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Ken Osmond of Planet Perk delivers free meals last week as one of many business providing community support as well as home delivery.

Restaurants try to tackle new service challenges

By Joseph Schulz
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Last week Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers ordered all bars and restaurants to close for dine-in service to limit the spread of the coronavirus, a move that has left local business owners scrambling.

“We are seeing community spread of COVID-19 in Wisconsin; this means that there are people who have tested positive who have had no exposures to a known case, nor did they travel to a location where there is known community spread,” Evers said in a media briefing March 17. “Social distancing will help keep you and your family and our community from increased risk of exposure.”

At the briefing, Evers also asked the state Legislature to repeal Wisconsin’s one week

wait period for collecting unemployment.

The order comes after Illinois, Washington, Ohio, New Jersey, New York and Connecticut have all closed bars and restaurants for dine-in eating, according to The Associated Press. Bars and restaurants in those states as well as Wisconsin are still permitted to serve carryout and delivery to customers.

State Insurance Commissioner Mark Afable has ordered insurers to cover delivery services for restaurants on personal auto insurance policies and offer coverage for hired drivers and non-owned automobiles as a rider on a restaurant’s general liability insurance for no additional cost.

Some businesses have already been

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Response puts city to tough test

Oshkosh Herald

Precautions tied to the COVID-19 virus outbreak are testing the concerns and livelihoods of Oshkosh residents as schools, businesses and most other public entities plan for a longer break from normal activities than initially feared.

The all-encompassing pandemic response has either canceled or altered most forms of gatherings into April to curb transmission of the new virus, putting financial pressure on private and public enterprises that are adopting strategies

to best get them to the other side of the crisis.

Gov. Tony Evers ordered state residents to stay in their

homes starting this week, which will require most to work remotely or face job losses if their workplace is not deemed essential. Restaurants and bars may stay open but for delivery and pickup orders.

As of early this week, Winnebago County health officials said the number of positive cases of COVID-19 remained at five though the number of tests conducted was only at 140. Two new cases last week were linked to one of the first three reported while the Health Department seeks to identify all close contacts.

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Oshkosh continues to answer rallying cry to help

By Karen Schneider
HERALD PUBLISHER

Gov. Tony Evers shared this week that “Stay at Home” goes into place Wednesday for Wisconsin. We went to press on Monday ahead of the Tuesday news conference, but he shared on a conference call Monday that Stay at Home is what we have been practicing the past week and is meant to stop the playdates, dinner parties, etc. for those unclear on what social distancing means.

There will be additional impact on businesses as more information on

“essential business” was to be shared Tuesday, but restaurants, gas stations and grocery stores will remain open.

We realize the unknown and uncertainties continue, but I have heard from leaders in the community looking for ways to support small business, create social connectiveness and assist where they can in a “6-foot” environment.

You’ll read in today’s issue about online tools Amy Albright and the Oshkosh Convention & Visitors Bureau have developed to help small businesses and our local restaurants, the work the Greater

Oshkosh Economic Development Corp., the Chamber and city are doing to assist businesses during this time, and you may have participated in the United Way’s Community Cares Drive for personal protective equipment that took place Tuesday at the Convention Center.

We are working with Anne Schaefer from the Seniors Center on a program we hope to share next week on how you can connect with others who may feel isolated and alone.

“Everyone rallies over the needs,” Schaeffer said about her faith in us, the

Oshkosh community.

The Oshkosh Herald is dedicated to our community and will do our best to keep you informed and connected.

Albright, CVB executive director, sent an article that read in part and rings so true, “We are all, your favorite places and you, in this together. The unknowns are not known by any of us. It is frightening and uncomfortable for everyone.

“Luckily, our community has some of the toughest folks around, and we will absolutely get through this together. And when we do, it’s going to feel amazing!”

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City, school candidates previewed

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Six people are seeking three positions on the Common Council and three are running for two open seats on the Oshkosh Area School District’s Board of Education that will be decided April 7 along with the presidential primary and a state Supreme Court race between incumbent Justice Daniel Kelly and Circuit Judge Jill Karofsky.

Voters can check information at myvote.wi.gov, where the city is encouraging residents to vote through absentee ballots that can be requested through April 2.

For council seats are incumbents Matt Mugerauer and Bill Miller; and challengers Lynnsey Erickson, Michael Ford, Danny Garcia and Robert Wilcox. Deputy Mayor Steve Herman is not seeking re-election.

School board hopefuls include incumbents Barb Herzog and Bob Poeschl, and challenger Jen Sullivan. Neither of the races required a Feb. 18 primary runoff.

Candidates have contact information and responses to questions posed by the League of Women Voters Winnebago County through the national group’s voter guide project at Vote411.org.

Common Council

Mugerauer is a customer service team manager at 4imprint, a promotional products corporation in Oshkosh that operates in North America, the United Kingdom and Ireland and employs more than 500 people. He studied organizational administration at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, went to Oshkosh West High School and is from Oshkosh.

Miller is president of Northern Telephone & Data Corp., where he has been for the past 26 years. A longtime supporter of the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh, he had served on the group’s board of directors. He was voted into the council in 2019.

Erickson works at the Winnebago County Health Department where she is responsible for community health strategies. She has a master’s in public administration from UW Oshkosh and a bachelor’s degree from UW Madison. She is active on Facebook where she keeps people updated on how to vote and her top issues.

Ford, an associate professor at UW Oshkosh, has a website detailing his thoughts on issues. He has a doctor of philosophy degree in urban arts and master’s

in political science from UW-Milwaukee, and a bachelor’s in political science from Marquette University. He has been published 31times in academic journals.

Garcia is an attorney at Petit & Dommershausen Law Office. He has a degree in political science and government from UW Madison and doctorate from UW Law School. He was chair of the LGBTQ+ caucus of the Wisconsin Democratic Party and Fond du Lac County Democratic Party.

Wilcox, from Oshkosh, works as a landlord and previously ran for council in 2017. He previously stated his opposition to the wheel tax as well as the renter’s inspection service that requires a city inspection of tenant housing every five years.

Board of Education

Herzog is the incumbent board president and has been on the board since 2013. She is an academic staff member at UW Oshkosh and holds a doctorate in philosophy from UW Madison, a master’s in education, history and social science from UWO and a bachelor’s degree in education and social science history from UWO. She is board president of SOAR (Special Opportunities for Artist Residence).

Poeschl is on the city council and school board. He has a bachelor’s degree in religion/religious studies from UW Oshkosh, and is a property/program manager at the Oshkosh Winnebago County Housing Authority. Poeschl has said he abstains from voting when he thinks an issue crosses both lines of his elected responsibilities.

Sullivan owns Independent Norwex, which sells cleaning products. She spoke before the board ahead of the Smith Elementary School closure decision, saying that the process was done too quickly. She also worked at U.S. Bank in Oshkosh and Cost Plus World Market.

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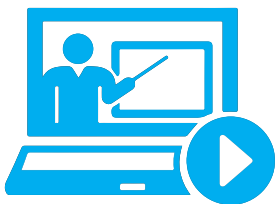
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3 **RETURN:** Mailed ballots must be received, not postmarked, by 4:30 PM on Tuesday, April 7. The City Hall drop box is available for in-person drop off. The deadline for drop off is also 4:30 PM on Tuesday, April 7.



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Housing needs, education initiatives advanced

Rock the Block still on May 12-15 schedule

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Oshkosh Plan Commission, along with the Oshkosh Redevelopment Authority, recommended approval last week of the city's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, its 2020 Annual Action Plan and a Citizen Participation Plan as they related to meeting the city's housing needs.

The plans are required by the federal Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) for the city to continue to receive Community Development Block Grant funds. The plans involve an extensive analysis of housing conditions in the city, definition of impediments to providing fair housing and strategies to increase the supply of affordable, accessible and safe housing.

The coronavirus situation has put an

obstacle to generating public input at meetings as well as tentative approval by the Common Council at this week's meeting because of City Hall closures.

