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# Mask orders rely on education

# **Public enforcement** won't be police issue

By Miles Maguire

Police agencies around the state and locally say they do not intend to enforce the governor's mask order, but that doesn't mean there will be no consequences for citizens who do not comply.

"We have consulted with the district attorney, who has prosecutorial responsibility, and have been advised that the enforcement of the governor's order should be referred to the county Health Department," said Oshkosh Police Chief Dean Smith. "As such OPD will not be responding to calls of a violation of the mask ordinance.

Winnebago County Sheriff John Matz

took a similar position. "The district attorney is in agreement that this is not a law enforcement issue. It's a public health is-

But both Matz and Smith said their no-enforcement stance is not a license for individuals to ignore the mask requirements that stores and other property owners have imposed on their own.

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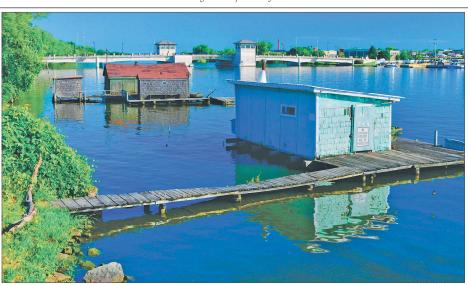


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Some of the fishing shanties that line the south shore of the Fox River between Ohio and Oregon streets near the 6th Avenue fishing pier are seen with the cityscape in the background.

# Homeless shelter prepares for evolving challenges

By Kaitlyn Scoville

Amid a hot summer with pandemic concerns, a group of people affected by it worst may be overlooked by most: the homeless population.

But concerns rose during last week's Common Council meeting about how much local shelters can keep up with supplies and volunteers.

Day By Day Warming Shelter offers year-round services such as laundry and showers and help with opportunities like housing and jobs, and provides overnight shelter between October and April.

"They need bodies and they need money," council member Matt Mugerauer said of the shelter at the council meeting, referring to a shortage of volunteer help that usually comes from the college student population and others.

In May, the shelter was called upon by the Oshkosh community to provide a 24/7 emergency shelter, according to new executive director Molly Yatso Butz.

The shelter had about \$30,000 in expenses during a time they are not usually open that the city will reimburse.

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The warming shelter conducted a street outreach program last month to connect with homeless individuals and provide them with hygiene items, shelter resources and gift cards.



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# Back to School Fair drives on Community

We have had a lot going on in our community lately with COVID-19, mask mandates and decisions on whether children will be back in school.

But fortunately, even with all the unknowns we are facing, our community rallied together to support the Oshkosh Community Back to School Fair by donating nearly \$9,000 to the Herald's campaign.

Nearly 1,000 low-income Oshkosh and Winneconne students will receive backpacks, school supplies and hygiene items needed to start the school year off prepared to achieve academic success.

This year it will look a little different from years past without a resource fair with local agencies and the "shopping for a new outfit" taking place in person.



Karen Schneider Herald publisher

This year the Back to School fair is being organized by a small group of volunteers due to COVID-19. These dedicated people are responsible for putting together all the backpacks and organizing the drive-thru event at North High School next week. Due to the pandemic, volunteers are not able to help as they have year after year.

On this page is a Thank You to our



#### **Ongoing events**

Chalk Walk Magnificient 12 Virtual Showcase, 6 to 9 p.m. each Thursday in August, downtown

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Alphonse Mucha: Master of Art Nouveau, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Paine Art Center & Gardens, 1410 Algoma Blvd.

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#### Wednesday, Aug. 5

NEW Food Truck Mash-Up, 4 to 7 p.m. WG&R campus, 1600 S. Koeller St.

#### Saturday, Aug. 8

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., downtown

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# Miravida creates tent visit option

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As retirement communities and other assisted-living facilities continued to balance COVID-19 protections with family communication, online visitation is beginning to expand into face-to-face visits with a safe layer of separation.

Miravida Living has introduced visits using clear tents as an option for catching up with loved ones at four locations where the family seating area is outside and residents comfortably sit inside behind a clear shield.

"Spirits are up and the mood is a little brighter around the Miravida Living campus. Residents and their loved ones finally have the opportunity to visit," said Carrie Kiekhaefer, Miravida's director of marketing and communications. "Smiles, tears and 'I miss you and love you' often start the long-awaited visit. Over 100 tent visits have been scheduled in our first week."

The 30-minute time reservations can be made online similar to those for 15-minute video chats that other senior care homes have been using to keep their residents engaged with family and friends. Pets are going to have to wait a while longer before allowed to take part.

Miravida officials are recommending only two visitors per resident at a time, encouraging more frequent signups to include others to keep the numbers manageable. Face masks will be required while approaching and leaving, hand sanitizer will be provided, and there still won't be



Photo from Miravida Livir

Residents at Miravida Living locations can see visitors outside through a clear tent.

visitor access to facilities.

"We know the excitement of a tent visit makes it tempting to invite the neighborhood... however, our hope is that you pause and consider what is in the best interest of your loved one," the group's guidelines read. "Remember how overwhelming large conversations can be and try to consider more frequent visits with fewer people."

Kiekhaere said the tents were designed and built by chaplain David Rumbold, and the visits approved by the Winnebago County Department of Health. Bethel Home (near front doors), Eden Meadows (Bistro Patio), Elijah's Place (front of building) and Gabriel's Villa (front patio) are the four Miravida homes inviting visitor reservations.

