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Photo by Michael Cooney

## Mobile food assistance

A Drive-thru Mobile Food Pantry set up Thursday at the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry handed out 1,000 boxes of produce, meat and dairy products on a first-come basis to the public thanks to a partnership between Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Oshkosh delivery was one of several in the region to distribute healthy food directly to high-need areas free of charge. The Oshkosh Area Community Foundation is partnering with UW Oshkosh to host a similar event every Monday on the university campus. Each mobile pantry delivers more than 8,300 meals.

## Rental eviction protections no longer hold

Tenants and landlords are questioning what will happen now that a statewide moratorium on evictions for nonpayment of rent ended Tuesday.

Though the measure didn't eliminate the obligation to make rent or mortgage payments, the moratorium order kept local residents from losing their housing as the pandemic unfolded and people were urged to practice social distancing and stay at home.

Landlords can once again file for evictions and existing cases in the court system will proceed. This is what has many worried.

"We don't want a housing crisis on top of a public health crisis so we helped pull together key stakeholders to take action," said Amy Putzer, director of programs at the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation.

She said representatives from 12 local organizations have been meeting to enact strategies to prevent a surge in evictions. Last week, the Wisconsin Rental Assistance Program (WRAP) was announced by Gov. Tony Evers and the state Department of Administration.

The widespread job loss and cut wages amid the pandemic have further stressed those living paycheck to paycheck. In the last seven weeks, Winnebago County has seen more than 12,000 new filers for un-

## Family businesses work to weather storm

### Owners focus on keeping customers comfortable

By Lee Reiherzer  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The spring of 2020 will be remembered as among the worst of times for family-run businesses like Jerry's Bar and the Fox River Brewing Co.

Scott Engel, whose family has operated Jerry's at 1210 Ceape Ave. for more than a century, will never forget March 17. It was the day he learned that Wisconsin's Safer at Home order would force him to close his business.

"It made me sick when I got the news," Engel said. "At the time Mike Koplitz, my partner in the business, was working. There were a few of our regulars already there. I came in to help Mike lock up the place. It was pretty upsetting. At one point, I had to leave. I walked out that back door. It had me so upset that I just had to leave."



Photo by Lee Reiherzer

Mike Koplitz (left) and Scott Engel are shown at Jerry's Bar recently. Engel is the fourth generation of his family to run the tavern since 1911.

## Contact tracing ramps up in county

By Jack Tierney  
OSHKOSH HERALD

As schools finish for the year and businesses and parks continue to reopen after Safer at Home orders expired, contact tracers will be relied on to examine data, identify and address the spread of the coronavirus and contain its reach in Oshkosh, Winnebago County health department director Douglas Gieryn said.

Contact tracers provide recommendations for self-quarantine and review daily monitoring, check support to maintain compliance during self-quarantine, communicate with symptomatic patient's contacts, conduct daily monitoring with temperature readings and advise use of medications until 14 days after the last potential exposure.

There are 12 COVID-19 contact tracers in Winnebago County, Gieryn said at a May 18 special session Common Council meeting. The number of tracers will increase or decrease depending on the county's needs and patterns of spread, he said.

Gieryn said right now most of the staff-mobilized contact tracers in Winnebago are former nurses who were asked to break retirement and help along with school district nurses. He said the Wisconsin

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Mabel Murphy’s rebuild effort advances

By Tom Ekvall  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Oshkosh Plan Commission recommended approval of a conditional use permit that will help with the rebuilding of Mabel Murphy’s tavern at 701 N. Main St., which was destroyed by fire last May. The permit discussed at the commission’s May 19 meeting will allow the addition of an outdoor commercial entertainment use at the property that can serve up to 32 patrons in the 800-square-foot area. Applicant Dan Meissner said in his request that he needs the permit for a patio area to better serve customers. Planning staff supported his proposal and noted that its does not exempt the bar from city noise criteria. An early-morning fire May 7 that started

in an apartment building next door spread to the tavern, which collapsed as a result. The building next door had significant fire, water and smoke damage, displacing nine residents. At the conclusion of the meeting, Planning Services Manager Mark Lyons presented Chairman Tom Fojtik with a certificate for his leadership on the Plan Commission, serving as chairman for 12 years and a member for 15. Fojtik announced he would be stepping down from the Plan Commission and voiced support for public participation in the overall planning process. “I would like to call this body a ‘glamour commission,’” he said. The commission also recommended approval of a conditional use permit requested by Muza Sheet Metal Co. for an

outdoor storage area at 2676 S. Oakwood Road as part of the company’s plans to move its Oshkosh facilities there. The company purchased the site in the Southwest Industrial Park previously used by Dynamic Drinkware. The company has facilities at 51 W. Furnau Ave. and 3200 N. Main St. and wants to shift all production to the industrial park site. The outdoor storage area would house raw materials for sheet metal production as well as fleet vehicles for delivery of finished materials used in the building construction industry. The commission also advanced:

- Zoning change at 19 W. 28th Ave. from heavy industrial to heavy industrial with planned development overlay to enable Hydrite Chemical Co. to add a rail yard expansion to connect to Canadian National rail area track. Also recommended for approval was a general development plan and specific implementation plan for the project.
- Zoning change from institutional district to institutional with planned development overlay for Winnebago County to enable expansion of the Sunnyview Expo Center as part of a two-phase approach.
- Storm sewer easement at 1658 Maricopa Drive that will improve surface drainage.
- Allowing a property at 11 Chateau Terrace to construct a small solar energy system on the roof consistent with state requirements, including two groups of eight panels.
- Zoning change at Jackson Street and West Fernau Avenue from heavy industrial to heavy industrial with a planned development overlay for three properties that will enable consistent zoning for redevelopment.



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# Anthem partners with club on programs

The Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation is directing \$110,000 to support Boys & Girls Clubs of Oshkosh and four other clubs statewide to offer safe, virtual programming and supplementary meals during the COVID-19 health crisis as well as continuing to develop healthy programming for when clubs are able to open again.

Club staff are keeping the health and wellness program Happy Healthy Members running through a variety of methods. Weekly emails are being sent to families to encourage activities that would normally be done at the club, such as games to play with family members, obstacles courses with different calisthenics and YouTube videos on how to move your body and stay active.

The club is also sharing new easy and healthy snack recipes like banana sushi (bananas, peanut butter and tortillas) and how to make a healthy ice cream. The club is also communicating mental wellness tips such as paying it forward by creating positive messages for others, the importance of being thankful and the benefits of yoga.

"We are very thankful to the Anthem Foundation for supporting us during this unprecedented time. We have always been a club that focused on the health and well-



Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh staff member Debbie Henschel preps meals for families.

ness of our members and we love that we are still able to provide these services in this time," said Marc Dosogne, chief executive.

The club anticipates serving 170 youth this summer and is planning weekly healthy and wellness activities that include taking care of the club's garden, learning to prepare snacks in small, safe groups, learning about what makes a healthy plate of food, learning the basics of many sports and playing games outside.