Copies of the plans are available at www.ci.oshkosh.wi.us under the City Economic Development category. Comments can be addressed to Darlene Brandt, Grants Coordinator, Community Development Dept., 215 Church Ave., PO Box 1130, Oshkosh, WI 54903 or at dbrandt@ci.oshkosh.wi.us. The deadline is April 6 for receipt of comments, which will be included as part of the Oshkosh submittal to HUD.

The city is expected to receive \$841,000 in block grant funds for this year. Brandt added there are other funds the city can use for housing-related purposes.

The plans were put together by Urban Design Ventures, a consulting firm from Pennsylvania. The city must put together and submit a plan every five years. Annually the CDBG Action Plan is prepared to demonstrate how the federal funds from HUD will be spent.

The city must also demonstrate that

it is affirmatively furthering fair housing by conducting a Fair Housing Analysis, which identifies any impediments to fair housing choices and what steps the city will undertake to deal with those impediments.

Brandt said the city received 1,100 survey responses to questions using SurveyMonkey.com and the Polco questionnaire through the city. She said no socioeconomic data questions were asked to track the nature of the responses. She also noted that questions were asked of community organizations and others that deal with housing and community development.

The following were identified as impediments to Fair Housing in the report:

- Accessible housing
- A need for fair housing education and outreach to improve the public's knowledge about the topic and resources available.
- A need for affordable housing as 45.6 percent of renters and 25 percent of homeowners pay more than 30 percent of their monthly income for housing.

Public policy issues, such as with the city's zoning ordinance to promote types of affordable housing, including financial incentives to developers.

In other action, Plan Commission members recommended approval of a conditional use permit for an outdoor storage use at 3010 Bradley St. requested by Karls Transport Inc. and Vinton Construction Co. and text amendments to the city's zoning ordinance to clarify specific provisions.

The Oshkosh Redevelopment Authority at its Wednesday meeting recommended approval of the Sawdust District Master Plan along with spot blight designations for properties with an offer to purchase them at 1004 S. Main St., 1628 Liberty St. and 422 Otter Ave.

Community Development Director Allen Davis said the Rock the Block project in the Congress Fields Neighborhood Association area for May 12-15 is still planned with 50 homes included in the effort.



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Oshkosh Food Co-op hits 80 percent of deadline goal

Oshkosh Food Co-op leaders said they have reached 80 percent of their funding goal to open a community-owned grocery store at Jackson Street and Pearl Avenue. Gifts, loans and verbal commitments worth \$1,276,402 have been received, the group announced.

Five organizations have announced their support and one has challenged co-op members and others to help reach the campaign goal by March 31.

- The Women's Fund of the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation will sup-

port the Food Co-op's Chatty Checkout for shoppers who prefer social interaction in-store. The support follows the Women's Fund's campaign against social isolation, a plight with adverse health impacts.

- First Congregational Church will make loans to support the project based on its social justice work and goals for strengthening Oshkosh's central city.
- The JEK Foundation is making a loan to the co-op through the Community Foundation.
- The Oshkosh Area Community Foun-

dation has pledged a \$100,000 loan to the co-op. Two anonymous donors are matching the loan.

- The Alberta Kimball Foundation has pledged support for the project.

The co-op has leased 8,000 square feet of space from Merge Urban Development on the first floor of the proposed Brio Building and must complete its fundraising by March 31 to move forward with plans for this site. Supporters can make a tax-deductible, charitable gift through the Community Foundation.

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Oshkosh Corp., UAW work on new contract

By Joseph Schulz
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Negotiations between Oshkosh Corp. and United Automobile Workers Local 578 have started even though the current contract still has more than a year to run.

“Oshkosh Defense and the UAW 578 are having conversations well in advance of contract expiration to ensure we are in the best possible position to not only take care of our production team members but to provide strong business continuity for our customer,” Oshkosh Defense Chief Operating Officer Don Bent said in a written statement.

Bent’s statement added that he couldn’t comment on the specifics of the negotiations because they are confidential.

Both the union and the company have a lot riding on the negotiations and the shape of a new collective bargaining agreement (CBA). The union is looking at a drop of as much as 30 percent in membership as it loses its current protection from the state’s right-to-work law.

The company has just come off a sharp drop in defense-related profits, which it says is temporary, and faces possible new competition on the production of its Joint Light Tactical Vehicle (JLTV).

The new CBA will take effect in September 2021 but is being renegotiated early because the company needs to have a cost structure in place for its defense contract, according to a member of United Automobile Workers Local 578.

Once the CBA takes effect, Oshkosh Corp. employees will no longer be protected from Wisconsin’s right-to-work law.

The law prevents a company and a union from entering into an agreement that forces workers to join the union as a condition of employment.

Oshkosh workers are grandfathered into pre-right-to-work laws because the UAW’s contract was extended in 2013 — two years before Wisconsin became a right-to-work state. When that contract was extended, 317,000 Wisconsin workers were union members, but by 2019 only 219,000 workers were union members, a 31 percent decrease, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

UAW leaders fear they could see a similar decrease in membership after the new CBA takes effect.

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh history professor Jeffrey Pickron, who researches American labor movements, said unions lose bargaining power when membership declines, making it harder to petition companies for better wages and benefits.

“If your union has enough people in it, you essentially have more leverage against your employer,” Pickron said.

While the union faces uncertainty about maintaining members, the company faces uncertainty about maintaining its position as the sole-source provider of JLTVs.

Last month the U.S. Army said it plans to continue buying JLTVs from Oshkosh but will put the vehicles out for competitive bid with a new contract coming in fiscal 2022, which starts Oct. 1, 2021.

“A split procurement will occur between the existing Oshkosh contract and the new competitively awarded contract



Photo by Joseph Schulz

United Automobile Workers Local 578 headquarters on Oregon Street is shown.


based on the approved acquisition strategy,” the Army said in a budget document released in February.

Company officials remain optimistic about the future of the JLTV program, in part because of the potential for overseas sales.

“Our JLTV defense team was just over in London at an armored vehicle confer-

ence, and they had 16 different ministries of defense, all doing trials and demonstrations on JLTV,” Oshkosh CEO Wilson R. Jones said in January, speaking to stock analysts.

“We’re very excited about the opportunities in Europe and the Middle East for the JLTV. We expect orders in ’20 and in ’21 from an international standpoint.”



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School meal program seeks backers with expansion

By Jack Tierney
OSHKOSH HERALD

The school district’s Grab-and-Go meal program will continue and hopefully expand until the virus emergency status is over, Superintendent Vicki Cartwright told the Board of Education at its March 19 meeting. Families or students who need food can go to the district website and its meal program section for details on what it offers to both students and nonstudents.

People, not the government, are currently funding the program, and Cartwright said donations are needed. She said the district is being refunded for student meals only. She said it is important that students and nonstudent both eat. The program helps people who cannot afford to feed themselves.

Board president Barbara Herzog opened the meeting by saying a retired teacher donated \$500 to the program, and Cartwright said a business has donated \$15,000.

Tax-free donations can be made to the

OASD Education Foundation — Basic Needs Fund. Checks should be written out to the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation with “Oshkosh Basic Needs Fund” written in the memo and mailed or dropped off at 230 Ohio St., Suite 100, Oshkosh, WI 54902. Electronic donations can be made through www.oshkoshareacf.org.

Donations can be dropped off at the OASD business office at 215 S. Eagle St. or mailed to P.O. Box 3048, Oshkosh, WI 54903, Attn: Business Office, with “Grab-and-Go Free Meal Program” indicated.

“We care about our families and we want to be able to provide this service to them,” Cartwright said. “As long as we have funds (and a food supply), we will be able to continue to do this.”

In other action, the board:

- Approved Bray Architects to lead the proposed “Pathway B” long-term consolidation plan of district schools. Bray offered the lowest rate and met key criteria the board members were looking for such as proximity and history of building

in Wisconsin. Bray estimated the project to cost the district \$4,904,500 which was the lowest of the three finalist OASD interviewed for the spot, and Bray offered a 4.9 percent architect fee, which was also lowest between them, Hoffman and McMahon architects.