Azura Memory Care is another living facility that offers an outdoor visiting option while most other elder care housing such as Evergreen, Bella Vista and Lakeshore Manor continue to assist their residences with virtual visit options with families and friends. Others such as the Courtyard at Oshkosh assisted living and memory care welcomes "drive-by birthday parties to first-floor window visits."

# Library slowly reopens while forgiving fines

The Oshkosh Public Library has begun to offer computer access by appointment while its board of trustees last week approved discontinuing the collection of most fines and removal of past fines from library cards.

Under guidance from public health data and the CDC, inside computer access is available by calling 236-5205 to reserve a time slot during regular business hours.

"Access to computers and the internet is crucial to our friends and neighbors who are working to recover from the substantial economic impact of COVID-19," said Jeff Gilderson-Duwe, library director. "We will be giving priority to those who are searching for employment, filling out applications for assistance, seeking business grants and loans, or any other activity that supports a return to some sense of normalcy."

Access is limited to 10 people at a time, including staff, on the library's second floor. On weekdays, the first two hours of the day are reserved for senior citizens and those vulnerable to infection. During this time, eight people in total will be allowed.

Computer stations will be sanitized after each use and patrons are asked to use available hand sanitizer before and after their visit. Patrons should not visit the library if they are experiencing fever, cough, shortness of breath, loss of smell or taste or any other flulike symptom.

Library officials said the amnesty on most fines continues a practice enacted when services were disrupted by the pandemic and makes resources more accessible to the wider community, regardless of economic circumstances, who have been unable to check out materials because of outstanding overdue fines.

"It removes a significant barrier to library use during especially difficult times," said board president Christine Melms-Simon, 'and it creates a more inclusive library that is better positioned to serve the entire Oshkosh community."

Normally, a fine total of \$5 places a block on library cards, which bars patrons from checking out materials, using digital resources or submitting an interlibrary loan request. There are exceptions to the fine-free policy and patrons will still be required to pay for or replace lost items.

The initiative comes after a year of national research that shows library fines disproportionately impact society's most vulnerable, such as those in low-income situations and seniors on fixed incomes.

"Many American public libraries have already recognized that overdue fines are unjustly discriminatory and ineffective as incentives for the return of library materials," said Gilderson-Duwe. "Fines create barriers to use of public library collections for economically challenged children and their families, and they damage relations between library workers and patrons by shifting the focus from service to enforcement."

Fines make up less than 1 percent of the budget, according to the library, which collected about 20 percent of this year's estimated \$29,000 in fine revenues when COVID-19 forced its closure in mid-March.





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# Golf ball drop opens **United Way campaign**

Oshkosh Area United Way is seeking registrations for its 2020 Kickoff Ball Drop on Aug. 27, to be broadcast online from Lake Breeze Golf Club.

Scores of golf balls will be dropped to determine first-, second- and third-place prizes for those closest to the pin. Each \$10 registration earns a ball. More can be purchased for a chance to win \$1,000, \$500 or \$250 prizes.

With the annual golf outing canceled due to COVID-19, the organization incorporated the event into its 2020 kickoff. Thirty-seven programs in the area receive funding and support from Oshkosh United

In 2019, 42 percent of Oshkosh students were living below the federal pover-

ty level and 161 were reported homeless. The local United Way funds youth mentoring, advocacy and outreach programs to help these families achieve housing and income security they may not have had before, among other programs designed to have lasting, measurable results.

Other initiatives include early childhood education, mental health and providing steps to a living wage.

This year's campaign co-chairs are Bryan Brandt, senior vice president and chief marketing officer at Oshkosh Corp.; and Andrew Leavitt, chancellor of the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.

Registrations will be accepted through Aug. 18. To register for the event, go to www.oshkoshunitedway.org/kickoff.

## COVID-19 testing offered at Sunnyview

Free COVID-19 community testing is being made available for three days this week in the tri-county area through a collaboration among the Wisconsin Army National Guard, public health departments and UW Oshkosh, Red Cross and the emergency management teams.

Anyone experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 is encouraged to get tested. The testing sites are available to those ages 5 and older.

Besides today's testing at UW Oshkosh's Menasha campus, Sunnyview Expo Center will be the site from from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday using the Gardenview Lane entry.

Participants are asked to register ahead of time at register.covidconnect.wi.gov. More information is at winnebagopublichealth.org.

### Outdoor beautification efforts to be awarded

The Oshkosh Southwest Rotary's Community Environmental & Beautification Committee will be giving out its annual beautification awards to local homes and businesses for outstanding curb appeal.

Brighten Our Day awards will be placed

this week by Rotarians at senior living facilities that are being recognized for their landscaping and gardening efforts. Nominations are still being collected for other locations that will be announced, and a garden tour may be formed.

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# What Exactly Is Sciatica And How Did I Get It?

Sciatica is simply nerve irritation in the leg that comes from the back. It may appear as pain, numbness or tingling that can go on the outside, back or inside of the leg. The pain, numbness or tingling may travel to the hip, knee, ankle or foot

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## Butte de Morts crash

A collision between two boats on Lake Butte des Morts on Saturday night, shown Sunday where they were taken to Rainbow Park, resulted in three people treated for non-life-threatening injuries and both operators cited for driving while intoxicated. The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office responded to the crash at 9 p.m. where eight people were pulled from the water.





# School district prepares to unveil classroom plans

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Area School District's fall attendance plan is being presented today to the Board of Education during a special meeting that will announce the preferred recommendation for getting children safely back to school.

