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Bounce Back efforts underway

Oshkosh businesses adjust to state orders

By Jack Tierney
OSHKOSH HERALD

With the turn of the season could come a turn in the COVID-19 shutdown.

Last week, Gov. Tony Evers released the Badger Bounce Back program with guidelines on how Wisconsin will get back to operating in the new post-coronavirus normal.

The program envisions bars, restaurants, sporting arenas, movie theaters and all “non-essential” workers and workplaces back to doing business as usual. Before then, residents, cities and the state must pass a protocol that closely reflects the White House’s Opening Up America Again program.

Getting to the first of the three-phase Bounce Back program requires cities and the state passing Wisconsin gating criteria, which means no new cases, no similar cases and a downward trajectory of positive cases of COVID-19 reported for 14 consecutive days. Health care workers and non-crisis patients must then be screened for symptoms and cleared.

Republican leaders in the state Legislature are seeking to overturn the Bounce Back program. The Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce has an ongoing petition to force a more aggressive effort to open up the state’s economy and is endorsing the Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce’s proposed Back to Business Plan that would begin Monday. This plan proposes a formula that would take into account local infection rates and population



Herald photo by Jack Tierney

Golfers took advantage of nice weather Sunday at Oshkosh Country Club with Safer at Home rules loosened to allow courses to open statewide. The two golfers shown here said they were tied through nine holes and had a shoot-off to decide the winner.

density in determining whether a company could reopen.

As the shutdown continues, here is what some area businesses have been doing:

YMCA: New chief executive Jeff Schneider has been as busy as anyone getting programs adjusted to virtual lessons and preparing programs for eventual in-person training, lessons and camps.

“I think the adult health and wellness program will open up as part of the gover-

nor’s phase one” Schneider said.

YMCA-certified trainers are publishing videos online of workout, yoga and mindfulness exercises for free to the community as well as national programs in the fitness area of the Oshkosh YMCA website. Schneider said those programs are likely to continue as Oshkosh begins to open, saying some people might be hesitant to

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North senior joining new sports crew at UW



Submitted photo

Sophie Averkamp is shown with her parents, Sarah and Dave, on her letter-of-intent signing day in early March to UW-Madison.

Softball star’s switch to rowing was timely

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Rowing is about moving forward.

Sophie Averkamp has done that and is focused on her next challenge as a competitive athlete.

Like most prep athletes, Averkamp is frustrated with the forced down time she’s facing but has a different perspective than most on COVID-19’s negative impact on spring sports.

She’s not imagining what could have been. Instead, she’s thinking about what she can be.

Averkamp has turned her attention to rowing, a sport she will compete in this fall at the University of Wisconsin Madison.

Averkamp was a standout catcher for the Spartans, driving Oshkosh North to its first WIAA state softball championship in 2019. But she wasn’t preparing to spearhead North’s title defense this spring. She wasn’t even planning to play her senior season of softball.

She has received a partial scholarship from Wisconsin to be a member of its women’s rowing team and has channeled most of her athletic energies into rowing-related activities.

“Honestly, I don’t know what would have happened,” Averkamp said. “I had decided I was no longer going to play softball, but I kept going back and forth and was wondering if I’d regret the decision to not play. I don’t know if I would have changed my mind. The pandemic kind of saved me from having to make that decision.”

Averkamp was a first-team all-Fox Valley Association selection as a junior and landed a spot on the Wisconsin Fastpitch Softball Coaches Association first team.

“I came into this program in the eighth grade playing with Syd (Supple) and Libby Neville on the coaching staff of Cindy Suess,” she said. “After all three left the program, I figured I’d start my new journey with rowing and take the time to really focus on developing my skills for that.”

Averkamp played a key role in Supple’s development into one of the state’s elite pitchers. Supple, now playing softball for

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UW Oshkosh, system's new future weighed

Employee furloughs set to begin at campuses

By Joseph Schulz
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Coronavirus testing across Wisconsin needs to significantly increase in order to safely reopen higher education institutions, which will be essential in navigating the “new normal” caused by the pandemic, Gov. Tony Evers said at a Future of the UW System virtual town hall last week.

Despite the need for education to guide decision making as the world continues to navigate the pandemic, many UW System institutions are being forced to make hard budgetary decisions.

To save roughly \$3 million, about 180 UW Oshkosh employees will be on continuous furlough effective Monday through Aug. 31. Remaining staff will be on furlough two days a month, the maximum per UW System policy and guidelines. UW O vice chancellors and Chancellor Andrew Leavitt will take a 15 percent salary reduction.

UW-Green Bay history professor Jon Shelton, who co-hosted the town hall held by the American Federation of Teachers-Wisconsin, said there will likely be more furloughs as many institutions were already facing drastic budget cuts before the COVID-19 crisis began.

“This crisis has made the situation much

worse,” Shelton said. “These (furloughs) are absolutely tragic and they’re likely to hit the most vulnerable employees in the UW System the hardest.”

Even after the state reopens, Shelton says UW institutions could see fluctuating enrollments until a vaccine is widely available.

U.S. Rep. Mark Pocan, D-Madison, said future coronavirus relief legislation needs to increase funding to state and local governments to assure higher education is made “as whole as possible.”

Pocan said testing needs to ramp up before universities can safely reopen. Currently, he says the state is testing about 7,000 people a day for COVID-19 and has the capacity to run 17,000, but lacks critical supplies.

He said the Safer at Home order is pivotal in giving the state time to ramp up testing and find best practices for reopening higher education institutions.

“You gotta crawl before you walk, and crawling right now is getting the very supplies we need so we can be in a position to be having those conversations,” Pocan said. “And right now the Trump administration is not living up to their promise.”

He said the state is only getting “partial shipments” of supplies from the federal government and is being forced to buy testing supplies from private companies.

“We need the president to step up on the Defense Production Act and get more supplies — made here in the U.S. — to states like Wisconsin so that when we have

a talk about education, we’re talking about the very near future of opening things back up,” Pocan said.

Evers echoed the need to ramp up testing, saying it will be needed to move from “boxing in people to boxing in the virus.”

He said the criteria for receiving a test needs to be lowered, and the state needs to start running 85,000 tests per week.

Evers said thorough tracing is also needed to find those who have been in close contact with someone who has the virus.

“That is the only way that we’re going to really not only bend the curve, but actually start to reduce the number of people showing positive on a test,” Evers said.

Even as testing and contact tracing increase, he said the world will look “very different” until a vaccine is found. And as the world navigates the “new normal,” he says education will be critical.

Evers said he will continue to make education a priority and find a way to keep it funded, by looking for revenue streams that could increase state funding, beyond federal assistance.

State Rep. Katrina Shankland, D-Stevens Point, said her office is having conversations with the UW System about how the state Legislature can help.

Shankland said the only relief bill that has been passed did not include UW System funding. She said her Democratic colleagues proposed an amendment to the bill that would have included UW System funding but it failed on a party-line vote.

In terms of preparing the biennial budget for state money, she said lawmakers don’t know what next year’s revenue projections will look like. She said the budget writers need to look at how to use federal funds ef-

ficiently and appropriate Wisconsin’s General Purpose Revenue in a smart way.

Shankland said funding for higher education cannot fall as much as it did during the Great Recession and that lawmakers need to provide adequate resources to keep higher education affordable.