- Approved orders for Kajeet wireless Internet providers operating on wireless networks. Kajeets will allow students in low broadband areas to have instant access to the Internet, the Kajeet acting as a hot spot. It’s a pocket-sized device offered to grades 6-12. There are limits to usage time and battery life. OASD said they will deliver devices to students if needed.
- Approved pay increases for substitute teachers at select schools and stipend amounts as well as daily rates for specialized substitute teachers (such as those

who teach special education programs). Cartwright said OASD had a substitute teacher shortage. She said pay for substitute teachers was behind neighboring districts and now their substitute rates are in-line with neighboring districts.

- Will meet in-person for its April 8 meeting. They will work on a resolution detailing board-meeting responsibilities during emergency situations so that wording allows them to have virtual board meetings when it’s in the best interest of public health. Wording of the resolution was discussed at length but not finalized. Board members noted that their role demands committing to all meetings and they don’t want to alter the wording of the current resolution to be misused without getting legal direction.

Excellence in Leadership event rescheduled

In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Excellence in Leadership luncheon event at the Oshkosh Convention Center has been rescheduled from April 22 to Oct. 20, featuring Dee Ann Turner, former vice president and 33-year veteran of Chick-fil-A restaurants.

Turner will present her “Recipe For A Remarkable Culture.” Tickets for those already registered are valid for the rescheduled event. If unable to attend Oct.

20 people can receive a ticket refund by contacting walterscottjr8@gmail.com. Registration will reopen at EILgroup.org.

Bob Lenz, who was scheduled to speak Oct. 20, will be the speaker for April 20, 2021.

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Groups rally behind small business needs

By Joseph Schulz
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

As local businesses begin to feel the financial strain of the coronavirus outbreak, community leaders are stepping up to provide a helping hand.

The Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corp., Convention and Visitors Bureau, Chamber of Commerce and City of Oshkosh are all working to reduce the burden placed on local businesses by the economic slowdown.

GO-EDC's Revolving Loan Fund Committee suspended all principal and interest payments for current loan recipients through the Greater Oshkosh Revolving Loan Fund and Greater Oshkosh Capital Catalyst Fund for three months, according to a press release.

Additional suspensions could occur as GO-EDC evaluates the situation, the release noted. GO-EDC's loans were established to fill "lending gaps" for businesses and startups in the area and are managed by GO-EDC.

Jason White, chief executive of GO-EDC, said suspending loan payments gives businesses a little breathing room to help them ride out the economic downturn.

"We believe that they don't need one more headache," White said. "There's about a hundred things that each business is going to worry about right now."

Some businesses have already closed and no longer have any revenue, while others are dealing with reduced revenues from the state's order banning dine-in service at bars and restaurants, he said.

In five years, none of the businesses that have taken loans out with GO-EDC have

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For an updated list of local business operations go to the Oshkosh Convention & Visitors Bureau's www.visitoshkosh.com/covid-19. The bureau suggests contacting specific businesses with any questions.

missed a payment and that this is the organization's way of giving back, White said.

"Everyone's world came to a crashing halt in the last couple of days, and everyone's kind of in survival mode right now waiting to see what happens next," he said. "I think for our part, we've been trying to make sure that our toolbox is filled with tools."

One of those tools is getting businesses prepared to apply for economic injury disaster loans when they become available, White noted.

GO-EDC has been helping businesses send information to Gov. Tony Evers, showing that they've suffered an economic injury. White said GO-EDC wants to ensure that when the time is right, businesses can "pull the lever" and apply.

That time has come, as Evers announced Friday that the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) approved the state's request for low-interest loans for small businesses affected by the pandemic. On March 18, Evers initially submitted a request to the SBA for assistance in the form of Economic Injury Disaster Loans.

"Surveys of businesses over the past several days, as well as inquiries into our Joint Incident Command, illustrate that the COVID-19 incident has had a significant

impact on a variety of businesses within Wisconsin," Evers' request read.

Now that the governor's request has been approved, businesses can start submitting applications for low-interest loans up to \$2 million to help overcome the financial downturn spurred by the pandemic.

Beyond GO-EDC's efforts, the CVB created a "What's open in Oshkosh" list on its website. CVB executive director Amy Albright said it's meant to help businesses negatively impacted by the pandemic.

"We're just trying to do our part to encourage people to support local at this time as much as possible," she said.

Beyond CVB efforts, the Chamber of Commerce started a Bar and Restaurant Emergency Micro Loan program to help chamber member businesses impacted, according to the loan application.

The chamber has made \$60,000 available for the program, and eligible businesses can receive up to \$2,500, the application states.

Loans will be extended with an interest rate of 3.5 percent; payments will start Oct. 1 and consist of \$100 per month for 26 months, the application noted.

Rob Kleman, the chamber's senior vice president of economic development, said the program mirrors a similar program implemented in 2010 when Main Street was undergoing reconstruction.

"This is for a targeted group that's really feeling it right now," Kleman said.

The chamber is also trying to connect workers with resources to ease the burden of losing a job due to the outbreak, said Patti Andresen-Shew, education and talent development director.

The chamber is trying to include information about how to collect unemployment, and other resources for people out of work on its website, she said.

"Whenever the state comes out with information, we're making sure that we get it on the chamber website," she said.

One of the things being lobbied for by GO-EDC and the chamber is a waiver of the one week wait period to collect unemployment, White said.

"I think that's step one, to make that assistance immediately available to folks," White said.

Another item being lobbied for is more leniency for companies that owe money to their lenders, he added.

"Hopefully, the Senate and Congress as a whole will adopt (those items), and the president will sign them," White said.

Kleman added that the chamber sent communications to Senators Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin, seeking relief for local businesses.

For local government response, City Manager Mark Rohloff told the Common Council he's been working with local economic development groups to look at ways the city can help businesses weather the storm. He said the city may ease zoning regulations on a short-term basis to help restaurants with drop-offs and pickups.

The city will also look at giving restaurants and bar owners a 90-day extension on liquor licensing fees. Rohloff said he would see if licensing deadlines depend on state regulation or if it's something the city has the power to extend.

"If we've got flexibility, I think we ought to look at it," Rohloff said.

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Oshkosh saloons and the flu pandemic of 1918

By Lee Reiherzer
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The autumn of 1918 was a time of panic in Oshkosh. A deadly pandemic had arrived.

The virus for what would come to be known as the Spanish flu had been spreading west since early September. By the end of the month, it was a full-blown pandemic. The first cases in Oshkosh were reported on Oct. 5, 1918. City Health Commissioner Dr. Arthur H. Broche confirmed that 10 city residents had been diagnosed with the Spanish flu. Two days later, two of them were dead.

It was a horrid, rapacious disease. It struck so quickly that some were reduced to helplessness within hours of first showing symptoms. It began with a raging fever, head and body aches, and burning eyes. Then hair loss, delirium and vomiting blood. Death within a day or two of onset was not uncommon.

Over the next three days, more than 150 people in Oshkosh became infected. Signs were posted on their homes: “Warning! Influenza Here.” The city came to a near standstill. A ban was placed on public gatherings. Schools, churches, and businesses closed. Events of all kinds were canceled.

There remained, however, a refuge for those unwavering in their commitment to social living. The swinging doors of Oshkosh’s saloons continued to swing open.

There’s a well-known adage favored by politicians: Never let a good crisis go to waste. The pandemic of 1918 roused Oshkosh’s ineffectual anti-liquor agitators. The rising body count inspired



The Oshkosh flu wagon outside of the State Street fire station. The city’s old, horse-drawn ambulance re-emerged in 1918 to transport those sick with the flu. The motorized ambulance was reserved for those with illnesses other than the flu.

them. On Oct. 12, a week into the crisis, a crowd of Oshkosh prohibitionists rallied at City Hall demanding to meet with Oshkosh Mayor Arthur C. McHenry. The mob was made up mostly of women representing groups such as the Winnebago County Dry League, The Woman’s Christian Temperance Union, and the Women’s Missionary Society.

“The delegation was quite large, but because of the order of the board of health against people congregating in considerable numbers, only one representative from each organization was present at the conference. The others remained outside the mayor’s office or at the Otter street entrance to the city hall while it was in progress.” — Oshkosh Daily Northwestern; Oct. 12, 1918.

The protesters delivered a predictable set of demands. Shut down all saloons and pool halls in Oshkosh — now.