"The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh's quick and effective transition of services to continue its mission in the face of a global pandemic is a great example of Wis-

consin's creativity and spirit of service," said Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Wisconsin President Paul Nobile.

For the past four weeks, the club has been checking in with its families by phone, providing hygiene and cleaning supplies and preparing and distributing weekly meal boxes for more than 270 children and adults.

The Oshkosh Area School District is assisting in tutoring with club staff to all youth in the district. Matches in the Great Futures Mentoring Program continue to meet on Zoom with a staff member present. And the Radford Center and Teen Center staff have come up with creative ways to share programming virtually.

The club is also in need of nonperishable food items for the Little Free Pantry, hygiene/household supplies, grocery and gas gift cards, medical masks and gloves, and LEGOs for Teen Center youth.

Donations can be dropped off outside the club's Radford Center entrance between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. during the week.

# Ceremonies still in works for seniors

By Jack Tierney  
OSHKOSH HERALD

The school district was thinking about its seniors when news that a regularly scheduled in-person graduation ceremony was unlikely to happen by working with the Winnebago County Department of Health on an in-person ceremony for both high schools at the end of July in addition to virtual ceremonies.

Oshkosh West High School families and students were asked to save the date Tuesday, July 28, for an outdoor in-person ceremony and July 30 in case of rain. Oshkosh North families were asked to save the date Wednesday, July 29, for an outdoor ceremony and July 31 in case of rain.

Both plans will depend on health agency restrictions to group gatherings being lifted by July 28 and district officials said they will communicate that pending approval the week of July 1.

"It is our hope that, if restrictions for Oshkosh schools have been lifted by these dates, we can gather for in-person celebrations of the OASD Class of 2020," a news release from the district said.

Virtual ceremonies were held Monday for West High School students and today (Wednesday) for North High.

District officials thanked the school community for continued patience as it works with the Department of Health Services, the WCHD and Department of Public Instruction regarding graduations.

"We are extremely grateful for your continued support and understanding," Superintendent Vickie Cartwright, North Principal Jacquelyn Kiffmeyer and West Principal Erin Kohl said in a joint newsletter. "Your hard work and resilience, as well as your continued optimism, are truly remarkable."



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# Veteran medevac pilot recalls the fallen

By Jack Tierney  
OSHKOSH HERALD

A soldier who spent 20 years in the U.S. Army partially serving as a medical evacuation helicopter pilot flying injured soldiers and citizens out of warzones in Afghanistan shared his stories for Memorial Day in remembrance of soldiers killed in action.

Steve Freund, 40, from Neenah and now living in Larsen and enrolled at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, enlisted in 1999 at age 18. He started as an enlisted chemical operations specialist before applying for and becoming a warrant officer helicopter pilot.

Freund was initiated to the excitement of aviation as a child when his mother began taking him to the Experimental Aircraft Association’s annual AirVenture.

“As a kid I remember playing outside and hearing the Goodyear blimp flying in from miles away and being really excited,” Freund said. “Generally, I can absolutely say (AirVenture) had a positive influence on my interest in aviation.”

For the Charlie Company 3-10 general support aviation battalion, Freund deployed to the fields of Afghanistan in 2013 and said the job was an adrenaline rush.

“In the medevac, the way it works is you’re constantly ready to go. If you get a radio call saying there is a medevac mission, flight operations personnel just start screaming ‘medevac, medevac, medevac’ and you run to the helicopter,” Freund said.

“You jump into the helicopter, get it started and it’s only then that you figure out where you are going to go and what you are going to do. You pick up the passenger and bring them back and drop them off wherever the nearest medic is. Then you reset the helicopter and get ready to do it all over again.”

He said the missions were usually within 10 minutes and could lead him anywhere: “a dusty field in the middle of nowhere, a road, a building, a hospital, or even a stadium.” He said once a medevac unit arrived at the location there would hopefully be security nearby.

“You have to have security nearby, but that’s not always the case. I had a mission where I landed and there was gunfire all around me,” he recalled. “I had another mission where there was a bomb that went off just before I landed.”

## UWO graduates 35 doctors of nursing

Thirty-five University of Wisconsin Oshkosh students graduated May 16 with doctor of nursing practice (DNP) degrees, the most in university’s history.

Bonnie Nickasch, director of the post-licensure program and assistant dean for the College of Nursing, said that in face of current events, the graduates have shown with great perseverance that anything is possible.

“I am impressed by the students’ attitudes and flexibility as their lives were turned upside down. On-campus classes were transitioned to online, on-site clinicals were canceled and replaced with telehealth simulations, and assignments and due dates changed as faculty were called to work additional hours on the front lines,” Nickasch said. “The majority of the students were mandated to work extra hours on the front lines as well.”

Kathy Wren, director of the DNP nurse anesthesia emphasis, feels confident that this large graduating class is ready to go



Submitted photos  
Steve Freund, chief warrant officer, is shown in Afghanistan (top photo) and receiving honors.

That was part of what Freund was thinking about on Memorial Day.

“Actually going and helping people, feeling like you had a real genuine purpose on the battlefield, was very fulfilling for me,” he said. “It was not always easy. Sometimes you would get a patient who was badly injured or dead before we got there.”

The surge to defeat the Taliban military was finishing in 2013 as Freund deployed. Tensions between the U.S. and Afghanistan were recovering after reports of U.S. soldiers attacking Afghan citizens and burning volumes of the Quran were

reported, according to the editors of Britannica.

Higher up, the U.S. and Afghanistan were working on peace negotiations with NATO as the Taliban and al-Qaeda organization leader had been killed on May 2, 2011. Freund was part of an ongoing third-phase mission to stabilize the Afghan government, protect citizens from Taliban attacks and begin withdrawing U.S. troops. Freund was redeployed to the

same area in 2017. After 19 years, the U.S. is still there. At one time, 100,000 U.S. soldiers were in the country before some were transferred to Iran, according to Military Times.

After finalizing the end of the U.S.-NA-TO combat mission on Dec. 28, 2014, and reaching a low of 5,500 soldiers on Oct. 15, 2015, the war keys were turned over to the next administration and recent Department of Defense numbers indicate 16,000 U.S. troops in Afghanistan.

There have been 7,047 U.S. casualties in the Middle East since the Afghanistan war began in 2001, according to DOD data released May 18 encompassing operations Iraqi Freedom, New Dawn, Enduring Freedom, Inherent Resolve and Freedom’s Sentinel.

The Oshkosh Patriotic Council was granted permission to hold honorary Memorial Day ceremonies in South Park, Riverside Park and Riverside Cemetery on Monday morning. Attendance was limited to Patriotic Council members. Oshkosh Media recorded the services and ceremonies and the coverage was aired throughout the day.


Memorial Day commemorates American military personnel who died in all wars including the Civil War, World Wars I and II, Korean War, Vietnam War and wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Freund estimates he will receive his bachelor of science degree in environmental studies at UW Oshkosh with an emphasis in science in the 2021 fall semester. He is president of the Student Veteran Association on campus. He retired from the military in 2019 with a rank of chief warrant officer 4.