“Now is not the time to balance budgets on the back of students who are struggling to make ends meet,” Shankland said. “Let’s also make sure our lawmakers recognize the importance of higher education, especially when there’s a high unemployment rate, (because) that’s when folks tend to go back to and use higher education for their personal development.”

At the system level, Regent Karen Walsh said moving an entire semester online in a quick matter of time to prevent the spread of COVID-19 was a tremendous accomplishment for faculty and staff.

“I think everyone understands that the ground underneath us has shifted and the odds that it’s going to shift back exactly the same way are virtually zero,” Walsh said. “So the question is how do we move forward?”

Walsh said the pandemic gives the UW System an opportunity to rebuild and become Wisconsin’s engine for economic recovery for the next 10 to 20 years. She said businesses will rely on the system as workers who have been displaced need to retool their skills through higher education.

Walsh said the system will need everyone’s best creative efforts.

“We know we have to make changes; we know we can’t protect everybody from that change,” Walsh said. “I hope that chancellors, as they make decisions on their own campuses, understand that faculty input to these decisions is incredibly important.”

Herald earns weekly paper honors

The Oshkosh Herald garnered awards in six categories of the Wisconsin Community Papers’ 2020 Ad Design Competition, including second place for General Excellence and three other first-place honors for advertising and editorial content.

First-place awards were received for Self-Promotion Campaign and Dining Ad, and for Original Writing Sports Article. The Herald also took third place for

Sports Article.

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Businesses detail challenges in impact survey

Oshkosh Herald

Thirty-five percent of Wisconsin businesses responding to a recent survey reported they will be forced to close if current conditions persist for more than three months amid the COVID-19 pandemic. In Winnebago County, 28 percent of businesses gave that response.

The survey was conducted by New North Inc. and the eight other regional organizations in the state through the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and Wisconsin Economic Development Corp. to assess COVID-19 business recovery ability along with state and federal aid efforts.

Results showed 8,795 jobs were removed in the earliest days of the Safer at Home order, along with losses of \$126 million in income, \$95 million in inventory, \$26.6 million in lost wages and productivity income, and \$404 million in other impacts.

Nearly 2,550 responses were received from companies in 63 of 72 counties between April 1 and April 10.

“While we know the survey results are a

sampling of Wisconsin-based companies, the data suggests that prompt action must be taken to assist companies with financial support and the restart of in-person customer access as soon as medically possible,” New North Executive Director Barb LaMue stated.

“The conditions reported here represent companies’ efforts to adapt to changing conditions,” said Jeffrey Sachse, director of UW Oshkosh’s Center for Customized Research and Services. “These impacts are certain to rise when we revisit these companies in a month, two months and six months’ time. The assistance that these companies require and the effects felt throughout the state’s economy are both unprecedented and continuous.”

John Casper, president of the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce, said local businesses are struggling as many are closed due to the order. He said businesses have been “forced to sacrifice a lot” and have put their livelihoods on hold as a result.

“Even though we’re all in the same storm,

we’re all in different boats and business people are kind of in a double whammy,” Casper said. “They’re doing everything they can to keep themselves (physically) healthy, but they have this whole issue of keeping their business healthy.”

Jason White, CEO of the Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corp., said most businesses in the area are dealing with a sense of uncertainty.

“Many companies in many industries are feeling a real pinch, and even the companies that are doing well are struggling right now,” White said.

Missy Hughes, WEDC secretary, said the report reinforces what she has been hearing from business leaders.

“Small businesses are being hit especially hard by the pandemic,” Hughes said. “WEDC has taken initial steps by creating the Small Business 20/20 assistance and unlocking federal disaster loans. Our Wisconsin Ready effort will provide additional guidance and resources as we begin our state’s recovery efforts.”

At the time of the first survey businesses ranging from small sole proprietorships to large firms like Kobussen Buses and UW Health were still adapting to the Safer at Home order. The results were understated as more than 40 percent of responding companies were not able to report specific impacts at the time.

Firms reported using a variety of approaches, including delaying payments and reducing inventories, as a means of minimizing the impact of the crisis, Sachse reported.

Responding companies will be surveyed again during the first months of May, June, July and for the foreseeable future, with results released during the third week of each month. Companies are invited to continue to respond to the initial survey at uwo.sh/covid-19-econ-disruption and to be added to the survey group.

UWO’s Center for Customized Research and Services has an interactive dashboard on the responses along with advice and insights from university faculty.

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Arena ownership status on a deadline

By Miles Maguire
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The owner of the Menominee Nation Arena says it is willing to turn the facility over to its largest creditor if it cannot work some financial wizardry by Nov. 17.

Fox Valley Pro Basketball Inc. argues in new court papers that it can emerge from bankruptcy but specifies a firm deadline of when it would need to carry out its plan for selling off future tax incentives as a way of accessing additional capital.

If Fox Valley is unable to close on such a

deal by the middle of November, it would initiate an “orderly plan of liquidation” in which Bayland Buildings Inc. would take over the arena and many creditors would receive nothing.

“Bayland’s continued priority is to see the arena successfully operate so that it can host the Wisconsin Herd and other community events in the future,” said Michele M. McKinnon, a lawyer for the company.

“Bayland stands ready to make that happen, either through a receivership action or by taking title to the arena, in the event that Fox Valley Pro Basketball is unable to pro-

pose a confirmable Chapter 11 plan.”

At this point, “Bayland is skeptical about Fox Valley Pro Basketball’s ability to propose a confirmable plan, and we will file documents with the court in the next few days explaining those concerns,” she said.

Green Bay-based Bayland was the general contractor on the arena and is owed roughly \$13 million, making it by far the largest creditor in the bankruptcy case. Unlike many other creditors, it has a contract that gives it a legal right to Fox Valley’s assets, specifically the arena site.

The city is also concerned about where the bankruptcy process is heading and how the arena would be operated.

outside of the restructuring process.

“The modifications to the plan respond to the objections and questions that were raised by creditors and the U.S. Trustee,” said Evan P. Schmit, an attorney for Fox Valley.

“The arena was set for its most profitable month and has now been forced to close” because of COVID-19, he added. “There is no clear timeline as to when the arena will be able to reopen. In order to address the uncertainty, the modified plan puts a timeline in place for performance.”

He expressed optimism for the continued operations of the arena. “The community has demonstrated its support for the arena over the past two and a half years through sponsorships and ticket sales,” he said. “As with the current crisis, together we will get through this.”

Business assistance efforts OK’d by panel

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Oshkosh Plan Commission recommended approval last week of amendments to two tax increment financing (TIF) districts that will divert funds to downtown District No. 16 and enable additional support for loans to businesses negatively impacted by coronavirus that will help them deal with financial losses from closure or limited operations.

The funds would be available through the Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corp. as part of its emergency response loan program.

The city proposes to commit \$1 million in funds to the program, which includes at least \$250,000 from TIF 14, which deals with improvements to the former Mercy Medical Center through redevelopment efforts near Lake Winnebago and another \$250,000 from TIF 19 in the Northwest Industrial Park. The funds will be transferred to TIF 16 in the 100 block of Main Street and available to businesses there and within a half-mile of district boundaries.

The Plan Commission also recommended approval of an amendment for the new Mineshaft Restaurant that will enable the company to add a bakery to its facility at 2105 S. Koeller St., which would be used for internal purposes for customers. No retail bakery operations to the public will be allowed.

