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Photo from Oshkosh Media

Communications coordinator Andy Radig works in the studio at Oshkosh Media's radio station 101.9.

Public information team delivering on all channels

Oshkosh Media keeps local content flowing

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh Media's communications coordinator returned to his hometown in April to continue the work he began more than two decades ago to help develop one of the state's top public programming packages serving the city and its residents.

Andy Radig said the four-year gap between his previous time here included a similar role with Wisconsin Rapids, which

offers a robust level of public meeting and program coverage similar to Oshkosh's — something he said is not a given in all communities.

"It's really a service to the residents of Oshkosh that many other communities don't have, especially in the Fox Valley area," Radig said.

Whether it's public meetings on Gov-TV, access programs for LifeTV or music playlists on WOCT 101.9 radio, Radig and his colleagues keep the Internet and airwaves stocked with information and entertainment targeted to residents. The variety of formats available for viewing and hearing content — TV, airwaves,



YouTube, Roku, Apple TV — also keeps expanding with the recent addition of the Amazon Fire TV channel.

Oshkosh Media's origins date to 1986 when the city and Time Warner Cable were determining the network's public access component. The Oshkosh Cable Television Advisory Committee was formed with input and space offered by

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Menominee Arena gains a path out of bankruptcy

By Miles Maguire
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

A federal judge has approved a plan to let the owner of the Menominee Nation Arena move out of bankruptcy, but there are still loose ends to tie up — including with the city.

Under the plan, the arena owner, Fox Valley Pro Basketball Inc., will start making mortgage payments of \$68,000 a month in October. Those payments will go to its largest creditor, Bayland Building Inc., the company that served as gener-

al contractor on the project and is owed about \$13 million.

The remaining creditors are divided into six classes, including the equity investors. Depending on their class, they will receive different terms, with some able to take an immediate partial payment to settle their claims. Others will be paid back over time.

A critical element of the plan is an infusion of cash from an investor, Silver Anvil LLC, which has agreed to provide \$2.5 million in exchange for the right to receive future tax incentive payments from the



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(TIF), are a partial return of property taxes paid on the site. The amount is tied to

city.

The city has raised concerns about how these payments will be handled. "We want to make sure we're protected," said City Manager Mark Rohloff.

The tax rebates, known as tax incremental financing

the increased property value that has resulted from the development of the arena.

But the city wants to make clear that it will not agree to a deal with no strings attached.

"We will only guarantee the payment (to the lender) if the terms of the agreement are met," Rohloff said.

He said the Common Council will meet in closed session to review the situation and strategize about how to handle future

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Public schools open with unique challenges amid historic pandemic

By Jack Tierney
OSHKOSH HERALD

All students whose parents or guardians opted for in-person instruction are back in class this week on an every-other-day schedule except for North High School, which will start with a virtual learning model due to staffing limitations.

The Oshkosh Area School District announced late Monday that circumstances made in-class teaching at North unworkable until further notice.

“This difficult decision was made based on information that we received this afternoon and after numerous attempts to problem-solve amid limited resources,” the district said in a statement.

For students, staff and visitors at other schools, they are required to wear masks on the grounds. School officials have purchased masks, available in child and adult sizes, and face shields to provide if individuals have medical conditions that prevent them from wearing a mask.

Fall sports have been delayed until the spring and other large events like dances and assemblies have been canceled until the Winnebago County Health Department approves health conditions for large noninstructional gatherings.

An OASD survey showed the majority of the 972 who responded are “highly concerned” about safety and health risks, cleaning and disinfecting practices, enforcement of safety protocols; while 83 percent would send their preschool or elementary school child back to school and 85 percent would send their middle or high school grade child back to school.

A nurse practitioner told the Board of Education at its meeting last week that a significant number of children have undiagnosed learning disabilities that will make the hybrid learning models difficult.

Ruth Staszdk said the board should have considered more thoroughly the spe-

cific needs of Oshkosh residents instead of surrounding communities when deciding how often to require students to attend in-person classes to begin the school year.