Proposed class models range from faceto-face learning to fully online learning, though the first scenario with no restrictions was predicated on the COVID-19 pandemic being controlled. The more likely models considered either have most students attending school with new safety precautions in place with some participating from home, or a rotating schedule where students are in classrooms half the normal time while the other half learns from home.

The rotation would have students attend school on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday one week, and a Tuesday and Thursday the next week.

Fully virtual learning is the fourth potential model that would take place in the event of a districtwide or schoolwide closure of buildings.

Outside of those options the district's eAcademy, which is currently independent from the traditional school environment, is a virtual option offered to families who opt not to return to school this fall and commit to before the start of the school year.

"The goal for the school district is to provide students, staff and families with the opportunity for in person teaching and learning as much as possible, while also maintaining the ability to flex and shift into different models as necessary," the district's 2020-21 handbook reads.

Details on the model options and the new handbook with updated health and safety procedures are found at www.oshkosh.k12.wi.us.

"It is obvious that this year will look and feel very different than any other we have experienced before. What we know is that COVID-19 conditions will continue to evolve and that the guidance we must follow from local and federal health authorities will also evolve - sometimes very quickly," Superintendent Vickie Cartwright wrote in a letter to families.

These unprecedented circumstances have required us to reimagine teaching and learning, and think very differently about how we can support a safe and successful school year for the entire district."



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# Barber's path to service had sharp edges

By Jack Tierney

Similar to what would happen later, "Barber Rich" Mitchell earned his reputation for cutting hair with his mentor Anthony Baesley at In Da Kut Barbershop N' Hair Efx before taking his customer base to his own location on North Main Street in 2016.

Outgrowing his original shop on Main Street, Mitchell opened a newer, larger location on Pearl Avenue a year later that is still open under the Barber Rich name but successfully operating without the man in the shop.

Mitchell, who changed his life at the Green Bay Correctional Institution after a 20-year sentence for an armed robbery in Appleton, built up four successful barbershops throughout the Fox Valley on the premise of giving back to the community. His business is growing again, this time in his hometown of Omro. He, like Baesley, has passed along skill sets and lessons to employees who have since started their own businesses.

"When new employees come through the door I tell them, 'The biggest thing I want you to do is follow your dreams,' he said. "If they want to build their dreams, I'm here to do that and help them. Even if that means helping with painting or creating their shop.

"It's not everybody's dream just to work in my shop. I let them know that right away."

As barbering can be competitive, and having former employees working in the same town is not ideal, it's something



Rich Mitchell cuts a customer's hair at his shop recently.

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Mitchell said he does not think much about. He said he would rather see former employees and friends like Marcus Anderson, owner of Quality Cutz Barbershop at 1207 N. Main St. succeed and share in the profite

 $\ensuremath{^{''}} I$  want to help everybody that walks into the shop, whatever direction they go

into," he said. "If people call my phone looking for Marcus, I don't hide the phone and pretend like I don't know where he is. I'm just not that guy."

Anderson said Mitchell has helped him multiple times over and, in one example, gave him recliner barber chairs as he was starting up. "Rich has done so much positively for me," Anderson said a day before his 35th birthday — one that brought reflections on his past that went from a 17-year-old inmate in Milwaukee to a commoner at the jail to a successful business owner. It's a similar story he shares with Mitchell and a testament to vocational training programs at prisons and jails where Mitchell got his start.

"I respect Rich, and this community," Anderson said. "My life is better because of them."

Since dismissing the criminal lifestyle, Mitchell has continuously demonstrated a kind heart. From the day he opened his first shop he has been about the community, where he has hosted and funda a festival at Menominee Park for the last three years that has brought people together with games, food and softball competition.

He also gives out haircuts to people in need. When one of his customers died in 2016, Mitchell gave discounted cuts in his signature style that helped pay funeral expenses for a young man lost in a suspicious train incident.

His acts of selflessness have been passed on and can be seen in the two new barbershops that have opened. Anderson said he is looking forward to taking those lessons and applying them where he can.

"Having my past, I just want to be a role model for these kids and explain to them the right paths to go down in life," Anderson said. "I love talking to them. That's the best part of the job. I need them as much as they need me and hopefully I can continue doing that."

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# Three candidates seek register of deeds position

By Jack Tierney . Shkosh Herald

Three people are campaigning to manage Winnebago County's vital records: an incumbent who has more than 35 years experience, a man who nearly lost his life recently and wants to give back as a civic duty, and a man who served as Oshkosh's mayor.

The register of deeds job is to protect records such as births, deaths, marriages, domestic partnerships and military discharges. The job also maintains real estate records such as deeds, land contracts and mortgages.

Importantly, the job maintains a standard for convenient access to public records with safe archived storage. It implements statutory changes, system modernization, program and procedure evaluation, and staff development, all according to the Wisconsin Register of Deeds Association.

Natalie Strohmeyer, a Republican, has been doing that work since 1983, starting in Outagamie County and eventually

before being elected in 2017 to lead Winnebago County's office.

"I am constantly looking for ways to increase the efficiency of our office and add more cost-effective tools to serve Winnebago County," she said.

Seth Reid, who is running as an independent, nearly lost his life in 2018 due to an illness that started as influenza, transitioned to methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) pneumonia and then to sepsis, a life-threatening condition.

"It was not expected that I would survive my stay in the hospital," he said.

"A brush with death has a way of forcing the things that truly matter into focus. My son for one, he needs a dad. Ever since I was able to recover mentally and physically, I felt called to civic duty."