Another amendment approved for general development and specific implemen-

tation plans for a tract of land at Jackson Street and Pearl Avenue will enable Merge Development to create additional rental housing as well as commercial space on the ground floor. Originally the project was to be a two-story building with 14 units. The adopted recommendation would increase the number of units to 60 apartments in a five-story building, including 28 studio units, 16 one-bedroom units and 16 two-bedroom units.

Other commission action included:

- Approval of a conditional use permit for expanding outdoor storage at 3300 Medalist Drive on property leased by Oshkosh Defense for final inspection of military vehicles.
- Approval of a design standards variance at 1302 Eastman St. for Habitat for Humanity of Oshkosh dealing with front and side facades for a new home at 330 Shorelane St. for a front facade, and 16 Viola Ave. involving front door closure.
- Denial of a design standards variance for property at 603 Ceape Ave. for front facade change involving loss of window space around the front door. The work had already been done.
- Approval of a water distribution easement at 3851 Jackson St. for Oshkosh Assisted Living property.
- Approval of a comprehensive land use plan map amendment for property in the 2400 block of Witzel Avenue from single-family to multifamily use for medium- to high-density development along with zoning change for the property.

“While we appreciate the inclusion of a definite date at which time a determination of the future of the arena will be made, we have significant concerns about the November timing and want to understand how an exchange would occur to make certain that the arena remains open and operating for the fall basketball season,” said City Attorney Lynn Lorensen.

She said the city is seeking more information from Fox Valley and moving to get the arena owner to pay up on delinquent property taxes and special assessments. If the taxes aren’t paid within 90 days, the city could move to end its development agreement, “but that would be a determination that would be made based upon the situation at that time,” Lorensen said.

Fox Valley’s latest plan of reorganization and related disclosures were filed April 20. New language seeks to allay concerns that the company’s principal owners, including founder Greg Pierce, were using bankruptcy to insulate themselves from legal claims

The new filings seem to shift some of the blame for the current situation to the Milwaukee Bucks. “Originally, Bayland had estimated the total cost at \$12 (million) to \$14 million,” one filing states. “The actual cost ended at \$24 million after the Milwaukee Bucks and the G League required changes, and the city added \$2.4 million” for infrastructure.

Fox Valley’s largest unsecured creditor consists of members of an Amherst family who are owed collectively almost \$4 million. Their attorney declined to comment.

“The debtor has no expectation there will be sufficient assets for payment to any creditors in Classes 3, 4 or 5,” Fox Valley said. Those creditors include large and small vendors as well as insiders and investors.

Miles Maguire is editor of the Oshkosh Examiner news blog.

New council meets, Krause selected as deputy mayor

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Lynnsey Erickson and Michael Ford joined the new Oshkosh Common Council at its organizational meeting last week, which also saw the election of Councilman Jake Krause as new deputy mayor for the city.

Krause and Matt Mugerauer were both nominated for deputy mayor with Krause gaining the most votes. Proclamations were presented to honor former Deputy Mayor Steve Herman, who chose not to seek re-election, and Bill Miller, who was appointed to the council in 2019.



Both expressed appreciation for being part of the council, the work that has been accomplished and the opportunity to serve in a leadership role.

Mayor Lori Palmeri reviewed with other council members possible organizational changes. Topics included the role of members on other boards and commissions of the city, participation in meetings by remote access beyond the present coronavirus emergency situation, and use of the council chambers by other boards and commissions.

Councilman Bob Poeschl also brought up for discussion whether time should be allowed during meetings for members to highlight information from boards they are part of as to what they are working on.

The council went into closed session to discuss strategies related to a legal matter for the city.



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Due dates on items have been extended to June 1. Staff cannot accept in-person returns so return materials to the Mount Vernon Street book drop.

After driving to the assigned pickup stall, call the number on the sign. Alternate arrangements will be made for people who walk or bike to the library, and for those without a mobile phone.

Once books are returned, they will be quarantined for at least three days. Holds that were filled before the Safer at Home

order will be the first available. Home delivery and interlibrary loan services remain suspended.

Municipal measures

City staff are holding daily weekday briefings of the Emergency Operation Center and have been joined by representatives from the Neenah-Menasha and Fox Crossing fire departments, who are part of joint emergency operation efforts. City Manager Mark Rohloff and Fire Chief Mike Stanley hold weekly meetings with representatives of Oshkosh area health care systems and other governmental entities such as Winnebago County and UW Oshkosh.

City departments are also preparing procedures to ease back into full opera-

tions, consistent with state orders, as well as procedures to reopen while ensuring the safety of residents and employees.

At www.ci.oshkosh.wi.us there is a City Response to Coronavirus link for information on issues related to helping other agencies prevent spread of the virus, as well as the city's response to continuity of services.

Open Book, Board of Review

The city Assessor's Office will hold Open Book hours from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 4-8 in City Hall Room 206 and Board of Review at 9 a.m. May 28 in Room 406. The Open Book process will have some alterations from previous years with City Hall otherwise closed to the public except for appointments.

The city has suspended late fees for non-payment of utility bills but encourages customers to continue to pay by due dates.

Any questions on event planning can be made to Kathy Snell, special events coordinator, at 232-5304.

Helping out

Day by Day Warming Shelter's updated hours are from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and 2 to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. The shelter reported being able to find housing or referral to Pillars in Appleton for guests.

Oshkosh Area Community Pantry is in need of more volunteers, who can sign up at www.oacptoday.org.

The Oshkosh Area School District's Grab-and-Go meal program is always looking for additional drivers, who will be provided with proper protection items. Go to district website for more information.

Jake's Diapers is supplying diapers and have toys available (www.jakesdiapers.org). For those who know children to help they can get a pallet of toys with a \$100 donation that helps with transportation costs. John Hobbins has organized diaper repackaging at Zion Lutheran Church and is in need of volunteers.

Other local volunteer opportunities can be found at www.volunteeroshkosh.org.

Events planning

All organizers of city-approved special events that were scheduled for May are working on cancellations and postponements, as well as those with later events. Organizers continue to look for ways to connect through alternative promotions and online activities.

Yard waste pickup service begins citywide

Curbside yard waste pickup in the city has started and continues through May 15.

Brush, leaves and other yard waste must be put out by 7 a.m. in paper biodegradable bags on garbage collection day. Brush can be bundled and tied if it's less than 3 inches in diameter and 4 feet long, and weighs less than 50 pounds.

Yard waste can be taken to the yard waste drop-off center on West Third Avenue. Permits are available for purchase at Kitz & Pfeil, 427 N. Main St. Drop-off hours are from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

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Boneless English Cut Chuck Roast

lb.

\$3.99

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lb.

99¢

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lb.

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CERTIFIED ANGUS BEEF

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lb.

\$6.99

LIMIT 4



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\$9.99

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48-oz.



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lb.

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ea.

First OF THE SEASON!

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99¢

lb.

California

Broccoli Crowns

99¢

lb.

Fresh Cut

Seedless Watermelon

79¢

lb.

1-lb.

Premium Strawberries

\$2.99

9.7-oz. - Fresh Express

Caesar, Greek Caesar, or Caesar Lite Salad Kits

\$2.99

10.2-11.75-oz. Caesar Supreme or Chopped Salad Kits \$3.99

California

Cauliflower

\$1.29

lb.

Washington State

Honeycrisp Apples

\$1.99

lb.

6-oz. - Sweet

Blackberries or Raspberries

\$2.49

2-lb. Package

Bolthouse Farms Baby Carrots

\$2.49

California

Celery

99¢

ea.