“Reflecting on my time as a medevac pilot also makes me reflect heavily on those we have lost. The same thrill I received when saving someone’s life makes me remorsefully contemplate the lives that couldn’t be saved,” he said.

“Memorial Day requires that I reflect on these things. However, this doesn’t mean that Memorial Day is a day of sad reflection. Like those who go out of their way to thank all veterans on Memorial Day, I am also reminded during this time that there are people out there who are willing to give the ultimate sacrifice for our country. And for that, I am thankful.”

### Back in the Day



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### May 23, 1995

**Oshkosh Mayor Proclaims Dummy Hoy Day:** Mayor Richard A. Wollangk of Oshkosh proclaimed May 23, 1995, as Dummy Hoy Day.

Whereas, William Ellsworth Hoy, also known as Dummy Hoy, played with the Oshkosh Base Ball Club during the 1886-1887 season; and whereas, teamed with Frank Selee, Howard Gastfield, Taylor Schafter and others, whose careers in baseball ranged from 1886-1903, Dummy Hoy made the famous “catch on a horse” during a game; and whereas, Dummy Hoy was born deaf in Houcktown, Ohio on May 23, 1862, married on October

26, 1898, and died in Cincinnati, Ohio on December 15, 1961, at the age of 99 and ½ years; and whereas, Dummy Hoy was educated at the Ohio School for the Deaf from 1872-1879; and was inducted into five Hall of Fames and has a great chance to be inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in the near future; and, whereas, Dummy Hoy invented the baseball hand signals, the strikes and ball signals, the manager’s call signals to batters, and outfielder’s call signals, which are now used in all levels of baseball and softball; Now, therefore, I, Richard A. Wollangk, Mayor of the City of Oshkosh, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, May 23, 1995 as: “Dummy Hoy day in the City of Oshkosh” and along with all citizens of the City of Oshkosh, recognize the birth date of Dummy Hoy and the significant contributions he made to the game of baseball and to the deaf people of the world.

Source: Proclamation, City of Oshkosh, May 23, 1995





# Nursing care facility testing all residents

By Miles Maguire  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

All 93 residents of Bethel Home in Oshkosh are being tested for COVID-19 after 10 positive results came back in the facility’s memory care unit.

“It’s been kind of a mixed bag of results,” said Dave Merkley, Bethel’s administrator. Of the 10 positive cases, only three are symptomatic.

In addition “there have been negative results coming back for residents outside of that unit,” Merkley said.

This suggests that the coronavirus outbreak has been contained to a section of the building called Serenity Garden, which has a total of 20 residents. The memory care unit is a specially designed area with features such as extra security to assist people with Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of dementia.

“The struggle has always been how to help them do all the things we’re doing: social distancing, wearing a mask,” Merkley said.

Extra staff has been added, and residents are regularly reminded about the need for

restrictions. “We’re trying to keep them separate, but they want to go talk with someone,” he said. “And they forget.”

Long-term care facilities have been the sites of large numbers of COVID-related deaths. The one death attributed to COVID so far in Oshkosh occurred at Eden Meadows, which, like Bethel, is operated by Miravida Living Inc. Until 2017 Miravida was known as Lutheran Homes of Oshkosh.

Miravida said it planned to test all residents and staff at its skilled-care and assisted living facilities in Oshkosh: Bethel, Eden Meadows, Gabriel’s Villa and Elijah’s Place.

Besides Bethel, one other facility-wide investigation has been launched at a long-term care center in Winnebago County. This has been at Park View Health Center, according to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

One of the encouraging signs at Bethel is that the first person who tested positive is not showing symptoms, Merkley said. “It looks like he is on the path to recovery.”

“Through tracing, we believe the virus was introduced to Bethel Home by a

health care worker who had a family member test positive,” Miravida CEO Theresa M. Bertram said in a Facebook post. “This points to the perils ahead with the reopening of our communities.”

In her post from earlier this week, she said “a health care worker and a staff member have tested positive” and that five workers were symptomatic at Bethel. One staff person’s test has since come back negative, Merkley said.

The situation is fluid with new test results for staff expected in the next 24 hours, he added.

Bethel staff has been working in conjunction with the Winnebago County Health Department.

At a long-term care facility like Bethel, staff and residents develop strong relationships over the years, Merkley said. “It’s almost a familial bond.”

For staff “their focus right now is how do we keep (residents) safe and help them as best we can,” Merkley said. “That has been awesome to see.”

*Miles Maguire is editor of the Oshkosh Examiner news blog.*

## Park facilities start phased reopening approach

The city has started a phased approach to open park facilities as playgrounds, athletic fields, horseshoe pits, the beach at Menominee Park, the skate park at Red Arrow Park, basketball, tennis, pickle ball and volleyball courts were opened last week by the Parks Department.

While the city does not recommend that people use these park restroom facilities, they have been opened at Menominee

Park, South Park, Red Arrow Park, Rainbow Memorial Park, Boatworks, Fugleberg Boat Launch and the 24th Avenue Boat Launch, while those at Teichmiller Park and Stevens Park were to be opened this week. Westhaven Circle Park restrooms will remain closed until renovations are completed.

Visitors are encouraged to bring hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes with them

as equipment and other surfaces in the parks are not being wiped down.

The train and water rides at the Menominee Park Children’s Amusement Center are planned to open June 6 along with the Menominee Park Zoo. The zoo will have a limit of 50 people at any given time.

Updates on the response to COVID-19 may be found at [www.ci.oshkosh.wi.us](http://www.ci.oshkosh.wi.us).

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# School district employees of the year honored

The Oshkosh Area School District announced its 2019-2020 Employees of the Year, with eight recognized for exceptional service and commitment to the district, students and school communities.

Winners included:  
Elementary Teachers of the Year — Kathryn Noble, Grade 1, Washington Elementary; and Thomas Schry, Grade 5, Read Elementary.

Secondary Teachers of the Year — Sara Klein - English, Oshkosh North High School; and John Oman, Technology Education, Oshkosh West.

Administrator of the Year — Brenna Garrison-Bruden, principal of Carl Traeger Elementary School.

First-Year Teacher of the Year — Carrissa Smith, autism, Oshkosh West High School.



Noble



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Support Staff Employees of the Year — Patricia Walter, paraprofessional, 4K / Oshkosh Early Learning; and James Theabo, building custodian, Webster Stanley Elementary School.

Details of each employee's impact in the district, as well as excerpts from their nominations, can be found on the OASD website.

"Throughout the Oshkosh Area School District we have remarkable educators, leaders, and staff members working in our

schools and making a difference in our community," said Vickie Cartwright, superintendent of schools. "The 2019-2020 OASD Employees of the Year exemplify what it means to be student-centered. We are incredibly proud of the work that they have accomplished, the support they give our students on an ongoing basis and the collaborative approach that they take with their fellow colleagues."

Cartwright notified the award recipients with surprise virtual visits with their

school principal, and delivered a flower basket to each. A virtual recognition ceremony took place May 14 during the televised Board of Education meeting.