Reid owns an information technology business and has an associate degree in network system administration from Fox Valley Technical College.

One example of Reid's priorities is to digitalize historical maps of Winnebago County. possession that would be scanned at high resolution, which collectors and those with historical or even just decorative interests would gladly purchase prints of," he said.

A third candidate is Paul Esslinger, a Republican and former mayor of Oshkosh (2009-11) who also served nine years on the Oshkosh Common Council. He has a bachelor's degree in marketing from Marian College in Fond du Lac and also served on the city's Plan Commission, Traffic Review Advisory Board and Landmarks Commission.

He campaigned for the register of deeds position in 2016 and lost to Strohmeyer.

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revenue, and it is budgeted for roughly a \$400,000 profit for 2020, County Executive Mark Harris said.

"The profit from this department helps the county to hold down the total tax levy. The department has operated with only seven employees for a decade despite a growing county population. Salary for 2021 will be \$80,682.00," he said.

The office has four full-time staff in land records and two in vital records.

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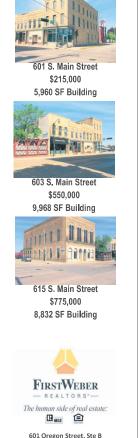
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# Two-day film festival this weekend at Roxy

Cindy Minch, a self-titled lover of art from Glendale who has done most things in her ability to promote independent art through film directing, film festivals, radio show hosting and a self-published film industry magazine, was eating at an Oshkosh supper club one afternoon when an idea struck her to host a film festival on Main Street.

Spreading the idea among individuals at lunch, she received a supportive response and decided to go through with the event.

Her goal was to host two film festivals for two different audiences over one weekend. The first audience of primary focus were elderly folks at retirement homes.

"They've been cooped up a long time," she said. She wanted to get them outside in a safe environment where they could socialize and watch throwback movies. A screen projector would have played films in a courtyard area and residents could



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That idea has since been postponed until health measures are cleared. Minch will follow up later with details.

The second festival in Oshkosh will go on and be hosted at The Roxy Supper Club from 1 to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Eighteen films are scheduled and will fill the two days' worth of entertainment. The price is \$5 for a two-film block, which would be enough for one feature-length film or multiple short films, or \$10 for a full-access weekend pass. Her festivals are usually priced at \$15 for full-access passes but she is more interested in getting people back together as a community than in any profits, she said.

During the time between screenings Minch will host workshops.

The films will be independent, not Hollywood blockbusters people are mostly familiar with. Minch works with independent films and said that's where her connections are.

"Some of the films will be silent films, horror films, comedy films or science fiction/fantasies," she said.

The reasoning for such an event?

"I'm really big on keeping art alive in communities in any format," she said. "Film festivals now, with COVID-19, are all moving to virtual shows. I don't want to do that. I want to continue the in-person experience and Oshkosh is a great place to do that."

More details are at Friends of Oshkosh Film Festival on Facebook or friendsofoshkoshfilmfestival.yolasite.com.



# **Rock the Block Oshkosh** spruces up Congress Field

Habitat for Humanity of Oshkosh, with the help of Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods and the city, is coordinating staff, volunteers and resident labor in Rock the Block home repair projects.

This year's efforts are focused on the Congress Field Neighborhood Association between Jackson and Elmwood Avenues and Congress and New York avenues. Program staff received more than 50 applications last fall from residents within the neighborhood to assist with exterior home repairs and lawn care. Included were edging, lawn patching and seeding, tree and bush trimming, weeding, raking, brush removal, mulching, pressure washing and gutter cleaning.

Normally the work would be scheduled

over the course of a week in spring. Program staff restructured the program with enhanced health precautions and rescheduled the work over two months this summer with small teams of volunteers.

So far, 18 homes on Congress Avenue, Annex Avenue, Wisconsin Street and Ontario Street have been "rocked" by more than 30 volunteers. The program resumes this month to complete any unfinished business while proceeding with projects at 12 homes on Western, Liberty, Cedar, Walnut and Spruce streets.

Rock the Block is a Habitat for Humanity International program focused on bringing people together to revitalize neighborhoods.



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### Mask order

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"If there's an establishment that is following the mask order — and most of them are — and you have someone who refuses to wear a mask, that would be trespassing and if the company contacted us, we would deal with that," Matz said.

Under such circumstances, Oshkosh police will do the same, Smith said.

"We will respond to any disturbance or trespass complaint in the event that a business calls for assistance," he said.

Supporters of the mask order could also draw attention if they subject others to verbal or other kinds of abuse, officials said. "No persons should harass another for not wearing a mask," Smith said.

For its part, the Health Department says its focus will be on education rather than enforcement.

"We ask the public to refrain from calling 911 to report concerns regarding face coverings," said health director Doug Gieryn. Residents who wish to contact the Health Department about COVID-19 can file a report using a health department link.

"Most community members now understand that masking is a way to help limit the spread of virus in our community and that, in turn, helps keep our local economy rolling," he said. "We will consult back with law enforcement on an as-needed basis."

Although the local law enforcement officials do not intend to issue citations under the mask order, they both said they support its intent.

"We strongly encourage all persons to follow the governor's order and keep our community safe," Smith said.

"I think you will see a much higher level of compliance with mask wearing, and



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Residents line up to speak to the Common Council last week on a proposed mask ordinance.

that's a good thing," Matz said. "It's just an unprecedented situation. The whole thing is difficult for everyone regardless of what side you are on."