Sweet

Bartlett Pears

\$1.69

lb.

3-lb. Bag - California

Navel Oranges

\$3.49

California

Romaine Lettuce

\$1.29

lb.

3-lb. Bag

Wisconsin Russet Potatoes

\$1.79

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Apples

\$1.29

lb.

Fancy

Lemons

2.78¢

8-oz. - Pennsylvania Dutchman

Whole Baby Portabella Mushrooms

\$1.29

8-oz. - Sliced Baby Portabella Mushrooms\$2.49

Fresh

Green Cabbage

59¢

lb.

3-lb. - Michigan

Ida Red or Empire Apples

\$2.79

Fresh

Limes

4/\$1

Jumbo

Cantaloupe

\$2.49

ea.

16-oz.

Jaffa Guacamole

\$5.99

Washington State

Pink Lady Apples

\$1.49

lb.

Extra Large

Honeydew Melon

\$2.99

ea.

Tropical

Mangoes

99¢

ea.

16-oz.

Jaffa Pico de Gallo

\$3.99

Organic

Some items may not be available at all locations.

12 to 14-oz. - Toasted Oats or Honey & Oat Medley

Full Circle Organic Cereal

\$2.99

6-Pack or 23-oz. Jar

Full Circle Organic Applesauce

\$2.99

16.9-oz. Bottle

Full Circle Organic Extra Virgin Olive Oil

\$5.29

16-oz.

Pillsbury Organic Coconut Flour

\$3.49

Gluten Free

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13.6 to 18-oz.

Bellatoria Gluten Free or Urban Farmer Pizza

\$6.99

18-oz. Cheerios, 19.3-oz. Lucky Charms or Cinnamon Toast Crunch, 19.5-oz. Honey Nut Cheerios

General Mills FAMILY SIZE Cereal

\$3.29

WITH CARD

8 to 10-Count Package

Better Oats Instant Oatmeal

\$2.29

WITH CARD

10-Count Package

Food Club Sugar Free H2O To Go Water Enhancer

\$1.79

WITH CARD

6 to 12-Count Package

Orville Redenbacher's Microwave Popcorn

\$4.49

WITH CARD

64-oz. Bottle

Food Club Cranberry Juice Cocktail

\$1.99

WITH CARD

10 to 10.8-oz. Package - Select

Hershey's Rolo Miniatures, Hugs, or Kisses

\$2.99

WITH CARD

14-oz. Bottle

That's Smart Yellow Mustard

79¢

WITH CARD

1 to 1.5-oz. Package

Food Club Seasoning Mix

2/98¢

WITH CARD

16-oz. Bottle

Sweet Baby Ray's Marinade

\$2.49

WITH CARD

12-oz. Bag

Snyder's Pretzels

\$2.49

WITH CARD

16 to 24-oz. Jar

Food Club Slickles or Dill Pickle Spears

\$1.99

WITH CARD

30 to 50-Count Package

Simply Done Zipper Snack or Sandwich Bags

99¢

WITH CARD

22 to 48-Count Package

Simply Done Designer Plates or Bowls

\$1.99

WITH CARD

4-Inch

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\$5.99

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Bouquet

\$9.99

Charming Trio

Bouquet

\$12.99

5-Inch

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\$6.99

each

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\$5.39

each

6-Pack, 11.2 oz. Bottles

Mike's Hard Lemonade

\$5.99

each

6-Pack, 24 oz. Bottles

Pepsi or Mountain Dew

4/\$11.00

with card

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 6-Count Package Crystal Farms English Muffins \$1.49 <small>WITH CARD</small>	 16 to 28-oz. Package Idaho Potato Puffs or Fries; Checker's, Arby's or Red Robin Fries; or Nathans Famous Onion Rings 2.55 <small>WITH CARD</small>	
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 28 to 80-Count Package - Select Simply Done Trash or Tall Kitchen Bags \$5.49 <small>WITH CARD</small>	 32-oz. Food Club Non-Dairy Creamer \$1.49 <small>WITH CARD</small>	 6-Count Package Crown Soft Pretzels \$1.99 <small>WITH CARD</small>
 6 to 8-Count or 16-oz. Package - Select Food Club Dinner Rolls, Breadsticks, Garlic Bread, or Texas Toast \$1.89 <small>WITH CARD</small>	 26-oz. Sara Lee Strawberry Cheesecake \$4.99 <small>WITH CARD</small>	 7 to 11-oz. Rana Pasta or Pasta Sauce \$3.49 <small>WITH CARD</small>
 17-oz. Bottle Colavita Extra Virgin Olive Oil \$7.99 <small>WITH CARD</small>	 1.48-oz. Gerber Graduates Wheels, Puffs, or Lil' Crunchies \$1.99 <small>WITH CARD</small>	 16 to 18.5-lb. Bag - Select PAWS Dry Dog Food \$9.99 <small>WITH CARD</small>
 Select - 5 to 12-Count - General Mills Cereal Bars, Fiber One or Nature Valley Granola Bars \$1.99 <small>WITH CARD</small>	 20-oz. Squeeze Bottle Hunt's Ketchup \$1.29 <small>WITH CARD</small>	 16-oz. Bottle Newman's Own Salad Dressing \$2.99 <small>WITH CARD</small>

 BUILD A TACO 			
 16-oz. - Regular or Light Food Club Sour Cream \$1.49 <small>WITH CARD</small>	 16-oz. Jar Chi-Chi's Salsa \$1.89 <small>WITH CARD</small>		
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 16-oz. Jar or 18-Count Ortega Salsa or Yellow Taco Shells \$2.29 <small>WITH CARD</small>	 3-PACK Ortega Taco Seasoning Mix \$1.99 <small>WITH CARD</small>	 10 to 12-Count Ortega Fiesta Flats, Taco or Tostada Shells \$1.49 <small>WITH CARD</small>	
 16-oz. Jar - Mild or Medium Ortega Taco Sauce \$2.69 <small>WITH CARD</small>	 10 to 12-Count Package Ortega Soft or Hard Shell Taco Kit \$2.69 <small>WITH CARD</small>	 10-Count Package Azteca Flour Fajita Tortillas 99¢ <small>WITH CARD</small>	
 16-oz. Can LaPreferida Refried Beans \$1.29 <small>WITH CARD</small>	 1.25-oz. Package Food Club Taco or Fajita Seasoning Mix 49¢ <small>WITH CARD</small>	 10-Count - 8-Inch Frescitos Burritos \$2.29 <small>WITH CARD</small>	
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\$12.99

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\$5.39 ea.

3000

Piggy Points

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\$13.29

3000

Piggy Points

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12-Pack, 12-oz. Bottles or 15-Pack, 12-oz. Cans

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\$11.59

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\$16.29

30-Pack, 12-oz. Cans

Hamm's or Hamm's Light

\$11.99

12-Pack, 12-oz. Cans

New Glarus Totally Naked

\$14.29

Our Meat Department Welcomes You

2-Piece - Half Rack

Baby Back Ribs

Smithfield

\$2.99 lb.

CERTIFIED ANGUS BEEF

Sirloin Tip Roast

\$4.99 lb.

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Ground Chuck

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Individually Frozen - Wild Caught

Salmon Fillet Portions

\$3.99 lb.

Sugardale - Thick Cut

Butcher Block Bacon

\$2.99 lb.

CERTIFIED ANGUS BEEF

Thin Sliced or Sirloin Tip Sandwich Steak

\$5.99 lb.