The awards were established in 2013-2014 to further recognize employees and promote a greater appreciation for their work and outstanding service. All district employees can be nominated by students, parents, colleagues, administrators and members of the community. A selection committee reviews all nominations.

# UW Oshkosh reports finds virus spread after voting

Research led by University of Wisconsin Oshkosh economists indicates a significant association between in-person voting and the spread of COVID-19 two to three weeks after Wisconsin's primary election April 7.

At the time, news reports of the election of state positions and presidential preferences for both the Democratic and Republican parties showed images of long lines of voters due to fewer polling locations.

The working paper by UWO economists Chad Cotti, Bryan Engelhardt and

Joshua Foster in collaboration with colleagues at Ball State University was posted online with the National Bureau of Economic Research. The team analyzed county-level data from the state.

"Our results confirm the Wisconsin Department of Health Services findings on the link between the spread of COVID-19 and voting using testing and tracing methods," Engelhardt said. "However, the tracing investigation undertaken was not comprehensive, and our results indicate a much larger potential relationship."

Counties that had more in-person

voters per location—with all else being equal—had a higher rate of positive COVID-19 tests than counties with relatively fewer in-person voters.

"Furthermore, we find a consistent negative relationship between absentee voting and the rate of positive COVID-19 tests. Similar to patterns with in-person voting, this association appears two to three weeks after the election and persists across a number of specification tests, but it is not observed in the week prior to the election," Engelhardt explained.

In the weeks leading up to the primary

with the state under a Safer at Home order, the overwhelming majority of clerks who made changes chose to consolidate locations, which effectively led to increases in voter density per location. Oshkosh chose not to consolidate any of its locations.

"Given these results, it may be prudent that policy makers and election clerks take steps to expand the number of polling locations or encourage absentee voting for future elections during the pandemic," Engelhardt said.



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*Dr. Eric Koehler PT, DPT*

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If you are like most the stress and worry of being stuck at home has taken it's toll on your nerves-both mentally and physically. It seems logical that LESS activity should make you feel better and help you feel LESS pain. However, you find that nagging, annoying lower back pain and sciatica is now screaming at you now MORE than ever. If this sounds like you read on.

We have been hearing this story more and more from folks in the Oshkosh area. People just like you have worrisome lower back and leg pain. They just want some answers to get to the root cause AND get on with their busy summer plans. They want to have more confidence in getting up and down stairs, moving for gardening and lawn work, and getting back to their exercise routines.

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Dr. Eric Koehler is a Physical Therapist and owner of Physical Achievement Center. He has lived in Oshkosh since 1991 while raising three children. He is an expert in both in person and digital communication to deliver care where patients chose-in the safety & convenience of home or in the clinic. His goal is to help you achieve greater mobility and strength to stay independent without medications, injections, or surgery.

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# Business survey notes comeback challenges

Many Wisconsin businesses responding to a second University of Wisconsin Oshkosh statewide survey anticipate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic to continue through 2020 and beyond.

Twenty-three percent of responding businesses reported not being able to remain open beyond three months if current conditions persist, said Jeffrey Sachse, director of UWO's Center for Customized Research and Services (CCRS).

But the 32 percent of respondents reporting they would likely survive beyond 10 months under current conditions points to a "greater sense of resilience," he said.

"The cumulative impact of the survey

results in April and May tell the story of businesses first responding to the emergency of the immediate impacts and now reassessing their new, long-term reality," Sachse said.

UWO is partnering on the survey project with the Wisconsin Economic Development Corp., New North and eight other Regional Leadership Council organizations to assess COVID-19 recovery ability and state and federal aid efforts. Additional collaborators include the Wisconsin Technology Council and the Wisconsin Workforce Development Association.

Respondents to the second survey, administered between May 4 and 17, represent more than 67,000 employees across

the state. The first survey ran April 1-10.

Key findings from the May survey:

- Respondents reported April losses of 9,816 employees due to layoffs and furloughs in addition to the 8,795 reported for March.
- Businesses also reported losses of \$28.8 million in inventory (62 percent decrease from April), \$78.9 million in income (7.2 percent decrease from April), and losses in wages and productivity totaling \$26 million (up 56 percent from April).
- Businesses reported other financial impacts of \$118.6 million (62 percent decrease from April).

All losses are considered cumulative.

"It is encouraging to see reductions in inventory and income losses, though respondents are less optimistic about their ability to recoup these losses. It will be equally critical to trace the survivability of vulnerable firms now that we have started

to reopen the state's economy," Sachse said.

Sixty-five percent of businesses reported being open at the time of the May survey, with 74 percent expressing confidence that they will be able to reopen soon.

Additionally, this month's survey asked two questions of interest to the Wisconsin Bankers Association and Wisconsin Technology Council.

Seventy-five percent of respondents reported seeking some form of financial assistance in the past month. Only 61 percent of respondents reported receiving assistance, Sachse said.

Respondents reported access to capital and customers remain their most pressing needs.

Sachse said 1,151 businesses responded to both the April and May surveys, representing a retention rate of 47.1 percent period over period. An additional 235 new businesses responded to the May survey.

## Pfeifer named Oshkosh Corp. president

Oshkosh Corp. promoted Chief Operating Officer John C. Pfeifer from executive vice president to president, effective May 11. Pfeifer will continue to report to Chief Executive Officer Wilson R. Jones.

Pfeifer joined Oshkosh last May to over-

see the company's Access Equipment, Fire & Emergency and Commercial segments. As president, Pfeifer will also assume responsibility for the Defense segment and the global supply chain, digital technology and marketing functions.

"Since joining Oshkosh, in addition to leading our non-Defense segments, John has been instrumental in supporting our MOVE strategy, leading our simplification and productivity efforts, driving innovation and growing our lifecycle parts and services," Jones said in a statement. "Additionally, John has demonstrated strong People First leadership in helping to quickly implement a robust response to the COVID-19 pandemic by focusing on the well-being of our team members and communities while continuing to support our customers."

Pfeifer, 54, was president of Mercury Marine, a division of Brunswick Corp., before joining Oshkosh Corp. with more than 25 years of leadership experience.

"We have incredible people who are able to leverage operational synergies, technology and scale to meet the needs of diverse customers," Pfeifer said in a statement.

## Food pantries

These resources are among those available to assist with hunger issues during the COVID-19 pandemic. Donations and volunteers are welcome. Many schools and community agencies are still providing meals and groceries for families:

- Oshkosh Area School District:** Free grab-and-go meals offered Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at several schools and neighborhood locations. Updated locations and hours at [www.oshkosh.k12.wi.us/families/at-home-learning/free-meals](http://www.oshkosh.k12.wi.us/families/at-home-learning/free-meals).
- Lutheran Food Pantry:** (714 Division St., 920-379-4774) Curbside pickup for clients between 8 and 10:30 a.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. More information: [www.jerichoroadoshkosh.org](http://www.jerichoroadoshkosh.org).
- Oshkosh Area Community Pantry:** (2551 Jackson St., 920-651-9960) Pantry distributes packaged food near the front door of the St. Vincent de Paul building

- from 2 to 5:45 p.m. Mondays and 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays. Clients will receive drive-up service or be given food if they arrive by public transit. The pantry is approved to work with producers awarded with funds through the Buy Fresh Program. Information and volunteering opportunities: [www.oacptoday.org](http://www.oacptoday.org).
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## Ascension Mercy awards scholarships

Ascension Mercy Hospital has awarded scholarships to three of its volunteers who are Oshkosh high school seniors.