"We hope there is light at the end of the tunnel, and that just might be as a result of wearing a mask," he said.

Matz also noted that members of his staff wear masks when they are in common areas of his department's building.

At UW Oshkosh, police say compliance efforts will stop short of writing citations on campus and in surrounding neighborhoods, where they also have jurisdiction.

"UWO police officers will be referring observed off-campus violations of the governor's mask order to Winnebago County Health Department, absent any other violation of the law," said Chief Kurt Leibold.

"If violations occur on campus involving a student they will be referred to the Dean of Students Office, employees will be referred to Human Resources and visitors will be informed of our mask requirement and asked to leave campus if they do not comply, and referred to the county Health Department."

Residents who have been outspoken at public meetings about stronger public

health measures to fight COVID-19 may find themselves stymied by the mask order. If they show up at a public meeting without wearing one, they could set off a chain reaction that could lead to legal consequences.

"They'd be asked to leave," said County Executive Mark Harris. "The county has a mask policy as well" for the buildings it owns.

Next week's Board of Supervisors meeting was originally scheduled to be held at the Sunnyview Exposition Center. Instead it has been changed to a videoconference meeting using Zoom.

Upcoming Common Council meetings could also present a challenge for how mask requirements would be handled. There was a special meeting in City Hall scheduled for 7 a.m. this Tuesday. Public comments will be allowed, but citizens are "encouraged" to submit written comments.

According to a statement from Evers, a face covering is required "whenever you are indoors or in an enclosed space, other than a private residence, and other people are present in the same room or space."

One item on the Common Council's agenda is consideration of a mask requirement at all council meetings and possibly all meetings of city boards and commissions

Miles Maguire is editor of the Oshkosh Examiner website.

# Food Co-op launches general manager search

After completing a \$1.6 million capital campaign and growing its ownership base to more than 1,300 members, the Oshkosh Food Co-op has begun a national search for a general manager.

"We know that hiring the right general manager is a key component of helping make our store a success," said Melissa Weyland, co-op board secretary and hiring committee chair. "We feel the dedication of our hiring team, the successful track record of our organization and the attractiveness of living in northeastern Wisconsin will bring some strong candidates into the process."

The co-op has leased 10,000 square feet of space in Merge Urban Development's Brio Building at Jackson Street and Pearl Avenue. The co-op is completing store layouts with design firm Retail Plant and recruiting a tenant to sublease about 2,000 square feet of future growth space. Site preparation and construction is set to begin this summer.

The co-op is looking to fill the role by 2021 with a store opening slated for later that year. Applications are being accepted through Aug. 31.







## Homeless shelter

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"It was a call to action by our community to provide a 24/7 emergency shelter, and Day By Day stepped up," Butz said. "And because we stepped up, we were able to get the expenses (covered) that we weren't planning on incurring for the month of May because typically we're closed."

Butz said that since she began her position in late June, she and the shelter's board have been busy with new outreach strategies, fundraising events and other ways to assist the homeless population.

Day By Day is now hosting a fundraiser called "Bump Out Homelessness," where they will be selling car magnets for \$20 to support the shelter and its needs. Butz said the donation needs list and other information can be found on their website, Facebook page or at the shelter at 449

# Herald welcomes ad team member

Kristin Magruder has joined the advertising team of the Oshkosh Herald.



Magruder extensive weekly publication experience to the Herald. She has worked with many local businesses with Action Reporter Media as well as Wisconsin Media Group.

Magruder

She enjoys spending her free time camping, fishing and with her husband, Wade, fami-



Molly Yatso Butz is executive director of the Day By Day Warming

Additionally, in September there will be a program that allows residents to "adopt a shelter guest" where they can house people for a night. Residents can also sponsor a bed for a season to help cover needs,

In the shelter's previous season, they had to turn down people more than 300 times because of limited capacity.

During the recent council meeting Po-

Butz said

Butz said homelessness is closer than one might think

"These guests are people who have really fallen on hard times, and statistics show that most of us are one bad accident or life experience away from homelessness," she said. "I believe the Day By Day Warming Shelter helps people to get back on their feet and on solid ground."

Butz said she hopes Day By Day will become a year-round shelter within the next few years, providing more beds and accommodations than they have

lice Chief Dean Smith said his officers have given citations to some of the homeless in the Riverside Park and downtown area but only after investigating a situation and concerns of businesses that have reported violations on their properties.

'We will certainly do our best to help the (homeless) population as best as we can but we have to be neutral in our actions," Smith told the council. "We give ample warnings, we give ample opportunity for change. We provide information regarding resources available, and we get to the final point where we have to do enforcement.

Council member Debra Allison-Aasby said that although there may be some concerns, there should be compassion for what is available.

"At least we have something; maybe it's not ideal, but everyone's quick to look at the negative," she said. "We're at least open in the worst months. I'm not saying it's perfect, but at least we're providing that service to that unique group."

Allison-Aasby said she is optimistic about Butz's work with the shelter and what plans will come.

"They are very committed to doing what they can with what they have right now," Allison-Aasby said. "... I believe that we have the right people in place and a community mindset and motivation that I think will get us to where we need to go."

# Flooring, cabinet specialist now Quest Interiors

After 17 years in business as FloorQuest, the company is changing its name to Quest Interiors.

Owner and vice president Tim Twohig said the addition of products and services such as cabinetry and quartz countertop fabrication along with design services and installation of products brought on the

name change to better reflect the business.