16-oz. - Klement's

Brats or Italian Sausage

\$3.49

US Government Inspected

Boneless Ribeye Steak

\$5.99 lb.

Bea's Best

Corned Beef Points

\$2.99 lb.

GREAT FOR THE GRILL!

Split Chickens

\$1.49 lb.

QUICK-TO-FIX!

Stuffed Tenderized or Thin Sliced Boneless Chicken Breast

\$2.99 lb.

Aunt Bessie's

Pork Rib Tips

\$1.99 lb.

Cut Up Chickens

\$1.69 lb.

Chicken Stir Fry or Fajita Meat

\$3.99 lb.

Sold in 10-lb. Box...

\$15.99

2.1-oz. - Farmland

Cooked Bacon

\$3.49

12-oz. - Original or Garlic - Johnsonville

Summer Sausage

\$4.29

10.7-14-oz. - Cher-Make

Low Calorie Chicken Sausage or Big W Dogs

\$4.99

16-oz. - Cubed Ham or Dinner Steaks...

\$4.49

20-oz. - Original or Garlic Summer Sausage

\$6.99

2.5-lb. - Farmland - Boneless

Half Hams

\$7.49

Smithfield

12-20-oz. - Fully Cooked - Heat & Eat Sausage Patties or Biscuits

\$4.49

24-oz. - Assorted - TJ Farms - Heat & Eat

Breaded Chicken

\$5.99

29.3-42.72-oz. - Foster Farms

Mini, Gluten-Free or Regular Corn Dogs

\$5.99

16-oz. - Supreme Choice - Imitation

Crab Meat

\$2.49

16-oz. - Icy Ocean - EZ Peel

Raw Shrimp

\$5.99

16-oz. - Supreme Choice

Cod Fillets

\$5.99

10-oz. - Supreme Choice

Cooked Shrimp Rings

\$5.49

26-30-Count - 16-oz. - Supreme Choice

Cooked Shrimp

\$8.99

16-oz. - Supreme Choice

Pollock Fillets

\$2.99

13-oz. - Yellow Fin

Whole Tuna Steaks

\$6.99

Deli • Homemade Taste

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SLICED TO ORDER

Eckrich

Roast Beef

\$7.99 lb.

SLICED TO ORDER

Klement's

Original or Garlic Summer Sausage

\$5.99 lb.

SLICED TO ORDER

Pepper Jack or Colby Jack Cheese

\$4.99 lb.

Chicken Tenders

\$4.99 lb.

Seasoned Potato Wedges ...

\$1.99 lb.

CINCO DE MAYO

Pepes Spanish Rice

\$2.69 lb.

Assorted Tamales

\$1.29 ea.

Mexicali Salad

\$4.49 lb.

DELI MADE

Tortilla Chips.....

\$2.69 lb.

Pico de Gallo

\$4.99 lb.

Taco Dip.....

\$4.99 lb.

Guacamole

\$5.99 lb.

Cheesy Baked Potato Salad

\$3.69 lb.

Spinach Pasta Salad

\$4.99 lb.

Bakery • Homemade Fresh

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Fresh Baked

Mini Twin French Bread

\$1.99

6-Count - Fresh Baked

Sheboygan Hard Rolls or Brat Buns

\$1.99

16-oz.

Homestyle White or Farmer's Bread

\$1.99

Garlic & Herb

\$2.29

12-Count

Assorted Varieties Strudel Bites

\$2.99

14.5-oz. - La Brea Artisan

Sour Dough Loaf

\$3.49

8-Inch

Dutch Apple or Peach Pies

\$4.99

4-Count

Our Very Own Piggly Wiggly Muffins

\$2.99

4-Count

Churros or Grand Pershings

\$2.99

18-oz.

Assorted Varieties Mini Bagels

\$3.29

8-Inch

Angel Food Cake

\$4.69

8-Inch

German Chocolate Cake

\$8.99

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12-Pack, 12-oz. Cans or 8-Pack, 12-oz. Bottles

Coke, Sprite or Diet Coke

2/9.99

12-Pack, 12-oz. Cans

Pepsi or Mtn Dew

3/12

2-Liter Bottle

7UP, RC Cola or Dr. Pepper

3/4

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30-Pack, 12-oz. Cans

Busch or Busch Light

\$13.91

12-Pack, 12-oz. Bottles

Corona Extra or Modelo Especial

\$14.29

12-Pack, 12-oz. Bottles

Dos Equis Lager

\$13.69

WHEN YOU BUY MULTIPLES OF TWO

6-Pack, 11.2-oz. Bottles

Cayman Jack Margaritas

\$6.49 ea.

FREE

12-Pack, 12-oz. Cans or Bottles

Michelob Ultra

\$11.99

30-Pack, 12-oz. Cans - Pabst Extra

Pabst Blue Ribbon or Pabst Easy

\$17.79

WHEN YOU BUY 10 Limit 10

20-oz. Bottle

Vitaminwater

10/10

12-Pack, Half-Liter Bottles

Lipton Iced Tea

\$4.99

4-Pack, 9.5-oz. Bottles

Starbucks Frappuccino

\$4.99

16 to 18.5-oz. Bottles

Snapple or Snapple Straight Up Tea

\$4.99

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Riunite Wines

\$8.29

750 ML Bottle

Flip Flop Wines

\$3.99

750 ML Bottle

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\$14.99

1.75-Liter Bottle

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Bounce back

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step back into a cautious situation. Trainers are also preparing people for a virtual 5K run.

“We’re waiting on guidelines and once we get those we’ll get things rolling,” he said.

United Way: The Oshkosh Area United Way is hosting conversations with non-profits from Oshkosh to Green Bay to understand the impact of the coronavirus and the needs developed in communities.

“For example, one of the conversations we’re having is about the Oshkosh homeless population,” said Candice Lane, community impact specialist. “So, what solutions have been brought to the table to anticipate the looming closure of Day by Day Warming Shelter? We’ve been working actively as a community to understand how we can support this current population if they don’t have any place to go, along with the future needs coming from current places like coffee shops and libraries being closed.”

United Way is also anticipating service needs of a larger homeless population and evaluating food services in other communities to see what has been successful.

Boys & Girls Club: Local club members are getting full-service tutoring help, mental health assistance, exercise programs and engaging activities to do with staff members, according to chief executive Marc Dosogne. The club has a team dedicated to preparing summer programs so that once the doors open again staff can hit the ground running with games and programs to energize youth club members.

Additionally, club employees are developing programs and providing as many tutoring services as needed. Dosogne said not all members have the same access to digital learning tools or do not pick up lessons as easily through digital learning. The club is also providing meals to membership families, “as many as 300 people at a time,” Dosogne said, and giving out cleaning supplies.

“We’re going to be very attentive to kids’ mental health” once they return, Dosogne said. “But it’s still going to say ‘Fun’ on the door and kids are still going to be excited to come here. And we’re going to be excited to have them here.”

Fox River Brewery: Owner Jay Supple

has had his staff working to sanitize each of his five locations. The Oshkosh brewery will see renovations with a new bar-top, flooring, paint, staining and sanitary methods once opened again. There will be a new menu at each of Supple’s locations (Fox River Brewery and Golden Corral in Oshkosh). There will be new beer offerings at the Oshkosh brewery and the staff has a plan in order to open their restaurant with maximum safety precautions once given the OK.