West senior Harry Zhang is recipient of the \$1,000 Natalie Kate Bolin Scholarship, created by the family of Natalie Kate Bolin, a former Mercy volunteer, in her memory.

Zhang has been a volunteer at Ascension Mercy since 2016 and has dedicated 190 hours of service. He will be attending the University of Wisconsin Madison to study computer science.

Lourdes Academy senior Claire Chier is recipient of the \$500 Wilma Ritsema Scholarship. Al Ritsema created this fund within the Mercy Health Foundation to award students in honor of his wife, Wilma.

Chier began volunteering at Ascension Mercy in 2016. She has dedicated more than 170 hours of service. She plans to attend Fordham University in New York where she will major in chemistry.

North senior Grace Munig is recipient of a \$500 scholarship funded through a Mercy Health Foundation endowment established by the Mercy Hospital Volunteers.

Munig began volunteering at Ascension Mercy in 2016 when she had heard about the opportunity through her church and has dedicated more than 277 hours of service. She plans to pursue a career as a certified registered nurse anesthetist.

## Contact tracers

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sin Department of Health Services is in the process of hiring more contact tracers.

Related to that, City Manager Mark Rohloff said he, city staff and WDHS are working together to communicate virus spread and case issues as the school year ends for the summer and parks reopen.

Gieryn said the WDHS goal is to contact every case within 24 hours and to be in communication with the symptomatic patients' contacts within 24 hours or less.

For COVID-19, a close contact is any individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 48 hours before illness onset until the time the patient is isolated.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control says contact tracing prevents further transmission by separating people who have, or may have had, an infectious disease from people who do not.

"It is a core disease control measure that has been employed by public health agencies personnel for decades," according to a May 8 CDC report.

The decision to initiate or scale up case investigation and contact tracing will be unique to each area and depend on the level of transmission, characteristics of the community and their populations, according to the CDC report.

When a jurisdiction does not have the capacity to investigate a majority of its new COVID-19 cases, investigation and contact tracing may not be the most effective approach. At that point, jurisdictions might consider suspending or scaling down tracing activities and reimplementing strict mitigation measures (stay-at-home orders, business closures and school closures) until transmission begins to decline.

"The faster we can respond (to the virus spread), the more we can contain things in our own community," Gieryn said. "That is going to be an area of continued need."

He said there are still decisions being made on the funding of contact tracers. He said the county health department will receive additional state funding.

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# Herd season deserving of some honors

By Ti Windisch  
 HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

With the G League season on permanent hiatus before its impending cancellation, now seems a good time to honor the 2019-20 Wisconsin Herd with some imaginary G League awards.

I've used some actual awards and some that I made up here, to pay tribute to the best Herd team Oshkosh has seen.

## Herd MVP — Frank Mason

This was a tough decision, but after Frank Mason came back from an injury and some time spent with the Bucks around the halfway point he was completely unstoppable in the later portion of the season. Mason averaged 26.4 points, 3.4 rebounds, 5.0 assists, and 1.1 steals per game in 23 contests with Wisconsin this season, and shot 50.4 percent from the field and 42.5 percent from three-point territory.

Mason's threes were huge, and his dogged pursuit of buckets in the painted area changed contest after contest for the Herd. Mason led the Herd in points per game, three-point percentage, and the only players to shoot a higher percentage from the field played mainly at the center position. In fact, Mason didn't just lead the Herd in points per game scoring, he led all qualified G League players in points scored per game this season. As good as so many members of the Herd were this season, Mason deserves recognition as the best of the best.

## Defensive player of the year — Jemerrio Jones

Jemerrio Jones can credibly guard just about every position on the floor, and he uses his extraordinarily long arms to rebound and disrupt offenses at rates far higher than most any 6'5" player could. Jones averaged 10.8 points, 12.0 rebounds, 4.6 assists, 1.3 steals, and 0.9 blocks per game, grabbed more rebounds



Herd players celebrate a win earlier in the season at the Menominee Nation Arena.

than any other player in the G League, and was a mainstay on all the best Herd five-man lineups in terms of plus-minus.

Due to injuries to Luke Maye and players like Dragan Bender, Justin Patton, and Brandon McCoy being in and out of the lineup for various reasons, Jones was asked to play center in drop coverage, which is almost always an assignment given to huge rim-protecting centers. He did that with aplomb, and was also able to toggle over to guarding more like a conventional forward when a big man was in the game for the Herd. For his effectiveness and versatility, Jones is the DPOY.

## Most improved player — Jaylen Adams

Jaylen Adams is one of the aforementioned players with both G League and NBA experience, and while he was good enough in the G League last year to get a shot with the Atlanta Hawks, there's no question he got much, much better during the offseason.

Adams went from averaging 15.3 points, 4.7 rebounds, 6.4 assists, and 1.5 steals per game last season with the Erie Bayhawks to averaging 21.5 points, 5.1 rebounds, 5.7 assists, and 1.8 steals this year in Wisconsin. Adams' shooting percentages also spiked, as he went from hitting 39.2 percent of his field goals and 34.4 percent of his threes to sinking 48.6 percent of his shots and 40.7 percent of his threes. Truthfully, Adams could have won any of

the awards given thus far, but his marked improvement on both ends makes this feel like the right fit.

## Rookie of the year — Rayjon Tucker

Rayjon Tucker went undrafted before ending up with the Herd, but it didn't take him long to prove every team that passed on him wrong. Tucker was a one-man show, even amid a very good and fun team, dunking on everybody and pouring in points night after night. In his first G League season Tucker averaged 23.8 points, 4.6 rebounds, 2.8 assists, and 0.9 steals per game, and shot 49.2 percent from the field and 38.6 percent from three-point territory.

For all of his efforts, Tucker was called up to the Utah Jazz during the 2019 G League Showcase, and he certainly deserved the call-up. While many of the Herd mainstays have either G League experience, NBA experience, or both, Tucker managed to take center stage without any of that, making him a deserving Rookie of the Year.

## Best Bucks assignment player — Dragan Bender

Credit to Thanasis Antetokounmpo and D.J. Wilson for being a ton of fun to watch in their short stints with the Herd this season, but Bender dominated the G League in his time in Oshkosh, and steadily improved as a true center after playing as a forward for his career prior to his Herd tenure. Bender averaged 20.5 points, 8.9 rebounds, 2.3 assists, and 1.7 blocks per game in his 13 games with Wisconsin before the Bucks waived him to make room for Marvin Williams. After his release, Bender signed with the Golden State Warriors and was acclimating himself there well.

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Frank Mason (left with coach Chase Buford) and Jemerrio Jones were the catalysts for the Herd's most successful team to date.



