coached by Taylor Obry, who was unable to be reached for comment about this year’s squad.
By Steve Clark

Oshkosh Herald

Ben Buehring got to experience a bit of the major leagues for a day. The former Oshkosh West standout competed in the Wisconsin State Legion All-Star game, which was played at American Family Field on Sunday. The annual showcase invites the top senior legion players in the state to play at the home of the Brewers, following a major league game.

“It was fun, I will tell you that much,” Buehring said. “All the kids were good to be around and everything was just perfect in my eyes.”

Buehring, one of about 50 players from across the state chosen to participate, was a member of the winning “Stripes” team, which collected an 8-5 victory over the “American” team.

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For the Wildcats, Buehring was named the Fox Valley Association Player of the Year, including both the spring high school season as well as the summer Legion campaign.

“I didn’t think I would have done this from last year, for sure, but I didn’t think it was going to be this good,” Buehring said.

“To me, (the accolades) are a result of the hard work I put in. I worked hard for it and I know I earned it. It also gives me more confidence going into college because I know I’m up there.”

Buehring, who is eligible to play Legion baseball next summer, will look to continue his baseball career at Marian University in Fond du Lac, where he joins a traditionally talented Sabres’ program.

He plans to continue catching at Marian, but could also play first base as he did with the Legion at times.

“Whatever they need,” Buehring said. “I’m going to go in as a catcher and if they want to keep me there or have me somewhere else, that’s fine.”

Buehring even got to play with a future teammate in St. Mary’s Springs Legion player Casey Bartelt during the all-star game on Sunday.

“It was fun meeting up with him and being on the same team as well,” Buehring said.

The appearance in the all-star game capped an impressive senior year for Buehring, including both the spring high school season as well as the summer Legion campaign.

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“I think it was a good end to my senior year,” Buehring said. “I ended on the big stage I could ever play on so I would say it was the perfect end.”
Jacques Cousteau introduced people to the beauty of the underwater world.

When he was four years old, Jacques Cousteau learned to swim. Little did his family know that swimming would lead him to a life of adventure, discovery, and joy.

One day, while swimming at a beach, a friend gave Jacques a pair of goggles with rubber rims to keep out water. With these, Jacques was able to see fish, shells, plants—a whole new world under the sea.

He needed a boat to travel and explore bodies of water. People wanted more informative movies. Soon, his movies made them. At 13 years old, Jacques saved his allowance, penny by penny, until he could buy a small home movie camera.

Then he made them as many movies as he could. He liked to dress up as a villian with a painted-on mustache. He filmed, out of breath, the movie he wanted to stay. He and his friends practiced holding their breath for longer and longer times.

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Sadly, as time went on, Jacques saw underwater plants and animals dying. He saw that when people dumped garbage and chemicals into the ocean, it poisoned the animals and plants he loved so much.

He started to make movies to warn people of the dangers of pollution. His movies have raised money and helped people understand the importance of saving our oceans.

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COVID-19 VACCINE CLINICS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11
3 - 5 pm
Oaklawn Elementary School
112 Viola Ave, Oshkosh - Door #2

MONDAY, AUGUST 15
3 - 5 pm
Shapiro STEM Academy
1050 West 18th Ave, Oshkosh - Door #9

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20
8 am - 12 pm
Oshkosh Farmers Market
Time Community Theater - 445 North Main St

- Offering Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, boosters and additional doses. All vaccines subject to availability.
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- Children under 18 must have a parent/guardian present.

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Anyone receiving their 1st, 2nd, or booster dose at these clinics will get a $25 gas card while supplies last!

Wild ride
The “Air Max” was one of the top choices in rides last week at the Winnebago County Fair, where the line was long and the riders enthusiastic, even upside down. The fair wrapped up on Sunday, Aug. 7.

Obituaries
Sandra A. Boelter
Sandra A. Boelter, age 76, passed away unexpectedly at Aurora Medical Center on Monday, August 1, 2022. She was born to the late Zygmunt and Eva Swiatczak (Zynel) in Milwaukee on September 26, 1945. Sandra married Harley Boelter on October 30, 1965, in Wautoma. She worked in the Bakery Department at Copp’s foods as a cake decorator. Sandra enjoyed doing puzzles and scratch-off tickets, as well as gardening. Sandra was also a big animal lover. She loved spoiling her grandchildren and traveling with Harley in their RV. Sandra is survived by her sons, David, and Mike (Lori) Boelter; grandchildren, Jordan (Allie) Jamie, Bristol, Bailey, Ben, and great-grandchildren, Laura, and Stella; siblings, Clem, Jimmy, and Virginia. In addition to her parents, Sandra was preceded in death by her husband, Harley; brother, Jeffrey; sisters, Marian, and Joann; and sister-in-law, Sandra. Per Sandra’s wishes, a cremation will be taking place.

Water rate review underway
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Water rates may be going up in the future for city residents, pending review by the Public Service Commission, city staff and members of the Common Council. The process may likely take a few months. City staff have engaged with Ehlers Public Finance Advisors to assist in preparing initial cost of service analysis with and without a lifeline rate for PSC staff and council review.

The first step in the process was to submit an Application to Increase Water Rates, which establishes the revenue requirement for the utility test year. To use 2022 as the test year, the application had to be submitted by Aug. 1.

After submitting the application, the city will get back from the PSC a request for further information. The revenue requirement is defined as the amount of money that needs to be recovered by water user rates to operate the utility (operations and capital recovery). The next step in the process will be an extensive review and vetting of the revenue requirement.