“Anything that needed to be cleaned, wiped, painted or stained, we’re doing,” Supple said. “We are extremely excited to have guests come back in and see the new look.”

Bare Bones Brewery: Becoming a staple for beer and comedy just outside city limits on County S, Bare Bones has had to restrict its customers like everyone else on weeknights and weekends. But the brewery is still preparing growlers and preordered beer packages over the phone. Owner Dan Dringoli said that for now they are following orders. “When they allow 10 people in, we’ll allow 10 people in. When they allow 50 people in, we’ll allow 50 people in,” he said.

Kitz & Pfeil Ace Hardware: The downtown hardware store is offering a curbside pickup. Customers can call or place an online order, which an employee will fill and have ready. Customers are asked to pick up their items at the back-side entrance off Division Street.

“We try to do whatever our customers request with the curbside pickup. We can also do delivery,” owner Jim Staple said. “We have the best customers out there and getting to talk to them face to face is what we miss. But to all the people who continue to come in, they’re always so wonderful and so nice and we’re happy to help.”

Protective masks are stocked in the

store as well as bleach and other cleaning materials. For people looking to start their gardens, Staple has materials to help.

Pop-up pickups: Clark Muller at the Lunch Box likes to think of creative solutions at his restaurant. Besides starting video game contests and events to get people moving to and excited to be in the store, he helped create a Pop Up Pick Up service that has been rotating among local businesses. The service is hosted through the Pop Up Pick Up Facebook page and is regularly updated with the latest lineup. This coming week, the service is hosted at the Lunch Box restaurant, which means that people will pick up their order from there. With the deal comes a meal prepared by a special chef who has been serving meals in Oshkosh for more than 15 years but whose name is being kept a secret. The meal will include handmade basil fettuccine with Bolognese sauce topped with Romano cheese, a romaine salad, a limited sweet and tropical cream ale with passion fruit, tangerine and coconut from Fifth Ward Brewery, and cantaloupe sorbet from Compassion Creamery. The total meal is prepared for two and priced at \$45.

“The small businesses in Oshkosh are what make the city special,” Muller said. “This meal program is all about helping the small businesses in Oshkosh work together to stay open.” Order by 6 p.m. today for the Lunch Box’s offering and pick up Thursday between 4 and 7 p.m. Check the Pop Up Pick Up Facebook page for details on the restaurant rotation.

The Roxy Supper Club: One of Oshkosh’s favorite places to drink an old fashioned — brandy or whiskey — The Roxy has done some back-of-house remodeling and sanitized the entire restaurant, taking this time to clean and prepare for a re-opening when the time comes. Until then, they are continuing carryout and delivery

services.

Owner Ryan Wolf said they will likely continue delivery services while the first phase of the Bounce Back program is going. For Mother’s Day (May 10), The Roxy will be open for pick up orders from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and have a similar specialty menu as was offered on Easter.

“We’re looking forward to getting people back in here,” Wolf said.

Oshkosh Country Club: Open to the public for the first time in its 121-year history, the club’s golf course now has public tee times on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. Thursdays and Saturdays are reserved for members.

Chef Michael England at the club’s TJ’s Highland Steakhouse has a Mother’s Day prime rib dinner with a wedge salad, choice of three sides and a tuxedo cake dessert. So far, OCC has not had to cancel any tournaments or weddings and their golf greens are reported to be in mid-season shape. To play, contact dsell@oshkoshcountryclub.com.

Westhaven Golf Club: Like the other area courses, its services are dependent on how well Wisconsin moves through the three phases of the Bounce Back. Voted the Herald’s 2020 City Picks best golf course, the club at 1400 Westhaven Drive is now taking tee times. While under Safer at Home orders and until otherwise changed, golfers are not allowed to drive carts or have a caddy. Courses are recommending people bring water if they are going to golf and walk the nine or 18 holes.

Backlot Comedy House: The family-owned business has begun to offer viral comedy shows. Available to stream on Friday nights with a link on its Facebook page, Backlot has become one of the more talked about and attended comedy venues in the area with Fox Valley Comedy producer Lyle Sidney calling them “one of the best.”

Fox Tax

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May thru December

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Northwestern University, was a three-time Wisconsin Gatorade State Player of the Year.

“I absolutely adore Syd,” Averkamp said. “Our friendship began before we even started playing softball. I’ve always seen her as more of a sister rather than the No. 1 pitcher in the state. She was always the first one to give me a lot of credit for making her look good, but the way she pitched, it made my job so easy.”

Winning a state championship wasn’t

so easy. North lost to Kaukauna, 2-0, in a WIAA state semifinal game Averkamp’s freshman year, then was eliminated by Fond du Lac in a regional final a year later. It all came together in 2019 and the Spartans took home the state title with a 4-2 extra-inning victory over Sun Prairie.

“Ever since I started our program, that’s been our goal,” she said. “We came close a couple of times and I’ll always remember what we accomplished last season. It was really nice to put our name up there. It was a very special season.”

Avercamp had never previously competed in rowing but made a strong impression on the Badgers after attending

a tryout camp in Madison. Her former pitching coach at North, Graeme Robertson, grew up with competitive rowing in New Zealand where his father coached the sport.

“Because I was a catcher and Graeme was our pitching coach, I hung out and talked a lot with him when he was here,” she said. “He began rowing as a young boy in New Zealand so it always kind of piqued my interest.”

Averkamp, who carries a 3.98 grade-point-average at North, plans to major in international studies. She was training rigorously for rowing before the gyms shut down and is now doing what

she can at home to prepare her body for the demands of the sport.

“It’s more challenging than any sport I’ve played just because it’s so demanding on the body, both in terms of physical strength and cardiovascular strength,” she said.

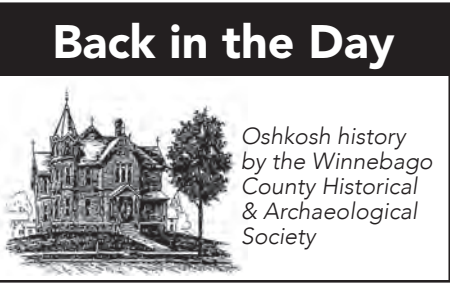
Averkamp didn’t play a winter sport but competed as a singles player for the North tennis team last fall.

“Singles was a bit new to me because I had previously played doubles with Libby Neveau,” she said. “It was a little more challenging. I’ve always liked tennis. Softball was always my main sport and tennis was a little more relaxed for me. It was a fun tennis season.”

School District’s free meal distribution shifts to three days

The Oshkosh Area School District has gone to a Monday, Wednesday and Friday meal distribution schedule with extended times where students, families and those in need will be able to collect two days’ worth of meals Mondays and Wednesdays and three days’ worth on Fridays.

The latest menu and list of current OASD meal sites and times can be found at www.oshkosh.k12.wi.us. Those in need



April 26, 1950

Lake Bog Smashes Into Docks:

Buffeted by 25 mph winds, a huge floating bog smashed against the east shore of Lake Butte des Morts near Plummer’s Point, causing heavy damage to fishing docks located there. The bog was a huge

mass of ice, weeds, dirt and roots and estimated to be about 2 feet thick and between three to five acres in mass. The solid mixture of weeds and ice apparently was lifted bodily from the bottom of the lake along the west shore by rising water and easterly winds. Four fishing docks were completely sheared off and two others sustained damage. The movement of the mass was eye witnessed by Plummer’s Point residents Mrs. Arthur Krutz and Mrs. Harry Kilbey around 2 p.m. yesterday afternoon.