Quest Interiors completed a major remodeling and expansion of its showroom in Fond du Lac. It also has a showroom in Oshkosh along with warehouse locations

and a distribution/fabrication facility in Fond du Lac. As a part of the rebranding, Quest Interiors will be using the positioning phrase "Exceptional Style. Exceptional Savings" in its marketing.

# Winnebago lake plan nearing completion

The Winnebago System Lake Management Plan is nearing completion but still in need of input through focus groups. Members of the public and organizations are being sought to join groups on recreation and watershed management issues.

Groups of 10 to 12 will take part in a two-hour virtual meeting from 6:30 to

8:30 p.m. Aug. 11 on recreation and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Aug. 19 on watershed management.

Those interested can email or call Korin Doering, Winnebago waterways program director, at korin@fwwa.org or 920-851-0948. More information is at www.winnebagowaterways.org





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# Parade of Homes 2020 set

The Winnegamie Home Builders Association is holding its annual Parade of Homes in Winnebago and Outagamie counties.

The event runs Friday through Sunday and Aug. 14-16 from 5 to 8 p.m. Fridays and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

This year's attendance recommendations include face masks, practicing social distancing throughout the homes when possible and limiting the number of people.

Featured builders include Wesenberg Homes, Envision Building, Cypress Homes, Hoffmann Strobel Builders, Roshak Builders and Prairie Stone Homes.

Tickets can be purchased at whba.net/parade-of-homes, where a tour map can be found.

## New North teams up on skills training

New North has a new partnership with Microsoft, American Family Insurance and Gener8tor to launch a free accelerator program – Gener8tor Upskilling – a concierge program offering digital skills in order to apply for in-demand jobs in the region.

The partnership builds on Microsoft's TechSpark program to foster local economic growth. The company recently announced its global skills initiative that seeks to help 25 million people worldwide who have lost their job due to COVID-19 by learning new skills pertaining to jobs available in their community.

"As the pandemic has displaced thousands of workers in our region, we are incredibly grateful to Microsoft for rolling out their global skills initiative. We saw this as an opportunity to immediately match displaced workers with digital skills training and to work towards providing economic opportunity for all," said Barb LaMue, president and chief executive of New North.

The two-week program has a self-paced virtual curriculum to learn skills for in-demand jobs, earn industry-recognized certifications and access job opportunities; support from Gener8tor along with coaching on interview skills and resume writing; and virtual access to peers for support.

More information is at www.gener8tor.

## Valley Laser Therapy opens doors at 2020 Jackson St.

Valley Laser Therapy Center has opened at 2020 Jackson St. at Hendrickson Chiropractic with certified therapists Dr. Gerald Hendrickson and Dr. Dan Richter.

Hendrickson said they use state-ofthe-art multiwave locked system (MLS) robotic laser technology to help eliminate pain associated with different types of conditions, including chronic arthritis, post-surgical pain, new injury pain and healing, wound healing, and shingles pain.

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Col. Lucas Miller's stately house was used as a Menominee Park concession stand until 1979.

## Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

### Aug. 14, 1979

#### Miller House Could Be Razed:

The Oshkosh Parks Advisory Board voted 6-1 Monday night to recommend that the historic building be demolished. Col. Lucas M. Miller built an Italianate mansion on his farm overlooking Lake Winnebago in 1854, which was located near the end of Merritt Avenue. Col. Lucus Miller was a prominent

Oshkosh resident who also served in Congress. This property was sold to the City in 1890 and became Menominee Park. The idea to raze the house first came in 1975, but was stalled by efforts on the part

of the Oshkosh Jaycees to create a fundraiser to save the building. The effort fell short of the needed goal of \$150,000 to \$200,000. Over the years, the house was used as a bathing house, store and concession stand. During discussions, it was stated that one of the main reasons to raze the house is its deteriorated condition, as nothing has been done by this city to maintain the building in recent years. On Sept. 20, 1979, the City Council voted 6-1 to authorize tearing down the 120-year-old historic Miller House. Councilor Bernice Teichmiller was the only person that voted against razing the structure. Only four days after the City Council vote, the Fire Department was in-structed to do a "controlled burn" and the Miller House was reduced to a pile of ashes.

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, Aug. 14, 1979; Neenah Menasha Northwestern, Sept. 24, 1979; Oshkosh Public Museum



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# Titans football coach earns call to Hall of Fame

# Cerroni honored as his 14th season canceled

By Dustin Riese

Five coaches saw their names called to represent the state in the 2021 Wisconsin Coaches Hall of Fame, and among those selections was University of Wisconsin Oshkosh head football coach Pat Cerroni.

The 23rd coach in Oshkosh football's 124-year history has been on quite a run since arriving on campus in 2000 as an assistant before taking over as head coach, which he now enters his 14th season in that role.

Cerroni surpassed his 100th career win last season and has compiled a 103-42 record. Always humble, Cerroni gives credit to the coaches and players he has worked with over the years.

"Just want to thank the players and coaches I have been blessed with my entire career," Cerroni said after learning about his selection. "I had no idea I was nominated, so yes it was an honor to be selected in this year's class."

Building the program is what he has done as the Titans' level of sustained success is something that program never experienced in the past. When people talk about the WIAC, UW-Whitewater was always the name that came up. Now that conversation includes the Titans.

When asked what the worst part of coaching has been, Cerroni said the answer is quite simple: COVID-19. The WIAC recently announced the cancellation of conference seasons and champion-



University of Wisconsin Oshkosh football coach Pat Cerroni will be inducted into the Wisconsin Coaches Hall of Fame.

ships for fall sports, including football, for the 2020-21 academic year.