“We can’t make choices for Oshkosh school district based on what Appleton is doing, what Winneconne is doing. We have to do what’s right for our city, our community,” she said.

Superintendent Vickie Cartwright said the district will continue to monitor county and district-specific virus infection burden rates, which currently remain moderately high, while updating parents every two weeks on a “visualization matrix.”

She said the fitness of returning to classes fully is parent and guardian dependent as parents and guardians follow the instructions of health professionals.

District officials said they are expecting a “critical” shortage of substitute teachers this fall and have told teachers on payroll to expect to fill in when necessary. Staszdk said that is inexcusable as district officials and board members have had months to prepare for an inevitably different school year.

School hallway traffic patterns have been changed to allow for efficient health measures, locker use has been discontinued and lunch times have been extended or added to accommodate social distancing, among a long list of changes detailed in a 34-page handbook available on the OASD website that officials and board members encouraged parents to go to for answers.

In addition, the district received money from the federal CARES Act, which it used to buy \$400,000 worth of plexiglass shields to use as a barrier in entryways and classroom that cannot or struggle to accommodate social distancing.

Deputy Superintendent David Gundlach briefed the board on the district’s upcoming \$107 million building referendum in November but said there was not much to update at this time as district officials

are prioritizing reopening schools safely.

He said Sept. 9 and Sept. 21 have been slated as community referendum presentation events.

Video “watch parties” are tentatively schedule between Monday and Sept. 18, which will show a district-made video of the conditions of Oshkosh public schools.

Coming up on the Nov. 3 general election ballot will be two school district-related questions: whether to renew \$7.95 million in annual operating funds and whether to invest \$107 million in capital funds “to advance the first phase of our long-range facilities plan.”

The plan would cut the number of schools from 20 to 14 while building two new schools on the city’s east side and make safety, security and infrastructure improvements throughout the district.

While Oshkosh4Education, part of the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, said they support the referendum, some residents have expressed their opposition.

Matthew Stenson said, “Vote yes – question one; vote no – question two.” Barron Perlman asked, “What is the morality of increasing the financial burden on the citizens of Oshkosh in these perilous financial times?”

Not passing the referendum also represents a cost to taxpayers as the district will have to put money into their aging schools, Cartwright said, while construction costs are projected to increase 4 percent per year. Every 0.5 percent increase in interest rates would increase total costs by \$6.5 million, she said.

Winnebago officers assisting in Kenosha

Winnebago County sheriff’s deputies have been providing police assistance in Kenosha to help deal with the city’s public unrest in wake of the shooting of Jacob Blake by a police officer there Aug. 23.

Sheriff John Matz told WFRV TV in Green Bay that department members were in Kenosha the day after the shooting and provided support, including helping extinguish arson fires, on alternating days through Sunday. He said he would reassess at that time whether they would be needed after that.

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Telecommunications tower on EAA grounds approved

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Common Council unanimously approved a conditional use permit Aug. 25 for construction of a telecommunications tower on Experimental Aircraft Association property that will upgrade coverage for cellphones and other mobile device uses.

The new 76-foot-high tower was requested to meet communication demands for those attending the annual AirVenture as well as for other uses. Proponents said present towers at the site cannot effectively handle the communications traffic. The Federal Aviation Administration has approved the tower and the city’s Plan Commission forwarded the permit proposal to the council.

Andrew Flowers, senior real estate and construction manager for ATT Illinois-Wisconsin, told council members about how the community will benefit from the new tower and said there are no deficiencies in the proposal. An attorney for EAA also spoke about the need to keep up with the expansion of the annual airshow.

SBA Communications had objected to the proposal, noting that the company already has a tower in close proximity.

The council also heard a presentation

from Tim Hess, a consultant with Invista Analytics, about a redevelopment proposal at 8 W. 9th Ave. at the former Miles Kimball location and a request that it be considered for tax increment financing (TIF) designation.