Source – The Oshkosh Northwestern, April 26, 1950

Book traces Butte des Morts history

A new book on the history of the village of Butte des Morts in Winnebago County has been published.

“Butte des Morts, WI: Its History and Its People,” by the Butte des Morts Historical Preservation Society, traces the lakeshore village’s beginning as a fur trading post and settlement by Augustin Grignon, including stories on the families and individuals

who settled it and started its businesses. It examines the village’s development into a commercial center in the 1800s and a recreational destination in the 20th century.

The society had to cancel a May 6 event to celebrate the book’s release, as well as its June 14 annual meeting. Printed by Rogers Publishing/Envision Ink, the book is available at buttedesmorthistory.com.

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Dog groomer referred for charges after staying open

Oshkosh Herald

A local dog grooming business was referred by Oshkosh police to the District Attorney’s office after refusing to follow Gov. Tony Evers’ state orders for non-essential businesses to stay closed during the COVID-19 pandemic shutdown.

Police said they were contacted Friday about The Dog Depot grooming salon at 1225 S. Main St. by the Winnebago County Health Department, which was advising that the business close immediately. After several reported previous warnings, a police sergeant spoke to the owner who disagreed with the Health Department and would not comply with the governor’s order.

The sergeant reportedly told the owner that she was going to be referred for charges related to the orders and that each day her business continued to stay open would result in another charge.

The business opened again Monday and police reiterated the warning. Police said they have responded to 122 calls since March 17 at locations such as playgrounds, residences and businesses that relate to violations of the governor’s order.

“All of these individuals were very cooperative and complied when we explained that they were violating the governor’s order. They were all warned and no arrests had to be made for any visitors or residence in the City of Oshkosh,” police said in a statement. “This is the first time that we have had a business owner or citizen who defied the Governor’s Order and continued to not comply numerous times. Our goal is always voluntary compliance. Filing charges is always our last resort.”

Evers signed an emergency order Monday to allow some nonessential businesses to do curbside drop-off of goods and animals, including dog groomers.

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First, consider where we’ve just been. For 11 years, from 2009 to early 2020, stock prices kept rising, with some interruptions, resulting in one of the longest bull markets on record. During this time, stock prices rose around 400 percent – which means we entered bear territory from an extremely high point. This doesn’t mean the recent losses are insignificant, but market pullbacks present more of a pothole, rather than a complete detour, on the road to your financial goals. If you’ve been investing over time – at least a decade – you still have likely made significant progress toward your goals.

Here’s another point to keep in mind: Bear markets are a normal occurrence in the stock market. There have been eight previous bear markets since 1945, not including the current one, which have lasted an average of less than one year. The good news is bull markets have, on average, lasted five times longer. Of course, as you’ve no doubt heard, the past performance of the markets can’t guarantee how they will perform in the future.

While we can’t predict how long this bear market will last, given the ongoing uncertainty of the coronavirus health crisis, it’s highly likely a rebound will eventually emerge, as has happened before.

So, given all this, how should you respond to what’s happening? When market volatility rises and the value of your investment’s declines, you might feel tempted to abandon your long-term strategy in favor of one you perceive to be lower-risk. But instead, ask yourself some questions:

- “Have my long-term financial goals changed?” You’ve probably had your long-term goals for quite some time. For example, perhaps you’ve always wanted to retire at a certain age and spend part of the year in a different location. Do you still have this goal today, despite all that’s happened in the markets? The answer is likely yes. If that’s the case, you probably don’t want to abandon the investment strategy you’ve been following, especially given the unique nature of the current market volatility.
- “Am I comfortable with my risk tolerance?” Some investors know that markets will go through occasional shocks, and can live with this knowledge, but others worry to the point that it negatively affects their quality of life. If you are in this second group, you may need to re-evaluate your risk tolerance and, at some point, adjust your portfolio accordingly.

These are challenging times for all of us, as we think about the health of our loved ones and our ability to achieve our financial goals. But it’s important to have confidence that the current health crisis will eventually pass, and that normalcy will return. And as an investor, remind yourself that investing for the long term requires patience and discipline.

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Schools will work with spring sports limitations

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Before the state’s Safer at Home order was extended through May 26, the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) was in discussions about how to conduct a spring season.

Those discussions ended with school facilities being closed for the rest of the semester. The WIAA Board of Control voted to cancel spring sports regular-season competitions and tournaments while allowing individual, virtual spring sports coaching to continue until the final day of the 2020 season for each sport.

The cancellation of spring competitions is in support of efforts to prevent, suppress and control the spread of COVID-19. In conjunction with the decision, the board voted to extend unrestricted summertime coaching contact opportunities for spring sports only. This will permit teams that include this year’s seniors to assemble and conduct practices and competitions for up to 30 days, provided restrictions on assembling in groups are removed, until the

start of a fall season.

The extension of the summertime coaching contact is only available to students enrolled in ninth through 12th grades during the 2020 spring seasons.

All sports’ acclimatization regulations remain unchanged before the first competition as does the pitch count during the 30-day window. In addition, a day of rest after six consecutive contact days remains unchanged, and all traditional non-school participation can be conducted simultaneously during the summertime, provided restrictions on assembling in groups are removed.

All spring sports competitions scheduled during the expansion of unrestricted summertime provisions will require approval from district administrators. In addition, spring sports teams assembling without the current year’s seniors participating shall be limited to five days of unrestricted summertime contact, which is the same as fall and winter sports.

While that 30-day window during the summer seems encouraging, some high

school athletic directors don’t think it is a good idea and find it highly unlikely that many schools will do it. With so many club sports spots, summer camps and multisport athletes, it may be nearly impossible for smaller schools to partake in something like this over the summer months.

“I think it was the correct decision to cancel spring sports,” Lourdes athletic director Kevin Wopat said. “We all want sports in our lives, but we all must continue to put the bigger picture at the forefront of decision-making. I believe that this will help these students face and overcome future adversities that come their way.”

“I feel the WIAA did this to give the spring athletes some hope,” Wopat said of the 30-day window. “I don’t think it is realistic. Lourdes Academy won’t be utilizing this option. I don’t believe many schools will.”

While smaller schools may have a tough time using this window, larger schools could benefit as they will have more students to choose from.

Creig Leider of Oshkosh North is also

considering how to maximize athletes’ minimal chances during this brief time period.

“I feel terrible for all the spring student-athletes, coaches and officials, especially the seniors after the announcement from the WIAA,” he said. “I hope we are able to utilize the 30 summer contact days for spring sports in a constructive and meaningful way, I just don’t know what that looks like yet.”

Meaningful and constructive is vague at this point, but the easiest possible solution would be a July 1-31 season where teams would get together for one week of practice before a three-week season of three games a week. Ideally FVA teams could play each other in their conference once.

Much like Leider, Oshkosh West activities coordinator Brad Jordarski hasn’t made any long-term decisions.

“When I get a chance to look it over and talk with our administration, we can begin to put a plan in place,” he said. “Until then we are still at a standstill of what we physically can do.”

Hartkopf to lead Wildcats football with Levine departure

By Dustin Riese
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After 30 years with the program, including the last 17 as head coach, Oshkosh West head coach Ken Levine elected to step down. West didn’t have to look far for his replacement.

Duane Hartkopf, wrestling coach and assistant football coach for five years, has been named interim head coach for the 2020 season. West finished 3-6 last season

and hasn’t had a winning season since 2010.