Cerroni said this will be a time to give his staff and team a chance to see how mentally tough they are as a unit.

"Not having a season is certainly not the outcome anyone wanted to hear, and it is unknown how we are going to go about it at this point," he said. "However, I am curious to see how we are going to respond to this adversitv."

Success was immediate for the Titans under Cerroni as they posted a 7-3 mark, including 4-3 in the WIAC, in his first season after hovering at or under .500 in previous seasons. After failing to win more than four games over the next three seasons, 2011 appeared to be the turning point for the program.

A year later the Titans ripped off 13

straight wins en route to a conference title before falling one game short of a national title berth. The next two seasons saw the Titans fail to make the playoffs but the pieces were in place as Oshkosh continued their winning ways.

Another unbeaten conference championship in 2015 was followed by the program's most memorable season in 2016, when Oshkosh reached the Division 3 national championship before falling 10-7 to Mary Hardin-Baylor. Oshkosh went on to win the WIAC the next season before Mount Union bounced them in another national semifinal game.

Although the Titans fell short of the playoffs in 2018, going 6-4, it marked an eighth consecutive winning season, something Oshkosh hadn't accomplished since 1918-1925.

In what may have been one of the best coaching jobs for Cerroni a season ago, the Titans surprised many by winning the WIAC title before falling to Central College in the first round of the playoffs. Cerroni came into the final weeks of last season knowing his team had a shot — the one thing he loves most about coaching.

"Controlling your own destiny is my favorite part of coaching," he said.

Even if it will take another season until Cerroni and his team get back on the field, he will go into the hall as one of the greatest coaches in Wisconsin football history. He has been named both the AFCA Region 5 and WIAC Coach of the Year in 2012 and 2015, and WIAC Coach of the Year in 2017 and 2019. He was also selected the D3football.com West Region Coach of the Year in 2012 and 2017.

Cerroni has coached 54 players to 75 All-WIAC First Team laurels, 44 players to 48 All-Region citations and 19 players to 24 All-America selections. Quarterback Brett Kasper, a two-time WIAC Offensive Player of the Year, was named winner of 2017 Gagliardi Trophy for Division III's most outstanding player. The first Titan to earn that honor, Kasper was also the D3football.com Offensive Player of the Year in 2017 and the first-team quarterback on the 2017 Associated Press Little All-America Team.

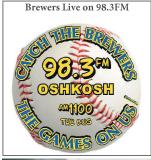
Titan quarterback Nate Wara was named the NCAA Division III Offensive Player of the Year in 2012 by D3football.com.

Before arriving at Oshkosh, Cerroni served as head coach at Menomonee Falls High School from 1997-99. He made an immediate impact his first season with a 7-4 mark including a first-round playoff upset of defending state champion Arrowhead. Cerroni also saw time as an assistant at Arrowhead and Catholic Memorial to Waukesha), where he helped lead Memorial to state titles in 1993 and 1996.

"I have been a position coach — wide receivers, running backs — defensive coordinator and head coach," he said. "The last 20 years have been spent here at Oshkosh with six as defensive coordinator, the rest as head coach helping to build this program to where it is today."

Tony Biolo (Wisconsin Rapids), Pat Bundy (Menomonie), Tony DiSalvo (St. Croix Central) and Steve King (Holmen) were the other coaches inducted.











# W Oshkosh goes without fall sports this year

By Joseph Schulz

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh sports fans will have to wait awhile before watching the Titans in action as the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) announced last week that the majority of fall sports this year are

Conference seasons and championships in football, women's soccer, women's vollevball and men's and women's cross country are off the schedule for the 2020-21 academic vear.

In addition, women's tennis and women's golf will be suspended for the 2020-21 fall term. The WIAC seasons and championships in those sports will be moved to the 2020-21 spring term.

In a written statement July 27, the WIAC said schools will have the autonomy to establish practice opportunities this year as long as they follow NCAA guidelines.

"Determinations with regards to the winter sports season, including the start date and the manner in which competition will be conducted, will be determined at a later date," the conference said. "Any practice opportunities or competitions must be conducted in accordance with NCAA resocialization guidelines in effect at that time, in addition to any mandated restrictions imposed by local, county or campus entities.

In a campuswide email later that day, UWO Chancellor Andrew Leavitt described the news as "heartbreaking."



J. J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium will stand empty this season as 2020 football was canceled.

## City park summer improvements noted

Maintenance and construction projects have recently been completed at city parks.

Six new pieces of outdoor exercise equipment have been installed at Menominee Park for the public that was initiated by the Menominee South Neighborhood Association. They are situated off Hazel Street and near the park playground.

Congress Tot Lot has new play equipment open for public use and has been well received by the neighborhood.

Teichmiller Park batting cage is complete and players have been using it.

Bowen Street Fishing Dock decking is replaced with composite material through a donation from Battle on Bago and Otter Street Fishing Club.

Rusch Park received three new benches through the city's Memorial Bench program.



New exercise equipment is available at Menominee Park

"We were saddened when we suspended our spring 2020 sports, and, at that time, were hopeful we would be able to resume our seasons in the fall," Leavitt said.

Before the cancellation, he noted the Council of Chancellors had been consulting with athletics departments across the conference to discuss COVID-19's impact on fall sports and that the decision to cancel was difficult.

"While we recognize the disruption this causes in the lives of student-athletes, we believe they and all of our students will understand this is the right decision to protect health and safety," Leavitt wrote.