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Herd honors

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Coach of the year — Chase Buford

Chase Buford should end up as the official G League Coach of the Year as well, so this is really a no-brainer. Buford's players were energized and empowered under his watch, and the team's record is a testament to that. Chaisson Allen deserves a nod here as well for coming in and coaching the Herd to two wins in the two games Buford missed due to a suspension.

**First Team All-Herd:** Frank Mason, Jaylen Adams, Rayjon Tucker, Jemerrio Jones, Dragan Bender

**Second Team:** Shannon Bogues, Cam Reynolds, D.J. Hogg, Luke Maye, Justin Patton

**Third Team:** Brandon Randolph, A.J. Hess, Trevor Lacey, Leon Gilmore, Brandon McCoy

This was much harder than it would've been in any other Herd season, and I felt like including a second and third team was necessary given how essentially everybody played well, and how important team chemistry was to this squad. I left off Wilson and Antetokounmpo since they only played seven combined games, and this felt like a place to identify the players who spent so much time together on the G League level. Given how this team meshed and really played for one other night after night, including every player was the only approach that felt right.

UW Oshkosh announces its scholar-athlete winners

UW Oshkosh track and field pole vaulter Joe Vils and football offensive lineman Alex Wipperfurth were selected as the men's recipients of 2020 UW Oshkosh John Taylor Senior Scholar-Athlete Award, while basketball player Olivia Campbell and gymnast Baylee Tkaczuk were named the recipients for the women.

The John Taylor Award is presented annually to an outstanding senior student-athlete who has compiled a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 or higher. The award reflects not only individual athletic achievements, but also embodies the ideals of team contribution, scholastic endeavor and community involvement.

Vils was a four-year member of the UW Oshkosh track & field program. The Oshkosh West High graduate qualified for the NCAA Division III Championship in the pole vault five times – three indoors and two outdoors. His scheduled appearance at this year's national indoor meet as well as UW Oshkosh's entire 2020 outdoor season was canceled due to the pandemic.

Vils earned both of his All-America awards at the Division III Outdoor Championship. He finished eighth in the pole vault at the 2018 meet (15-9) and fourth in 2019 (15-11). Vils was seeded eighth for the 2020 national meet that was canceled.

Vils helped the Titans finish fourth outdoors and ninth indoors at the 2019 Division III Championships. The Titans also were WIAC runner-up twice in 2019 (indoor and outdoor) and once in 2020 (indoor).

Wipperfurth started all 11 games for UW Oshkosh in 2019 and received All-WIAC First Team honors. He was part of an offensive line that helped the Titans lead the conference with 4.7 yards per carry and 14 sacks allowed while ranking second in the league with 184.3 rushing yards per game.

UW-Oshkosh posted an 8-3 record (6-1 WIAC) this past fall to mark the program's ninth consecutive winning season.



Campbell received her second All-WIAC honorable mention and third WIAC All-Defensive Team awards this past season as UW-Oshkosh compiled a 20-10 record, won the WIAC tournament and advanced to the third round of the Division III Championship before the coronavirus pandemic canceled the remaining portion of the 2019-20 campaign.

Campbell established career bests by averaging 7.0 points, 5.2 rebounds, 4.0 assists and 1.8 steals this past season.

Tkaczuk, the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association's 2020 Outstanding Senior of the Year, competed on both the balance beam and uneven bars during all nine of UW-Oshkosh's meets this season. She ranked second in the NCGA West Region and fifth nationally on the uneven bars with her average score of 9.6625 and 17th regionally and 27th nationally on the balance beam with her average score of 9.5563.



Tkaczuk recorded season-best scores of 9.70 on the balance beam at the Harley-Davidson Invitational held Feb. 7 and 9.75 on the uneven bars at the Texas Woman's University Quadrangular held Jan. 26.

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# Valley workforce board offers help to jobless

The Fox Valley Workforce Development Board (FVWDB) has created a form at [www.foxvalleyjobcenters.com](http://www.foxvalleyjobcenters.com) to collect contact information to help assist anyone unemployed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Those who complete the form will be contacted by a career planner with job search and resume assistance, along with possible financial support for retraining.

Some employers continued to pay employees as part of a furlough, while others laid employees off without pay, allowing them to collect both unemployment insurance and additional funds from the federal relief act. Typically a Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN Notice) is filed by an employer letting the state Department of Workforce Development and local board know how many are being laid off and when. Many employers either didn't file their WARN Notice when they closed or now find their

circumstances have changed. "When the doors to Wisconsin employers closed on March 25, many of these businesses fully expected to re-open and bring back their staff," said Anthony Snyder, FVWDB chief executive. "Now, nearly 50 days later, we're starting to hear about permanent layoffs or business closures for good, but we have no way to reach the former employees."

Some may qualify for retraining completely or partially paid for through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Along with tuition, the board may also cover books, class supplies, child care and other tools needed to complete the course.

Staff can be reached at the Fond du Lac Job Center at 920-929-3900 or the Fox Cities Job Center/Menasha at 920-997-3272. For more information visit [www.foxvalleywork.org](http://www.foxvalleywork.org) or call 920-720-5600.

# Mental Health Awareness

The month of May brings awareness to the 46.6 million suffering in silence

## May is mental health, teen self-esteem month

Suicide has become the second leading cause of death in America for people ages 10-34 and the 10th leading cause of death overall (taking 45,000 lives in 2016). That is why there has been a campaign since 1949 with Mental Health America to erase the stigma surrounding mental health and why some observe May as mental health and teen self-esteem awareness month.

The Wisconsin Office of Children's Mental Health 2019 report said that 44 percent of children have a major depression diagnosis, but did not receive services. Mental Health America reported that 117 psychiatrists would be needed statewide to meet the need of mental health patients in 2020.

The WDHS reported 70 percent of children in the juvenile justice system have a diagnosable mental health condition with 93 percent of those children reporting exposure to adverse childhood experiences.

The CDC reports just over 20 percent (1 in 5) children have had "a seriously debilitating mental disorder." The CDC reports half of all chronic "mental illness" begins by age 14 and three quarters begin by age 24.

The National Institute of Mental Health reports 46.6 million Americans have mental illnesses.

Stress from mood disorders and negative mental health costs the United States \$193.2 billion in lost earnings per year, the CDC reports.

Access to health care follows financial stability as the top two mental illness preventatives, the CDC reports. Mood disorders including depression and bipolar disorder are the third most common cause of hospitalization in the United States for youth and adults aged 18 to 24. There is no free access mental health care open to everyone in the U.S., which leaves about 5.3 million people with mental illnesses uninsured.

Access to mental health care can be found through a health insurer. Ask about coverage and whether the insurer has a network of preferred providers to use. To get more information about paying for health care in Wisconsin visit [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/guide/pay](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/guide/pay). Students may be eligible for free counseling. The Oshkosh Area School District website also has information.