“Coach Hartkopf is an excellent motivator, outstanding communicator and has developed strong relationships with the student-athletes and stakeholders within the wrestling and football programs,” the school district’s press release reads.

While it wasn’t something he thought would happen anytime soon, Hartkopf jumped at the opportunity.

“Obviously, this was an opportunity that

presented itself in a unique way when Ken made the decision to step down,” Hartkopf said. “Up until that point it was business as usual within the program as Ken was the head coach and that was the plan moving forward. When the vacancy came it was simply something I wished to pursue as I have a strong passion for football, coaching and making a difference in our athletes.”

Hartkopf also has worked alongside former North head coach Chris Kujawa.

“I have been very fortunate getting to coach alongside two coaches with a tremendous amount of experience in this sport especially given their time as head coaches,” he said. “I was able to learn a lot of the ins and outs of coaching football and what happens behind the scenes with Ken. He also instilled a good amount of trust in me letting me do a lot with the special teams and allowing me to bend his ear at times on ideas.

“(Kujawa) taught me a lot about the defensive portion of the sport,” Hartkopf added. “His attention to details on opposing teams was always a treat to see. He also shared lots of ideas and things he had done over his years of coaching as he truly loves the sport and helping other coaches. It is also fun to see him officiating wrestling from time to time as I can also take a few jabs at him.”

Watching Hartkopf lead his wrestlers on the mat shows his coaching intensity.

“I’m a very passionate coach that brings energy every day,” he said. “I push for all my athletes to put forth effort, attitude and hustle. I spend a lot of time focusing on how fortunate we are to be able to participate in athletics and do the things we can. Also, athletics parallel many of the adversities we will face in our daily life and athletics are a great way to help prepare athletes for such adversities.

“Fans can expect to see a group of athletes competing every single play and having pride in the fact we are going to outwork you for all four quarters. The mindset of not taking a play off and embracing the work that goes into reaching our goals is one that will be transparent. We will also have a motto and attitude we are carrying with from here on out.”

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Did you know that the most important macromolecules in cells, genes and proteins, are chains of a few basic molecules – four nucleotides in genes and twenty amino acids in proteins – the same nucleotides and the same amino acids in all living things? Those facts are very damaging to Darwinian Evolution. Here is why.

Chain molecules consisting of a few basic molecules require only simple mathematics to determine how many could exist. Therefore, we can easily calculate the number of genes and proteins that COULD EXIST and compare that to the numbers that DO EXIST. That comparison is extremely relevant to determining whether AoE or CoG is the better explanation for life on earth.

For example, If the COULD EXISTS are very much larger than the DO EXISTS, searching for the few right ones out of a vast number of choices is required. Darwinian Evolution's searches are blind, unguided wanderings through vast numbers of things and making random choices. CoG posits an intelligent being who knows exactly what is needed to accomplish a purpose and chooses accordingly.

Numbers of Genes and Proteins that Could Exist
How many chains of an average-sized protein with 300 amino acids could exist? How many genes with 1000 nucleotides could exist? The answers for both are calculated using the same principle. Since proteins have twenty choices at each position along their chains, the answer is calculated by multiplying 20x20x20x..... 300 times for 300 positions. Since genes have four choices at each position along their chains, the answer is calculated by multiplying 4x4x4x.....1000 times.

The answers are so large that special notation is used. The answer for the number of 300 amino acid chains is 1e390, and for 1000 nucleotide chains is 1e602. These extremely large numbers have 390 and 602 zeroes, respectively, following the “1” and they are each for only one chain.

Numbers of Genes and Proteins that Do Exist
How does the number that could exist compare to the number that do exist in all living things? A generous estimate of the

proteins is a trillion (1e12), which includes all proteins with 6 to 3500 amino acids. And because genes code for proteins, it's reasonable to assume comparable numbers for them.

Therefore, Darwinian evolution's search for even one existing protein or gene is analogous to looking for a specific blade of grass in the turf of a billion Lambeau Fields.

Features that Teach or Coincidences?
There is accumulating evidence that an intelligent designer made the earth not only to support life but also so that its intelligent inhabitants could study the creation. I believe that chain macromolecules are one example. Here are a few more:

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Lourdes senior is finalist for WIAA Scholar-Athlete

Lourdes senior Caden Chier was named one of 32 finalists to receive the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Association's 2020 Scholar Athlete Award. Four boys and four girls were selected from each of the four WIAA divisions based on athletic and academic achievement. Chier was one of four boys selected for Division 3.

The son of Matthew and Carey Chier from Berlin, Chier is valedictorian of his senior class with a 4.078 grade point average, earned varsity academic letters each year and is a member of the National Honor Society. He earned Academic All-Conference Honors from 2018-20, and made the GCAW Academic All-State Golf Team in 2018 and the WFCFA Academic All-State Football Team in 2019.

He has earned 11 varsity letters in football, basketball, golf and track. In football, Chier helped lead his 2019 team to the Division 7 state semifinals and was named the Trailways-Small Conference Co-Defensive Player of the Year and All State-Honorable Mention at outside line-



Chier

backer. He was captain of his JV and varsity basketball teams and named as Honorable Mention All-Conference forward in the Trailways East. In track in 2019, his 4x200 relay team won conference and regional championships, and his 4x100 relay team won the regional championship.

"I was disappointed and saddened because my track relay teams will not get another chance at state this year due to the coronavirus outbreak, but I'm happy to be part of the effort to keep everyone safe through the closing of schools and athletic programs," Chier said.

He will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison and aspires to go to medical school and specialize in neurological medicine.

The finalists will be recognized in a video to be posted May 15 on www.wiaawi.org and broadcast by Fox Sports. The video includes a special message from Alec Ingold, Las Vegas Raiders fullback and former member of the Wisconsin Badger football team. Ingold, who graduated from Bayport High School, was named a WIAA Scholar Athlete Finalist in 2015.

Each finalist will receive a medallion, certificate and special plaque for their school's trophy case.

Obituaries

Barbara Jean Babcock

Barbara Jean Babcock, age 73, of Oshkosh passed away on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at Mercy Medical Center in Oshkosh. Barb was born in Neenah, WI on December 16, 1946 the daughter of Edward and Marie C. (Machen) Babcock. She was a Beautician at many different Salons in Oshkosh for 50 plus years. She was a faithful member of St. Raphael's Catholic Church and was very involved with the Life Teen program at the church with Father Felton. Barb will be missed by the staff at Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Homes where she cut and styled hair for many years.

Barb is survived by her nephew, Ken (Linda) Johnson of Omro, WI, niece, Linda (Paul) McCoy of Elcho, WI, Brother-in-law, John Selwitschka of FL and his children, Cindy (Jeff) Batterman of Van Dyne, John (Grace) Selwitschka of

Wauwatosa, Eric (Laura) Selwitschka of Hustiford and Carol Selwitschka of Antigo.. Her good friends, Joyce (Del) Tritt of Oshkosh, Louise (Milton) Koehler of Oshkosh and Phyllis (Jim) Gibson of Oshkosh. Other special friends, Aimee (Jon Schmig) Tritt and Nathan (Kristina) Tritt.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, Alice Schettl and Carol Selwitschka and her niece, Sue Duerr.

Due to Covid-19 the Mass and Visitation for Barb was cancelled. Private committal services will be held at Riverside City Cemetery.

The Mass and Visitation will be held in the fall of 2020.



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