Arthur C. McHenry had been Oshkosh’s mayor for seven months. He was “avowedly wet” and defiantly pro-saloon. McHenry had no use for prohibitionists. He had campaigned saying, “I stand for the largest possible measure of personal liberty... my attitude toward the saloon will be my attitude toward all legitimate business — a square deal to all without fear or favor!”

The anti-liquor crusaders couldn’t have been too surprised with the result of their

efforts. This was a group grown accustomed to losing in Oshkosh. The Northwestern reported that “Mayor McHenry received the delegation with courtesy and gave attention to what its members had to say, but he declined to accede to their request.”

McHenry told them that he’d already done all he was going to as far as the bars were concerned. The city had instituted a 5:30 p.m. curfew on cafes, restaurants, pool halls, and saloons.

Onto that was tagged a “no spitting” ordinance. Though as one Oshkosh man observed, it did little to stem the saliva tide. He counted 108 globs of expectorant on North Main Street between Algoma and Church.

A few days after the confrontation at city hall, McHenry was being less solicitous toward the anti-saloonists. He noted that in Madison, a dry town, deaths from Spanish flu far exceeded those of wet Oshkosh.

McHenry added that he wouldn’t be cowed by “agitators whose interest in the spread of the epidemic is evidently secondary to their desire to grasp this opportunity in closing institutions whose business does not coincide with their ideas of public welfare.”

But McHenry’s tactics were more nuanced than his rhetoric. The 5:30 pm curfew was tantamount to shutting the saloons down. The majority of Oshkosh’s saloon patrons didn’t leave work until 5 or 6 pm. So the taps were off by the time they reached their watering hole. The curfew had the effect of preventing people from congregating at the bar without making it a mandate.

Meanwhile, the disease raged on. By the end of October, about 1,000 cases of Spanish flu had been confirmed here.

The mayor’s approach proved effective. In early November, the spread of the disease in Oshkosh appeared to be under control. Restrictions were eased but then reinstated after another spike in new cases. Finally, in late November, the disease abated. Eight weeks after the first reported cases, the curfew and ban on public gatherings were lifted. Schools reopened on the first Monday in December.

By that time, 116 Oshkoshers were said to have died from the dread disease. Christmas was coming. Black wreaths were hung from the doors of the dead.

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

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Nonprofits set relief fund for worst of virus impact

The Oshkosh Area United Way and Oshkosh Area Community Foundation have launched a community response to deploy resources to local nonprofit organizations: the Oshkosh COVID-19 Relief Fund.

The fund will provide flexible financial resources to 501(c)(3) organizations working in the community who are disproportionately impacted by coronavirus and the economic consequences.

“This fund is designed to give added support to those organizations on the front lines of caring for vulnerable populations and providing a safety net for individuals impacted by the loss of jobs and benefits or the closure of institutions,” said Bill Wyman, president and CEO of the Community Foundation.

Initial funding has been donated by the Oshkosh Area United Way and Oshkosh Area Community Foundation. Donations

are encouraged from the community. For more information, visit oshkoshunitedway.org/COVID19 or oshkoshareacf.org/fund/Oshkosh-covid-19-relief-fund.

“Many nonprofits are not only dealing with an expected increase in caseloads from the coronavirus, they are dealing with disruptions to their own operations and in many cases have had to cancel fundraising events and other development activities,” said Mary Ann Dilling, president and CEO of the Oshkosh Area United Way.

Funds will be granted on a rolling basis throughout the outbreak and recovery phases, making it possible to move resources quickly and adapt to evolving needs in subsequent funding phases. A joint fund distribution subcommittee will review all financial requests. Fund requests can be directed to Candice at candice@oshkoshunitedway.org.

Community Pantry open to assist

The Oshkosh Area Community Pantry is open and maintaining regular hours for individuals who need food assistance with no income requirements.

The self-selection shopping offers food items such as fresh produce, eggs and milk. Check the group’s Facebook page for updates on operations and hours. Current times are 2 to 5:45 p.m. Monday, 10 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, and 9 to 11 a.m. the first and third Saturdays of the month.

Regarding the COVID-19 outbreak:


- A “guest shopper” can pick up food for

someone else but needs to be named on an account. Email info@oacptoday.org to add someone to an account.

- Individuals coming for the first time need to bring two forms of identification, one picture ID and one proof of residence with current address, and a form of identification for each member of their household.

The pantry needs volunteers for food stocking to continue staffing the operation. Contact Jordan at outreach@oacptoday.org if interested and able to volunteer. Cash donations are also needed as the outbreak continues.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society


March 12, 1968

Diamond Match Coming Down: Crews began demolition of the old Diamond Match building, High Avenue, this morning. The area will be used by Wisconsin State University-Oshkosh as a recreation area. The Diamond Match Company began as Star Match Works in 1868 by James Clark in his shop on the corner of Pearl and Osceola streets. By 1881, Clark was in mass production with matches. That same year, six match companies across the US decided to merge into one company. The Barber Match Co. of Columbus, Ohio, the Gates Match Co. of Frankfort, New York (William Gates, of this company, is credited with designing the first continuous match-making


machine), the Penn Match Co. of Philadelphia and Mr. Clark’s Star Match Works of Oshkosh along with two other firms. The company name chosen was the Diamond Match Co. The factory originally would be managed by Clark’s son, Herbert, then later by George W. Gates and finally his son T. Frank Gates. Diamond Match operated successfully until the plant closed in 1965.

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Photo from Backlot Comedy House

Stacy Roquemore stands on the Backlot Comedy House stage during the broadcasted version of its Friday night show. Roquemore hosted the event.

Comedy clubs take it to online stage

The Backlot Comedy House and Fox Valley Comedy, both in Oshkosh's growing standup scene, took their live shows to the internet starting last week, preventing a crowd from gathering but still giving the people a break from serious news reports. "We need people to have humor at this time," Backlot owner Kyla Morris said. "That's the whole reason why I have the comedy outfit in general."

"I started the Comedy House because I wanted people to have a place to take a break from their outside life. That has never been more true than now. We have to continue with our goal."

As for performing in front of a faceless audience, performer Tyler Sitar said it can be difficult.

"Comedy is based off the feedback you get from the audience," Sitar said. Without that, it's hard to tell when a joke has landed.

Friday's show featured what FVC producer Lyle Sidney called the region's best talents: Sitar (from Neenah), Nathan Metz (video journalist with the Wisconsin

Army National Guard), Greg Friess, Caleb Hanneman and host Stacy Roquemore.

Morris said she and her crew knew to take all preventive measures for health safety.

"Disinfecting microphones after performances, making sure not too many people were in one area," she said. They had previously broadcast shows for an annual benefits event.

Backlot, like other small businesses on Main Street and beyond, had to find a way to react to a situation that changes daily.

"In general, we're a small business and there are lots of small business in the downtown Oshkosh area that are shutting down in order to flatten the curve, and a lot of us are still doing what we can to provide for our customers — online shopping, curbside pickup at restaurants," Morris said.

"We're all in this together. We're all trying to find our place in a changing world. Shout out to everyone doing his or her best."

Ascension expands visitor restrictions, seeks donations

Ascension Wisconsin is limiting visitors in its hospitals and temporarily stopping in-person visitation. Family members and friends of patients in Ascension facilities are encouraged to stay connected with their loved ones by virtual visitation.

Hospital officials said the goal is to protect their associates and those they serve by limiting possible exposure to COVID-19 and directing people to the right level of care.

Separately, Ascension is accepting donations for personal protective equipment. Individuals or companies interested can contact AscensionWIFoundations@ascension.org. Once the donation is confirmed, arrangements will be made to pick up the donation.

Visitation policy will have some exceptions on a case-by-case basis, including labor and delivery, pediatrics, neonatal intensive care and end-of-life care. The updated visitation policy at Ascension Wisconsin:

- All visitors, associates, clinicians and vendors entering facilities will be screened for flu-like symptoms including fever, cough, runny nose/nasal congestion and or sore throat.

- No visitors who screen positive for cough, fever or difficulty breathing will be permitted into the facility.