He said UWO is planning for the return of student-athletes and preparing other activities to keep them engaged on campus.

"Teams and athletes will have the opportunity to train and practice under improved safety protocols developed in partnership with public health officials," Leavitt said. "While we will miss cheering on our teams from the stands at the Titan Stadium and in Kolf Sports Center, we know this is the right thing to do to protect health and safety."

Although winter sports begin later in fall, Leavitt noted the WIAC felt it was premature to consider the schedule for those sports due to the rapidly changing conditions posed by the pandemic.

"This is the latest, albeit significant, disruption COVID-19 has posed to our UWO community," he said. "We have already seen Titans pull together and face the challenges head on. I know we will continue to rise, support one another and overcome this and whatever adversity may await us.



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# Oshkosh Black drops tight one to Ashwaubenon

By Dustin Riese

After pounding Appleton Xavier earlier in the week 15-0, Oshkosh Black was looking to keep its momentum going against Ashwaubenon on Friday, Involved in yet again another close game, Black let a late lead slip away as the A's rallied in the seventh to pick up a 7-6 walkoff win.

Alex Stini got the rare start and delivered a strong outing in his 3-plus innings of work. Stini's final line showed five runs allowed, but only three were earned as the Oshkosh defense committed four errors in

Oshkosh came out swinging in the third as they looked to give Stini some support. A leadoff single from Ehren Lenz was followed by Isaiah Humiston reaching on an error. With two outs and in danger of stranding a pair, Matthew Schallhorn's RBI single tied the game.

Carson Krumrei, Ben Buehring and Brady Block followed with RBI singles and Oshkosh was in front 4-1. The A's responded with a run in the bottom of the third.

Ashwaubenon had a walk and two singles to make it 4-3 before a crucial field error allowed the A's to draw even at 4. After a pitching change to Collin Ryan, Brady Wittig gave the A's a 5-4 lead with an RBI ground out before Ryan retired the side without further damage.

In the sixth a one-out double by Bloch was followed by a walk for Logan Pinkerton and an error to load the bases. Lenz showed great patience at the plate, working a walk to tie things again 5-5. Humiston dropped down a perfect bunt to score the go-ahead run, but Ashwaubenon was able to end the inning.

Wittig led the seventh inning for the A's with a double before moving to third on an Aaron Bliek single. Ashwaubenon tied the game as an error at first kept the line moving, and another Nooyan single loaded the bases with no outs. Ryan struck out the next hitter to set up a potential double play, but Johnny Wolcanski placed a fly ball to right field as Bliek scored from third to give the A's a walkoff 7-6 win.

The loss moved Oshkosh to 9-12 on the

### West vs. Black contest suspended with rain

In what was supposed to be an intercity matchup to cap off the weekend, Oshkosh Black vs. Oshkosh West Blue will have to wait until Thursday as rain forced the game to be suspended in the fourth with Black leading 4-3. Starters Colton Tirpe and Ryan were on top of their games early with both teams held in check through two innings.

Jake Austad led the third inning for West with a leadoff triple that gave the Wildcats their first runner in scoring position. Andrew McCoy then traded a ground out for a run.

After a pair of walks loaded the bases, West scored with Sam Blaskowski coming home on a Cole Krueger single up the middle to give the Wildcats a 3-0 lead heading to the bottom of the third.

Oshkosh Black's Dominic Kane put himself in prime scoring position with a triple to the wall. The next batter was Ryan. who rolled one toward third. Instead of taking the out at first, Mason Rohr fired home but the throw was late and Black was on the board.

A Max Bittner single kept the line moving. A grounder to Aiden Berndt appeared routine until the throw got away from the first basemen to allow both runners to score for a 3-3 tie. Carter Nozar followed with a single for a 4-3 lead before the game was suspended.

The continuation of this game will take place Thursday at North High as West will be batting with two outs and a man on

















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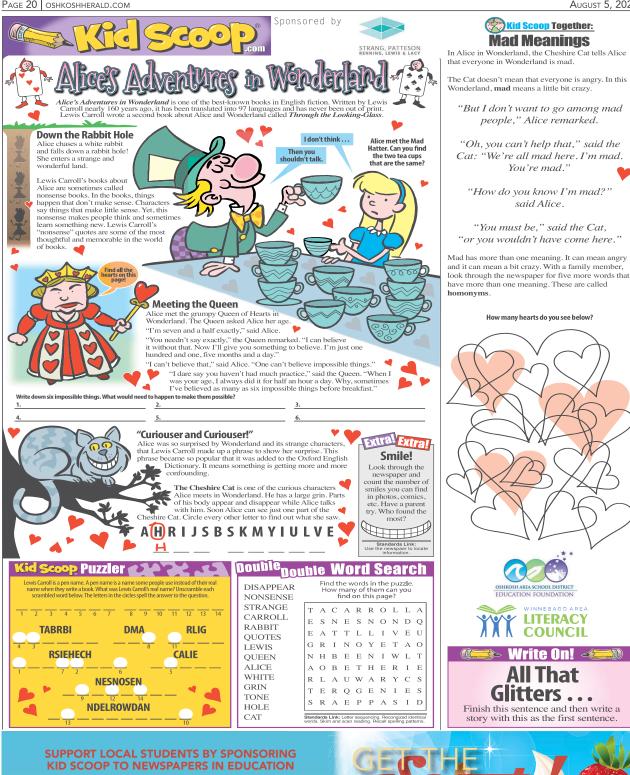
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