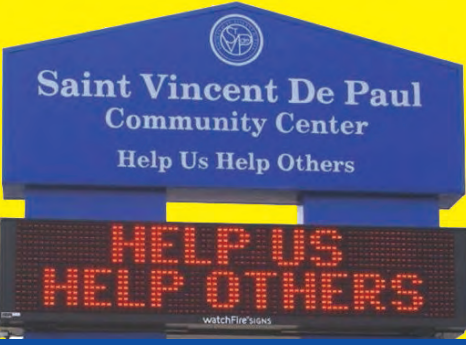
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# Survival mode

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Engel took over Jerry's in 1988. He's the fourth generation of his family to operate the tavern that was purchased by his great-grandfather, Jerry "Gus" Wesenberg in 1911. The family has managed to keep the business alive through bad times before, including the 1918 Pandemic and the 13 years of Prohibition that began in 1922.

"I heard all of those stories, but this gives me a whole new appreciation of what they went through," Engel says. "I never thought we'd see something like this. It makes you appreciate things that you sometimes took for granted."

The past couple of months have been

similarly unsettling for Jay Supple. The Supple family has been in the restaurant business in Oshkosh since 1968. They launched Fox River Brewing in 1995. The Supples now operate three restaurants and two brewpubs in the Fox Valley.

"To get that notice at quarter to two on March 17th that we'd be locking up in three hours was devastating," Supple said. "I literally got into my car and visited all five locations and explained to everyone that we were going to have to lock up. We had no idea how long it was going to be. We ended up having to lay off 239 of our 240 employees. The only guy that was still on the payroll was the brewmaster because we had all that beer to contend with."

As the shock wore off in the days that followed, both Engel and Supple began assessing their options. At Jerry's Bar, Engel

and Koplitz began cleaning and remodeling in preparation for reopening; whenever that would be. On weekends, they offered their homemade pizzas and beef jerky for curbside pickup.

"The response to that was tremendous," Engel said. "We'd sell out every Saturday for those first few weekends. But then meat prices spiked and we had to cut back on that, too."

Fox River Brewing began offering curbside pickup two weeks after the shutdown order was issued. In the interim, the Supples charted their next moves.

"I said to my brother John, we can either turn off the lights and wait it out or we can put together a game plan and come back stronger than ever," Supple said. "So, we set out a plan for each location and brought back our management teams as well as some staff and went to work. Each location is coming back with a new strong vibe and new look, new menu, everything. In the last five weeks, there hasn't been a wall that hasn't been painted. Everything has been refinished, every location has been updated."

For both Engel and Supple, part of their work since March has been directed toward making people feel more at ease

during a time of uncertainty.

"We've tried to create more space and a fresh look with an emphasis on sanitation and cleanliness," Supple said. "We have a whole protocol that we've gone through with our management teams. We want our guests to feel comfortable and safe."

At Jerry's, Engel worries that overcoming fear may be the biggest hurdle to any recovery.

"I've thought about it a lot," he says. "There are things we're going to do, but there are people who are truly scared by this and some of those people are going to stay put for a while. There's no easy way to say this, and I don't want to sound selfish or irresponsible, but life has to go on. I know things can't go on much longer this way if small businesses like ours are going to survive. Our family has worked 109 years to make this place possible and I don't want to be the guy to screw it up. We're going to be good, but this is really becoming a stressor."

*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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# Resilient return

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Landlords

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employment, four times the total number of new filers in 2020 pre-COVID.

While many have filed for unemployment since March 15, not everyone has received their benefits. Others don't qualify for unemployment even with the temporarily broadened qualifications. And others

are still waiting to receive their stimulus payments from the IRS.

"Most housing providers don't want to have to evict tenants," Donn Lord, president of the Winnebago Apartment Association, said. "For most apartment owners, eviction is a very costly last-resort option. Landlords are also struggling to pay expenses when tenants stop paying rent."

On average, only 9 cents of every \$1 of rent collected is returned to owners, according to the National Apartment Association; 39 cents goes to the mortgage, and the rest goes to taxes, payroll and property improvements.

"People don't realize that an eviction judgment can stay on their record for up to 20 years," said Michael Rust with the Winnebago Conflict Resolution Center. "A court record of an eviction can drastically impact a family's ability to find new housing."

The WRAP initiative will provide rent and security deposit assistance for those who have significant loss of income due to COVID-19 and meet income qualifications. The effort is funded by \$25 million in federal CARES Act dollars. Details can be found at [doa.wi.gov](http://doa.wi.gov).

ADVOCAP will be the local organization in charge of the funds, which are expected to be available in early June.

- Resources and advice for renters:
- Continue to pay rent and utilities as best you can.
  - Let your landlord know if you have experienced a loss of income. They may be willing to work repayment plans.
  - Reach out for help right away. Temporary rent and utility assistance may be available based on your situation.
  - Visit [oshkoshunitedway.org/housing](http://oshkoshunitedway.org/housing) for more resources.
  - If you have questions about a potential eviction, call Legal Action at 855-947-2529.

Workplace award applications accepted

Applications are being accepted for the 2020 New North Workplace Excellence Award that recognizes organizations within the 18-county New North region that are improving their competitive advantage through people practices.

The award application consists of three phases. The first is background information and a brief statement of consideration, with responses due by June 2 to [lisa.smith@right.com](mailto:lisa.smith@right.com).

Phase 2 qualifiers will be informed July 17 and be invited to submit a detailed application by Aug. 14. Phase 3 finalists will be notified Aug. 28, followed by a site visit by a judging committee.

Winners will be named at the annual New North Summit set for Dec. 3.

Courtyard names sales and marketing director

The Courtyard at Oshkosh has named Bobbi Jo Dorsey as sales and marketing director of the new assisted living and memory care community at 3851 Jackson St.

Dorsey has been with The Courtyard since the fall ground-



Dorsey

breaking. Before that she spent eight years at a nonprofit, community-based residential facility in Appleton where she advocated for residents.

"In my role at The Courtyard, I enjoy helping seniors and their family members choose the lifestyle that best meets their needs, provides comfort and promotes independence," said Dorsey, who studied at Fox Valley Technical College and is a certified nurse assistant.

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and last Monday of the month from 1 to 2 p.m. Bingo via Zoom is offered every other Tuesday at 1:30. For more information contact Rebecca Groleau at 920-236-1227 or email rgroleau@co.winnebago.wi.us. ADRC specialists can be reached at 877-886-2372 or at adrc@co.winnebago.wi.us.

# Obituaries

## Arlene A. Huelsbeck

Arlene A. Huelsbeck, age 89, passed away at Evergreen ShareHaven on May 18, 2020. She was born to the late Joseph and Louise (DeDecker) Shebilske on June 20, 1930 in Appleton, WI. She married Gilbert Huelsbeck on November 24, 1951; and together they shared almost 58 years together until his passing on May 25, 2009. They lived in Appleton until 1962 before moving to Oshkosh. Arlene spent her career as a waitress for many years then working at the Gas Hut and then Evergreen Manor until retiring at age 65. Arlene enjoyed dancing and singing whenever she could. She also enjoyed playing cards, especially Sheephead. Arlene is survived by two daughters,



Debra (Michael) Andre and Doris (Scott) Werdin; five grandchildren, David Hoffmann, Amy (Tom) Freitag, Andrea Beaber, Scott Rosenberg, and Tyler Andre; as well as two great grandchildren William Freitag and Zachary Beaber. In addition to her parents and her husband, Arlene was preceded in death by her daughter, Diane Hoffmann; siblings James, Clifford, Lawrence, Orville, and Leland Shebilske and Helen Ornstein; as well as a grandson, Jeremy Rosenberg. A private service is being held by the family and a celebration of life open to the public will be held at a later date. The family would like to thank the staff at Sharehaven for their loving care of Arlene. A memorial has been established.