- To implement this, Ascension Wisconsin facilities will be implementing minimized entrance points as needed.

- Visitors will not be permitted for patients under investigation or with a confirmed case of COVID-19. Virtual options will be discussed with patients and families.

- It is highly recommended children under age 18 do not visit during this time.

- Only one visitor per patient is allowed with the exception of pediatrics, obstetrics and end-of-life care. Ascension Mercy in Oshkosh is limiting hours to 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Those who visit are encouraged to wash their hands and use hand sanitizer before and after any visit.

Ascension Wisconsin is reducing elective services as recommended by the CDC, U.S. Surgeon General and American College of Surgeons. Ascension providers will use their judgment when it comes to medical visits and elective procedures. If a provider needs to postpone a procedure or appointment, patients will be notified.

The Grand adds online venue after halting stage performances

The Grand Oshkosh, which has suspended operations until at least April 12, created an online performance venue at its "The Grand at Home" Facebook page and YouTube channel.

National touring artists and artists from the area will present hourlong shows every weekend that will be posted and also announced on thegrandoshkosh.org.

Free-will donations will be accepted, half benefiting the artist and half toward The Grand.

During that time, the facility and box office will remain closed.

Postponed shows:

- March 28-29: "Matilda"
- April 4: FanFaire Oshkosh 2020
- April 16: EagleMania
- April 24: "How To Survive Middle School"
- May 9: "Kashmir" (Led Zeppelin show)
- May 30: Vivace

Canceled shows:

- March 31: "As You Like It"
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Oshkosh's Main Street activity has been sparse as residents follow social distancing orders.

Business impact

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forced to close their doors due to the order banning dine-in service. Fox River Brewing Co. on Arboretum Drive announced in a Facebook post March 17 that it was closing.

"It is with a very heavy heart that we locked our doors today at 5 p.m. due to state mandates," the post read. "We could not be more heartbroken to be separated from our incredible team and our guests."

Dockside Tavern announced the same day that it would be closing its doors temporarily for the safety of its staff, customers and community.

"We ask that everyone does their part in making sure the current situation is not prolonged and we can all get back to a normal life soon," the Facebook post read.

Those who have remained open have been faced with a severe financial burden. Niko's Gyros on Campus Place has seen reduced profits as a result, according to manager Niko Gorgolis.

He said the restaurant has cut its staff by 5 percent to compensate for the loss of dine-in service, and that carryouts and deliveries are keeping Niko's in business.

"We're seeing a lot of customers that we don't normally see," Gorgolis said. "People are looking for a place to eat and since we're open, they're making us another one of their options."

At Red's Pizza and Catering on Oregon Street, owner Steve Lawler said many of

their "regulars" in the dining room have opted to pick up their food.

Lawler hasn't had to let any staff go as a result of the ban because he's allowing his dining room staff to stay on as delivery drivers.

The loss of dine-in service has hurt weekend business, as those are the days when the dining room is generally the fullest, he said.

"It affects us, especially on Friday, Saturday and Sunday," Lawler said. "I'm sure it's hurting all the restaurants."

The order to close bars and restaurants for dine-in service has greatly affected the Hangar Bar and Grill on 20th Avenue, according to owner Lisa Marshall.

She said the business has cut 75 percent of its staff as the carryout and delivery business isn't enough to pay the bills.

"It will help us get by for a while, but the question is: How long?" Marshall asked.

The community has come out in waves to support local restaurants but she doesn't see it lasting long, as delivery is expensive.

"Our Friday fish fry was extremely busy, more than any of us expected, but that one night isn't going to pay the endless bills," Marshall said. "If this was a two-week thing we'd be fine, (but) I see it lasting longer than that and the longer it drags out, the worse it's going to get."

Marshall is a glass half full type of person and trying to stay optimistic, but she said the bills are beginning to mount.

"I'm now like, what are we going to do? What bills do we pay to stay afloat? It's tough all around," she said.

Herald office hours could be restricted

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Virus

FROM PAGE 1

Ascension Medical Group Wisconsin is working to develop drive-through testing sites in Oshkosh and elsewhere for individuals who must be prescreened by a group provider either by phone or using Ascension Online Care. When test sites are in place the screening will involve questions about symptoms, travel history and potential contact with COVID-19 patients.

Evers' administration has updated its prohibition on gatherings with a Safer at Home order, noting that people are still going out unnecessarily and putting communities at risk. Shrinking the circle of interactions is expected to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Among activities discouraged are sleepovers, play dates, and dinner parties with friends and neighbors.

Hair salons, day spas, nail salons, barbershops, tattoo parlors, body art establishments and tanning facilities were forced to close by the end of Friday until further notice. Check www.dhs.wisconsin.gov for details on the moratorium.

Other community actions, responses:

- The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh has been asked to open its campus here to assist with potential housing of coronavirus patients. The state Department of Health Services and UW System is determining locations that could be used if the need for patient housing exceeds the capacity of health care facilities.
- UW Oshkosh will have alternative delivery of courses at its three campuses through the spring session that ends June 5, and there will be no face-to-face spring commencement. Students will be required to return to their permanent residences unless they have adequate justification for staying. Only university employees needed to deliver necessary services will remain on campuses.
- The Oshkosh Area School District is seeking financial donations from local businesses, community organizations and individuals to continue its free meal program. The district is reimbursed for students only at this time but understands the larger need that includes nonstudents.
- The Winnebago County Courthouse closed to person-to-person business starting this week, joining a similar decision made at City Hall.
- Go Transit remains operational but the warming shelter at the transfer station is closed. Riders are encouraged to follow CDC guidelines on hygiene and distancing, spread out inside the bus and exit the rear door.
- All initial court appearances for traffic citations, inspection citations and forfeitures, and juvenile citations through June 5 have been adjourned and rescheduled.
- Early voting is available at Oshkosh City Hall, 215 Church Ave., from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday by entering the parking lot door.
- The Oshkosh Saturday Farmers Market canceled its last five winter market dates at Menominee Nation Arena.

Information

Winnebago County Health Department's COVID-19 hotline is 920-232-3026; Aurora Health Care's is 866-443-2584. Other resources include 2-1-1, a confidential service supported by the local United Way that helps people find local resources. Other current information is found at www.ci.oshkosh.wi.us.

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Knight finds success as rare 4-sport athlete

Russo finds way to balance competition, academics

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Three-sport athletes are becoming less common as more teens focus on a specialized sport and run with it. Even more rare are those who participate in four sports equally well during the school year.

That is the case for Lourdes senior Raechel Russo, who defied the norm and became a four-sport athlete during her four years with the Knights. Along with her usual fall volleyball, winter basketball and spring track and softball, Russo still found time to play club volleyball and travel softball during the year.

“Raechel is a versatile four-sport athlete who has experienced success in all four sports,” Activities Director Kevin Wopat said. “She is a well-behaved young women in the hallways at Lourdes, a strong student, and someone who is easy to be seen as a role model to the next generation of Lady Knights.”

Sports have been a big part of Russo’s life for as long as she can remember, teaching lessons that couldn’t be learned in the classroom and translating to academic along with athletic success.

“Sports have taught me so many lessons like time management and responsibility, and I’ve made lasting friendships even with opponents — and I wouldn’t want to give that up,” Russo said. “I’ve been playing volleyball, basketball and softball since fifth grade and track since sixth, so I guess they’ve always been a part of my routine.”

Playing that many sports for that long tends to become second nature as the constant work, traveling and willingness to sacrifice brings their rewards. Russo’s volleyball teams went to state twice, placing second both times. She also took two trips to state for track. In basketball she was nominated for the WBCA All-Star game, and as a softball player was voted silver slugger for playing almost every position over her career: first, second, third, short, center, pitcher and catcher.

She mentions volleyball as her first memory as that has always been her go-to sport.

“I’ve been playing club volleyball since I was in fifth grade,” Russo said. “My parents played volleyball, my brother played volleyball, so volleyball is a way to bring my family closer together.”

But she acknowledged that the lifestyle isn’t easy.

“The toughest part of playing four sports is definitely finding time to study, finding time to sleep and doing homework — especially when you take AP and CAPP courses — but also having a social life,” Russo said. “There have been times — a boys football game or a basketball game or my friends went shopping — and I couldn’t go because I had a game or practice.”