Once the revenue requirement is finalized, the rate case will then move to the cost of service phase that would include the designing of a lifeline rate if the council would choose to move in that direction.

It will likely be quiet for the next month as the case is assigned to an auditor at PSC and they start to review the application and generate a list of questions on the application.

The council will have an opportunity to review rate structures with and without a lifeline rate and be able to vote on whether to pursue this option.

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Joyce Cheney

Joyce Barbara Cheney was a loving and generous mother, grandmother, sister and friend. She passed away peacefully at her residence in Oshkosh, WI on July 4, 2022, following a brief illness. Born Ronald Joe Thorpe to Cecil and Ethel Thorpe of Greenville, WI on July 14, 1959, he was the youngest of 8 children. Ron spent his entire life in the Fox Cities area.

Ron graduated from Hortonville High School in 1977 and Lakeland College in 1981, majoring in Business Administration with a minor in Recreation-Travel Management. He spent a year traveling in Europe before returning to Fox Valley and working as a Retail Manager for the Balboa Family Painting Chain. He later went on to become a successful business owner himself, founding the painting and home improvement company, Ron Thorpe Professional Services, which was later acquired by the Balboa Family Painting Chain.

Ron was an excellent cook and baker, known for his creative and delicious recipes. He loved to experiment with new ingredients and techniques, often sharing his creations with friends and family. He was a generous and welcoming host, always eager to share his cooking skills and culinary knowledge.

Ron was a lifelong learner, always eager to expand his knowledge and skills. He was a die-hard Packers fan, and took great pride in his ability to correctly predict the outcome of every game. He was also a dedicated gardener, with a particular fondness for flowers and vegetable gardening. He was known for his “green thumb” and often surprised friends and family with his ability to grow beautiful and bountiful crops.

Ron was a devoted family man, known for his love and support of his children, grandchildren, and nieces and nephews. He was a dedicated husband, brother, and best friend to his wife, Karen, and shared a lifelong partnership with her. He was an active member of his church and community, and was known for his kind and compassionate nature.

Ron’s greatest love was his family, and he will be remembered for his unwavering love and support of those around him. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him, and his legacy will continue to live on through the memories and stories that will be shared for years to come.

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Patricia A. Lowther, age 73, passed away at Edenbrook of Oshkosh on the evening of Tuesday, August 2, 2022. She was born to the late Edward and Gertrude (Ullrich) Leslie on August 13, 1948, in Sheboygan, WI. Pat attended UW White- water where she was a member of Omicron Pi Sorority and graduated with her Bachelor’s Degree in a 4.0 GPA. She went on to Marian University where she finished her Master’s Degree in education with a 4.0 GPA. Pat worked for the Oshkosh Area School District and was the first teacher to teach computers and computer programming in the state of Wisconsin. She retired after 35 years. She married Tom Lowther on June 2, 1973, in Oshkosh, a marriage last- ing 49 years.

Patricia was an avid crafter, she started her business called Pat’s Place where she made fabric-lined baskets, Patricia and her husband would attend many craft shows together.

Patricia was also a member of several quilt guilds. Her friends created a club called S&H, which stood for Stitch & Bitch, she always looked forward to seeing her friends there.

Patricia also enjoyed traveling with her son when she was in better health, she went on many trips such as the Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance Car Week in Carmel, California, week-long trips with the Corvette Club which included seeing the Biltmore Estate, and finally, day trips with the Porsche Club.

Patricia is survived by her husband, Tom; son Tommy Lowther; stepson, Jeff Lowther; brother, John (Jane) Leslie; and sisters, Suzanne (David) Dailey and Judy (John) Leslie. Pat is further survived by nieces, nephews, and cousins. In addition to her parents, Pat was preceded in death by her daughter, Leslie Lowther; brother, Dr. Edward Leslie, and sister, Suzanne (David) Dailey.

The funeral for Patricia Lowther, will be held at Lake View Community Church (402 N Commercial St, Neenah, WI 54956) on Saturday, August 13, 2022. The visitation will be from 9:00AM to 11:00AM, followed by a 11:00AM Pastor Matt Zodrow service. We will have the burial at Evergreen Cemetery in Menasha.

The family would like to give thanks to the employees at Edenbrook of Oshkosh, with a special thanks to Cindy Anderson.

A private family celebration of Pat’s life will be held at Edenbrook of Oshkosh on the evening of Wednesday, August 10, 2022.

Funeral home in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Living Vine Community Church.

Aurora Medical Center ICU Oshkosh for church-family relationships while at- tending UW Whitewater while earning a 4.0 GPA. She was the best “Nana” ever to her grandchil- dren, often staying up until the wee hours of the morning to complete them. She was avid about her crocheting and her dish clothes remain a prized possession of both family and friends.

She was an active member of St John’s Lutheran Church where she forged the relationship of a lifetime, that with her Lord Jesus. It was at St John’s that lifelong friendships were formed with her Bible study partners and those outside the church who volunteered at church. She continued her passion for church-family relationships while at- tending Four Square Church in Oshkosh where she was blessed to mentor youn- ger women and the family, and further entered that church without being cued for by that time.

She was predeceased by her husband, Martin Flegler on January 23, 2011. She is sur- vived by her six children: Connie (Al) Odell, Kim (Toni) Flegler, Michael Fleg- ler, Victoria (Jim) Morris, Barbara (Mike) Zellmer, and Thomas (Stephanie) Maney Flegler in 1952. To- gether they raised their son when she was in better health, she went on many trips such as the Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance Car Week in Carmel, California, week-long trips with the Corvette Club which included seeing the Biltmore Estate, and finally, day trips with the Porsche Club.

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