# Overnight parking permits to resume

The Oshkosh Police Department will temporarily reopen its lobby from June 1 to 3 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to sell overnight parking permits. Existing overnight parking permits were extended through Food Pantry store prepares for reopening. The Oshkosh Area Community Pantry will reopen its store from 10 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. June 2. Volunteers are needed this week from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. through Friday to assist with cleaning and rearranging call manager Jordan Wind, who can be reached at 920-651-9960. More information is at www.oacptoday.org.

the end of May, but new permits will be required going forward.

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## Take Time to Remember

You are living in an extraordinary time. There is a global pandemic. A global pandemic is when a virus spreads easily from person to person all around the world. The virus causing the 2020 global pandemic is called coronavirus and also COVID-19. This *Kid Scoop* page will help you create a scrapbook of your memories and feelings from this historic time to share with friends and relatives in the future.

### Pandemics Cause Change


Most likely your life has been changed by the coronavirus pandemic. Maybe your school has closed. Maybe a family member has lost their job and is worried about money. Maybe you miss the chance to be with friends and family members.

There have been several pandemics in history and, like those, this too will end. While there may be some good things about this time, there are probably some not so good things as well. But everything will add up to the memories you will have in the future.




Kevin couldn't get a haircut for a couple of months. Number these pictures in order.


### Things I Did During the Pandemic




Cough or sneeze into my elbow.




Wash my hands for 20 seconds.




Try not to touch my face, eyes, or nose.




Exercise indoors.




Play cards with my family.




Dance! Dance! Dance!



Stand six feet away from friends and neighbors.



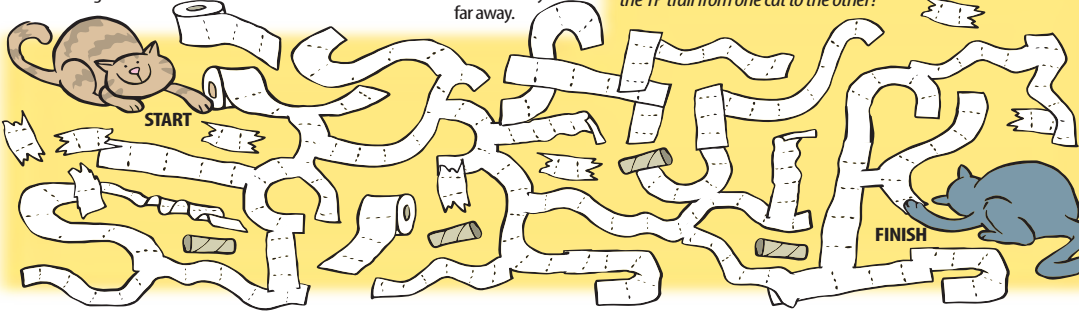
Complete one or more puzzles.



Use a video chat program to talk with friends and family far away.


### TP Troubles

Oh, no! Carla's cats, Chester and Charlie, didn't know there was a toilet paper shortage. They like to play with the TP. Can you find the TP trail from one cat to the other?



### People I Spent Time with During the Pandemic

Draw a picture of the people you were with during the pandemic.



### Heroes Among Us

Have people in your life been extra kind or generous? Who has helped you during the pandemic? These people are your heroes. Make a list of them below and send them a note thanking them.

HERO NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOW THEY HELPED: \_\_\_\_\_

HERO NAME: \_\_\_\_\_


HOW THEY HELPED: \_\_\_\_\_

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Make your own puzzle! Draw a picture, glue it onto some cardboard. (A cereal box works!) Cut the picture into pieces and give it to a pal to try and put back together!

**STUFF YOU'LL NEED:**

- Glue stick
- Cereal box
- Paper
- Crayons or markers
- scissors




### Double Double Word Search

REMEMBER PANDEMIC MEMORIES HISTORY GLOBAL FUTURE HEROES VIRUS WORLD ELBOW COUGH CARDS VIDEO WASH LIFE


Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

E	S	E	O	R	E	H	H	L	P
H	L	I	Y	S	G	S	T	A	R
O	R	B	R	U	A	S	N	B	E
D	L	R	O	W	O	D	F	O	B
X	E	C	T	W	E	R	U	L	M
I	Y	F	S	M	D	A	T	G	E
S	U	R	I	V	I	C	U	F	M
U	T	C	H	L	V	U	R	R	E
E	M	E	M	O	R	I	E	S	R

**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

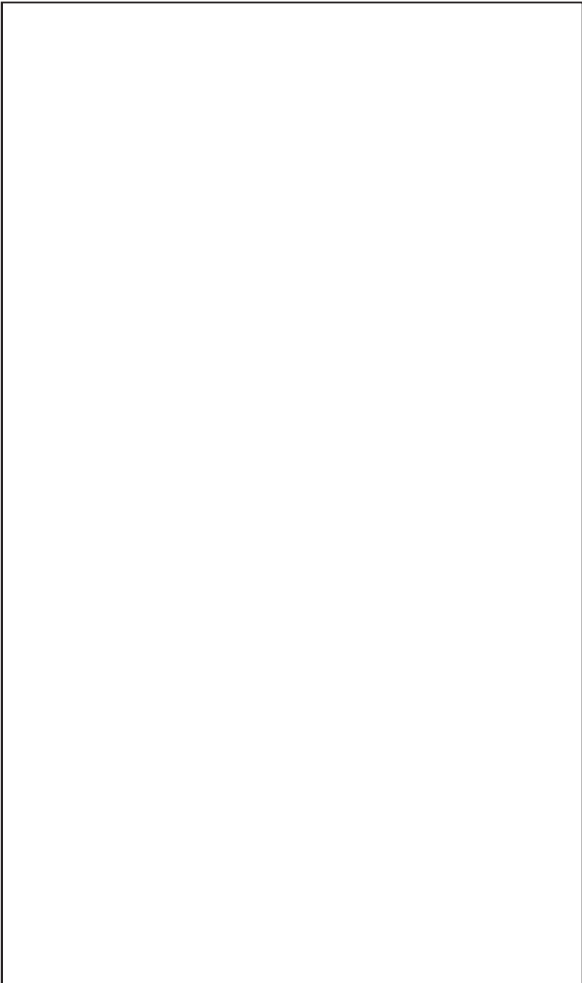



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**Looking Forward**

Use the space below to work with a family member to create a photo collage or a list of the things you look forward to doing after the pandemic is over.







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