She said the best part about being in so many sports is that each offers something different to take away.

“The best part of playing so many sports is that you’re never bored, and you get to see your friends all the time,” she said. “You’re too busy to be bored, plus since practice is typically right after school you



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Lourdes student Raechel Russo graduates this spring as a celebrated four-sport athlete.

can catch up with friends about anything you missed out on at school.”

Among her fondest memories were the first day of state volleyball her sophomore year and in her freshman year when she qualified for state in the shot put.

“The first day of state my sophomore year I was set on match point and I wasn’t even thinking, ‘Oh, no, don’t mess this up’ but I got the game-winning kill for our team to advance to the finals. I just remember looking at my friend and screaming and jumping and hugging her.”

During her freshman year in track Russo broke a personal record on her last throw in sectionals. She and her coach first didn’t realize it qualified her for state competition.

“My coach and I are over on the side thinking, ‘Oh, next year,’ and then our head coach comes over running and panting, ‘You made it. You’re going to state!’” Russo recalled. “Then the whole track team came over by me and supported me.”

For a senior, the spring sports season is often the most special time of their high school lives. With the coronavirus shutting down most sports, Russo is using this time to stay in communication with friends with the hopes of seeing action at some point in the next month or so.

“I was so confused with what I was going to do with my life now that I don’t have practice or a game. So now my day consists of long car rides to Coloma, playing spike ball, hot-tubbing, and watching a lot Disney with my friends and family.”

The sectional basketball semifinal loss to Oakfield could be the last high school contest for Russo and others, but everyone associated with Lourdes will be able to look back at the legacy she has left.

“Raechel was a great player and leader for us. She was always willing to help everyone be involved both on and off the court,” girls basketball coach Quinn Heintz said. “During her career she never cared about her own personal statistics. All she wanted to do was win. And because of her leadership and consistency we were able to win quite a bit over the course of her career.”

Russo was named second-team all conference in the Trailways-East.

Expecting to attend the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh next year, Russo is still weighing her options about where to go from there as she sets her sights on a career while pursuing a biomedical engineering degree.

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Prep sports roundup

BOYS BASKETBALL

Ruedinger named Trailways player of year

The Lourdes boys basketball team had a successful 2019-20 season, finishing 22-3 before falling in the WIAA Division 4 Sectional semifinal game.

Junior Preston Ruedinger led the way for the Knights (14-0 in Trailways), leading the Trailways-East in scoring at 27.2 points per game – good for 10th in the state – and shot at a high percentage from 3-point land, making 97-of-196 shots (just shy of 50 percent).

Ruedinger's efforts helped his case as he was named the Trailways-East Player of the Year. He was joined by fellow junior teammate Josh Bauer on the first team after Bauer averaged 15.5 points per game and made 44 percent of his 3-pointers.

Junior Jack McKellips was named to the second team and Valley Christian's Isaiah Wade joined him on that team. McKellips scored 10.9 points per game and had a team-high 4.4 assists per game while Wade scored 20.1 points per game while grabbing 13.2 rebounds per game. The Warriors finished 10-13.

Earning honorable mention were Knight seniors George Muench and Camden Chier, along with Valley Christian senior Yianni Giannopoulos.

Dilling, Thomas named to first-team All-FVA

The Oshkosh West and North boys basketball teams were neck-and-neck all season, finishing fifth and sixth in the Fox Valley Association.

Each team had a player named to the league's first team as North senior Josh Dilling and West senior Karter Thomas led the way with big seasons.

Dilling scored 19 points per game with 4.6 assists while Thomas was second in

the FVA at 20.5 points per game.

Making second team was Wildcat senior Caleb Fuller, who averaged 17.8 points per game while shooting 44 percent from 3 and averaged seven rebounds.

Earning honorable mention were North senior Garang Deng and junior Jalen Keago.

Kimberly's Lucky Wurtz was named coach of the year while Neenah senior Max Klesmit was selected player of the year.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Rochon-Baker lands on FVA's first team

Oshkosh West's Callista Rochon-Baker was named to the Fox Valley Association's first team after the senior was fifth in the conference in scoring at 14.5 points per game.

Baker helped the Wildcats go 10-13 this season with a 7-11 mark in the FVA. Baker was also named to the league's defensive team, along with five other players.

Teammate Kiersten McNulty, a junior, landed on the honorable mention team after she averaged 11.3 points per game along with 6.8 rebounds.

Burns leads conference honors for Knights

The Lourdes girls basketball team made a deep playoff run this season before falling to top-seeded Oakfield in the WIAA Division 5 Sectional semifinals.

Leading the way for the Knights (10-16) was junior Hope Burns, who was fifth in the Trailways-East Conference in scoring at 13.1 points per game – good enough to put her on the league's first team.

Lourdes had two other players make all-conference teams as senior Raechel Russo landed on the second team while junior Paige Droessler was named honorable mention.

Russo scored 7.3 points per game while grabbing 7.7 rebounds while Droessler scored 7.4 points per game and grabbed 6.7 rebounds.

WRESTLING

West's Hunter leads way on FVA teams

Oshkosh West's Alec Hunter capped off a spectacular junior season, making it to the WIAA Division 1 State finals before finishing second.

Hunter, who wrestled at 113 most of the season, was named to the Fox Valley Association's first team at 113 pounds.

Earning second-team all FVA included Oshkosh West senior Logan Grotta at 138 pounds and junior J.R. Brown at 106 pounds while Oshkosh North's Cade Schmitz, a senior, made it at 132 pounds.

Earning honorable mention were North sophomore Gabe Medina at 106 pounds and freshman Jonathon Burk at 120 pounds.

Neenah senior Marshall Kools was named wrestler of the year.

BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING

Sophomore named to second-team All-FVA

The Oshkosh North/Lourdes boys swimming and dive team had four competitors named to the Fox Valley Association's all-conference teams, the league recently announced.

Chase Pecore led the way as the sophomore made the second team in the 500-yard freestyle. Three others in senior Andrew McAvoy (100-yard butterfly),

sophomore Trey Pecore (500-yard free) and freshman Owen Konop (100-yard free) all made honorable mention.

Oshkosh West had one named to honorable mention as senior Harry Zhang made it in the 50-yard free.

BOYS HOCKEY

Sprister on Badgerland all-conference team

The Oshkosh boys hockey team had one player named to the Badgerland all-conference teams in Jacob Sprister for the honorable mention team.

Sprister, a junior forward, finished with five goals and nine assists this season as he led the team in points.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Verstegen leads way for FDL Warbirds

The Fond du Lac girls co-op hockey team had a strong 2019-2020 campaign, making it to the WIAA Sectional final after falling to top-seeded Beloit Memorial for a chance to go to state.

Senior forward Hattie Verstegen led the Warbirds all season, scoring a team-high 46 points (33 goals and 13 assists) and was rewarded with a spot on the Eastern Shores first team.

Three other Warbirds landed on the honorable mention team in junior forward Cassie Stephany, sophomore defenseman Emily Brown and freshman defenseman Ella Spies.

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UW Oshkosh sports roundup

Track coach named finalist for D3 honors

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh men's track and field coach Justin Kinseth is one of three finalists for the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association's NCAA Division III Indoor Track & Field Coach of the Year Award.

Kinseth is in his third season leading the program and had a nation-leading 19 qualifiers for this year's Division III Indoor Championship that was eventually canceled due to the pandemic.

The final vote was held Monday but results were not available ahead of deadline. Matt Jones of Loras College (Iowa) and Chip Schneider of UW-Eau Claire are the other finalists.

Fravert earns all-star basketball team spot

UW Oshkosh senior Adam Fravert was recently announced as one of 20 players selected to participate in the Reese's NCAA Division III All-Star basketball game.

The game, which was canceled due to the pandemic, had been scheduled for Saturday.

The All-Star teams consisted of two senior student-athletes from each of the eight Division III regions, two senior at-large selections and two seniors who were selected by online voting on D3hoops.com. Typi-



Fravert

cally, players whose teams are still playing in the Division III Championship were not available for consideration, however, that requirement was waived when the tournament was canceled.

Fravert was also selected to the NABC All-America First-Team after leading the Titans to a 20-9 record and another NCAA Tournament appearance.

Fravert averaged 18.4 points, 8.8 rebounds, 3.5 assists and 1.5 blocks per game this season.

Fravert becomes the fifth Titan to receive NABC All-America accolades, joining Ben Boots (2019 First Team), Tim Dworak (2002 First Team, 2003 Second Team), D.J. Marsh (2009 Second Team) and Dennis Ruedinger (1996 First Team).

Women's guard Porath earns national honors

UW Oshkosh junior Leah Porath was recently selected to the Women's Basketball Coaches Association All-America Honorable Mention team after an outstanding 2019-20 campaign.

Porath, who was among 30 players, becomes the eighth Titan in school history to receive these honors.

Porath, the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Player of the Year, had one of the most productive seasons in Titans history, averaging 17.5 points, 6.7 rebounds, 1.7 assists and 1.1 steals per game with 49 made 3-pointers, a .489 field goal percentage



Porath

and a .408 3-point percentage. She led the WIAC in both scoring and 3-point percentage while ranking second in the league in total rebounds (200) and made 3-pointers, and third in both rebounds per game and field goal percentage.

Porath helped the Titans (20-10) to reach the third round of the Division III Championship, becoming the first Division III women's team to ever begin the season with an 11-9 record and still manage to advance to the Sweet 16. The Titans, one of 16 teams still remaining when the national tournament was canceled, have reached the third round of the NCAA postseason in Porath's past two seasons.

Four gymnasts receive NCAA academic honors

Four seniors from the UW Oshkosh women's gymnastics squad were named to the 2020 National Collegiate Gymnastics Association All-America In Academics Team.

A total of 51 gymnasts from the NCGA were recognized for owning a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.00. Each nominee must qualify as a senior student academically and be in her last year of athletic eligibility.

Gymnasts recognized from UW Oshkosh were three-time Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Scholastic Honor Roll members Jessica Bernardo, Lexi Evans, Marisa Scholtens and Baylee Tkaczuk.



Bernardo

State details ticket refund policies

As many concerts, theater performances, sporting events and other events are being canceled or rescheduled due to COVID-19, the state Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection is reminding consumers of the tips and resources available at www.datcp.wi.gov.

Consumers are protected from losing most prepaid admissions fees for entertainment and sporting events held in Wisconsin. When an event is canceled or rescheduled, promoters are required to refund the admission price for many entertainment and sporting events. While this law does not cover competitive sports activities between school teams or within established sports leagues, many of these events are proactively posting refund policies on their websites.

To obtain refunds for canceled events, purchasers must present their tickets to the promoter no later than 90 days after the event is canceled. A promoter must then make a refund no later than 60 days after a ticket is presented.

The promoter varies from the person or company from whom the ticket was purchased or the owner of the premises.

For rescheduled events, holders must present tickets to the promoter no later than 30 days after the date on which the event was originally scheduled.

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George, a digestive enzyme, is narrating the story of his trek to his lysosome home. He continues while being assembled as tRNAs bring amino acids (links) to the ribosome (clam) in the same order as the codons on the mRNA (Fig. 1)

When a stop codon is reached, George will be released by the ribosome not as a protein but as a polypeptide with about 500 amino acids. Polypeptides need extensive processing to become proteins. The processing depends on their destination--lysosomes, the nucleus, cellular membrane, mitochondria, or others.

A VIP was staring at my first twenty links and I heard him say that I'm headed for a waste disposal job. He pulled my clam to a labyrinth of flaccid slabs (endoplasmic reticulum). I am threaded through a small hole into a slab but my clam is too big to fit through. That worried me until I realized links were still being added.

Next a curious thing happened. An impressive badge of ornaments is stuck to my side and my first twenty links are chopped off. I'm guessing the twenty links got me this far and the badge is an address to my lysosome.

Woah! My clam just released me and I've dropped farther into the labyrinth. The surrounding liquid sweeps me into a tunnel and many different badges are attached to me as I glide along. Occasionally a little is snipped away.

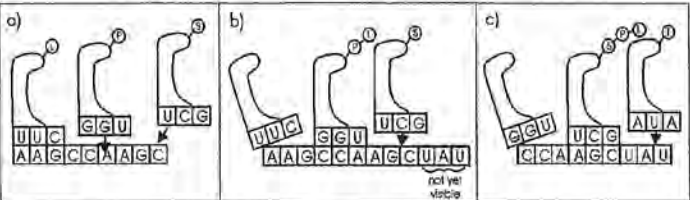


Figure 1. The Assembly of the First Four Amino Acids of a Polypeptide. a) The slit in the ribosome shows codons on the mRNA for lysine (AAG), proline (CCA) and serine (AGC). b) The lysine tRNA leaves after passing its acid to the proline tRNA. c) The ribosome has moved one codon to the right exposing the codon for tyrosine (UAU). The proline tRNA leaves after passing the proline-lysine chain to the serine tRNA.

The number of workers along the way with specific jobs is amazing.

I was accosted by other workers, called chaperones. They stuck with me (pardon the pun) to the end. They covered my sticky patches so that my tail wouldn't stick to my nose. You see these sticky patches, positive and negative, obey the expression "opposites attract".

I have to tell you about these amazing vehicles that carried me between labyrinths. When I was getting to the end of the first labyrinth, I was moving fast with other new proteins. Since we have no brakes, we all rammed the wall which happily was soft and flexible. We made a big bulge. It kept on stretching and closed behind us. Amazingly we were in a bubble of wall material.

The bubble drove itself to the Golgi complex, a smaller labyrinth. When we arrived, the wall of our bubble and Golgi's fused, opening a hole in both and we were pushed into the Golgi. The Golgi put on the finishing touches.

Next, the chaperones folded me into my natural shape. Protein folding is awesome because of the vast number of shapes a protein can have, due to different orientations of its amino acids. A polypeptide of 100 acids each having two orientations has a million, trillion, trillion possible shapes. Yet every protein has a natural shape necessary for its proper functioning. They must be awfully smart to figure out my shape from that vast number.

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Herd reflects on a special season derailed

By Ti Windisch
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The 2019-20 Wisconsin Herd seemed legitimately unstoppable across most of their run this season. The Herd were 33-10, surpassing their win total across two rough years as a franchise combined in one single, shortened, campaign under new head coach Chase Buford.

Wisconsin led the G League in record and net rating, which means the Herd outscored opponents by more per 100 possessions than any other team in the league. The Herd were on pace to clinch the first seed in the G League postseason, ensuring a first round bye and homecourt advantage, meaning four consecutive home wins would have clinched Wisconsin a championship.

Unfortunately, it seems like all of that is for naught. Like most everything else, the G League season is on an indefinite stand-by due to the coronavirus pandemic that is changing everything, everywhere, at the moment, with a slim-to-none chance of resuming the season.

While all of the NBA reporting seems to indicate that league is doing whatever possible to not lose the rest of the season, it seems the G League might be simply done. No official word has come as of yet, but ESPN's Adrian Wojnarowski and Malika Andrews reported that the expectation was for the G League season to be



File photo by Emil Vajgrt

Chase Buford (right) coached the Wisconsin Herd to the most successful season in its three-year history with a 33-10 mark that led the NBA's G League.

canceled.

Part of the difference in NBA and G League recourse comes down to logistics -- G League teams fly commercially, which obviously isn't practical during a pandemic. Additionally, most of them operate at a loss to their NBA teams. That financial loss is usually not an issue, but the NBA clubs reportedly are bracing for a huge fiscal downturn without games on for a while, which adds another wrinkle to the matter of restarting the G League in addi-

tion to safety concerns.

Herd forward AJ Hess, who has been posting on social media about the importance of social distancing with regard to COVID-19 for a few weeks, said while the decision to put the league on hold wasn't surprising, it was certainly disappointing.

"I absolutely think it was the right thing to postpone/cancel everything immediately," Hess said.

"That being said, it is very disappointing. Not just because we were having a lot of success on the court, but because we had such a good group off of the court. It's rare to have teams like that at this high of a level and it's very unfortunate we didn't get to play it out till the end."

For weeks after the season was put on hold, Herd players remained in Oshkosh, hoping as we all did for a swift resolution and return to normalcy. That changed last week, when G Leaguers, like their NBA counterparts, were allowed to leave their team's market area and head home.

Hess confirmed he did in fact get to leave Oshkosh and return to his home, and said he thinks it is unlikely the G League season resumes at any point.

"At this point I would be very surprised if the season resumed because we were so close to the end when it got postponed," Hess said. "The Herd as well as the G League have done a fantastic job of communication through this whole process

and continue to do so. Although it's not the end we were hoping for, the team that we had was still something special and I was extremely fortunate to be a part of it."

Buford said the decision to shut down play was the right one, but admitted the lack of a real ending to the Herd season was tough to accept.

"It's obviously devastating that we didn't get a chance to compete for a championship, given the hard work and accomplishments of this group," Buford said. "That being said the worst part about the season ending this way is the complete lack of closure. Both in the what if's and also the lack of closure for our group, we never got one last opportunity to come together, knowing it would be the last time."

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Obituaries

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Selma M. Kolb, age 100, passed away Thursday afternoon March 19, 2020 at The Waterford in Oshkosh where she had resided for the past two years. Selma was born on December 28, 1919 the youngest daughter of John and Mary (Stephany) Pickart. On June 5, 1940 she married Nick Kolb, Sr they were married for fifty four years before Nick passed away on July 17, 1994. They were married at Sacred Heart Catholic Church now St. Jude Parish and were life members. In the early years she farmed with her husband and also worked at Miles Kimball Co. After retirement she volunteered at the Red Cross for many years. Selma is survived by her children, Nick, Jr (Jean) of Winneconne, John (Mary) and Joseph (Marjorie) of Oshkosh. Grandchildren, Tim (Mari-



anne), Kelly (Howard), Vickie, Andy (Sarah), Brian (Jackie), Gary (Amy), Eric (Kelly Sullivan). Seven great grandchildren and one step great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Nick, one brother, Tony Pickart, four sisters, Regina Guldán, Sarah Ehms, Josephine Hartman and Amelia Pickart. Due to the current health precautions there will be no visitation, but a private family service. Selma's family wishes to express sincere thanks for the wonderful staff at The Waterford in Oshkosh. The staff from Heartland Hospice of Fond du Lac. In Lieu of flowers donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or Hospice.

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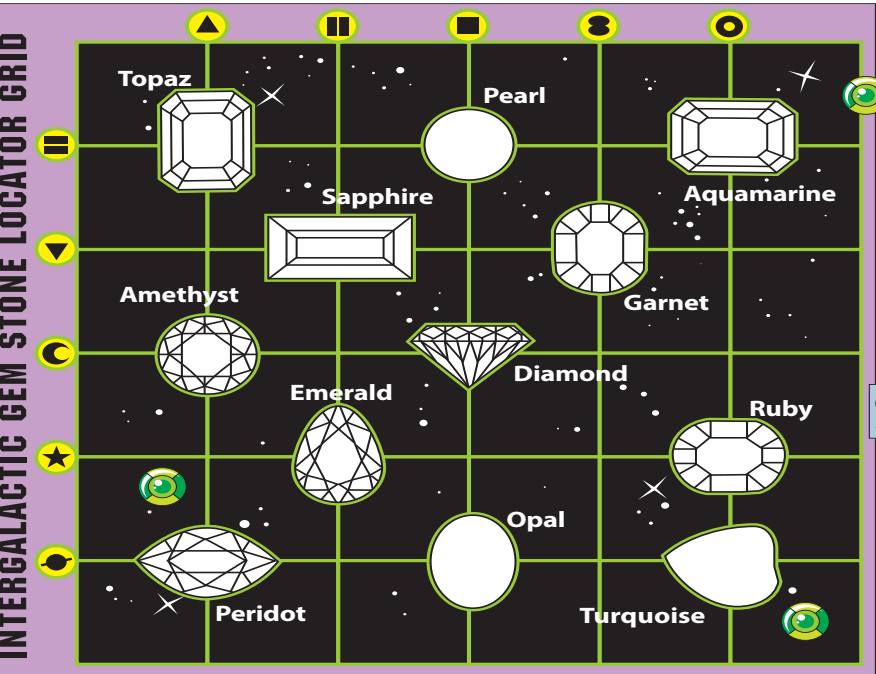
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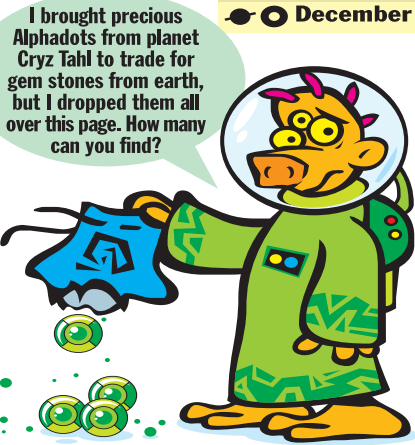
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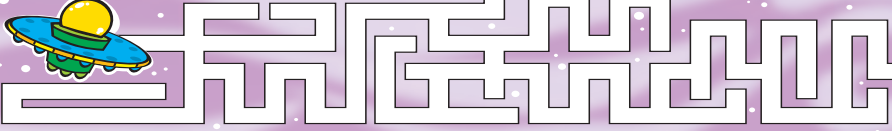
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Look through the newspaper for words that attract you to read more. The words could be used to attract you to an ad or a story. Can you find five? Use these words to write a story.

Standards Link: Vocabulary Development: Recognize words and phrases that show rather than tell events.

Kid Scoop Together:

The Four Cs

Diamonds are the hardest natural materials known and they are the most popular of all the gemstones for jewelry because of their brilliance. They can only be scratched by another diamond.

They are valued by their cut, color, carat and clarity.

Cut

The most common cut is known as the “brilliant.” This has 58 facets or surfaces and the light reflected in the surfaces splits into the colors of the rainbow.

Color

Most diamonds contain some color and the most common are shades of yellow or blue. A colorless diamond is both rare and expensive.

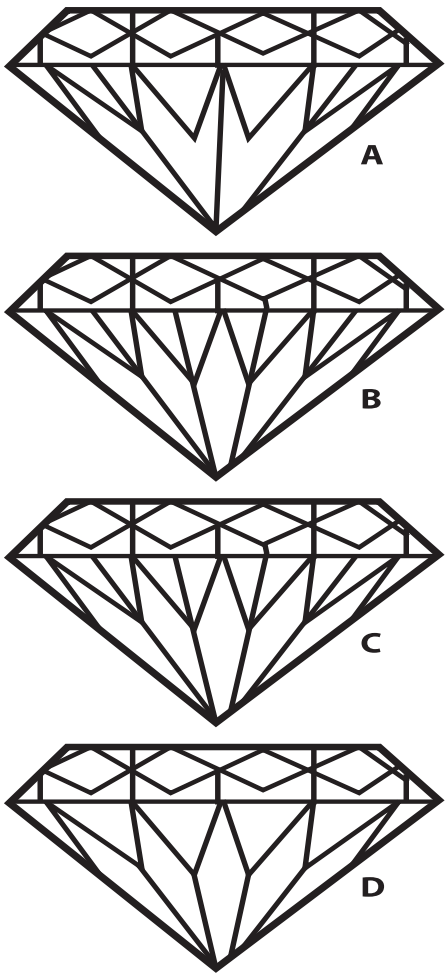
Carat

A carat is a measurement of weight. 142 carats make one ounce. A diamond that weighs a full carat is worth more than one that weighs slightly less.

Clarity

A completely clear diamond is said to be flawless but that is rare and most diamonds have spots or bubbles.

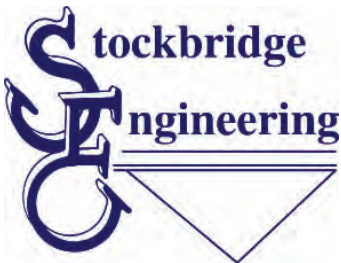
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