Hess said the new property owners are interested in converting the building into an apartment complex with a potential for 28 living units along with surface parking. He said the building has been empty for 15 years and lacks the resources needed for revitalization, and that TIF assistance could become the sparkplug for redevelopment that would attract residents to the Sawdust District area.

He doubted there would be any commercial ventures at the building. In January 2018, Bridgeview Holdings had purchased the building with plans to put a restaurant on the main floor, a cafe on top, and three stories of office space. Those plans did not materialize, and the property was eventually sold to 7-Share LLC.

In other action, the council:

- Adopted its 2021-2025 Capital Improvements Program, which includes \$64,511,300 for 2021 and \$291,631,132 for the five-year time period. Adopting the CIP now will enable inclusion of it in annual operating budgets.

- Adopted a revised fund balance policy that updates the previous one to ensure continuity of responsible fund management. The proposed change was put together by the city’s Long Range Finance Committee.

- Heard a report from Community Development Director Allen Davis that his staff would like to make changes to transform the Great Neighborhoods program into a funding device to encourage more neighborhood associations to undertake

revitalization projects. He said the current budget has \$225,000 available for neighborhood groups to undertake activities.

- Held a special meeting Aug. 24 to approve special assessments involving projects throughout the city. Items included concrete pavement, asphalt pavement and updating, sidewalks, sanitary sewer mains and laterals, storm sewer laterals, water mains and laterals, and driveway aprons. All of the special assessment resolutions were unanimously adopted.



Photo by Michael Cooney

Voting assistance for disabled webinar set

A webinar for those interested in supporting people with disabilities and older adults who may have barriers to voting is being offered at noon Sept. 15 by the Aging & Disability Resource Center of Winnebago County.

Jenny Neugart, disability grassroots coordinator for the Wisconsin Board for

People with Development Disabilities; and Wendy Heyn, vote coordinator for Disability Rights Wisconsin, will lead the session hosted by Bryn Ceman, the ADRC’s aging and resources program supervisor

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Flu prevention

In advance of the fall flu season, Network Health in partnership with Walgreens offered free flu shots last week at an outdoor clinic in the parking lot of the Murdock Avenue pharmacy location. Alicia Johnson, a pharmacy student at Concordia University Wisconsin School of Pharmacy, is shown administering a shot.

A photograph of a young woman with blonde hair, wearing a white lab coat, smiling and assisting an elderly woman with grey hair. The elderly woman is sitting in a chair and looking up at the caregiver. The background is a bright, indoor setting with large windows.

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Jail interaction can get inmates back on track

Sheriff says department focus is on de-escalation

By Sophia Voight
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Inmates in county jails face myriad problems, but issues of substance abuse along with mental and physical health issues can make their time there even more traumatic.

These issues can be especially devastating for incarcerated individuals in rural or suburban areas where resources to assist with substance abuse and mental health can be few and far between.

A study published in June by University of Wisconsin Oshkosh criminal justice professor Matt Richie found that in jails where inmates suffer from these issues, interpersonal communication is a far more effective way for officers to manage inmates than physical force.

Richie’s research examined how officers who communicate with inmates and treat

them with respect can avoid physical confrontations and provide helpful support.

This approach toward managing inmates is utilized at the Winnebago County Jail where correctional officers are trained to use communication skills to de-escalate situations with inmates before resorting to physical force.

“As an agency, we continually preach that it’s much easier to speak to somebody and try to de-escalate the situation because anytime force is involved you risk injury to the inmate or to the staff,” Winnebago County corrections administrator Todd Christie said.

Christie said correctional officers are taught to use force as a last resort for when an officer needs to defend themselves or a bystander.

“We train and train in scenario-based training using verbal communication to try and de-escalate situations,” he said.

Christie said the county also has seven crisis intervention-trained deputies that specifically use communication skills over physical force during explosive situations.

“They’re trained in verbal communication to de-escalate situations and get to the root of the problem so that we can take the proper course of action to try to help an individual,” he said.

All correctional officers must be graduates of a correctional training academy where they are taught interpersonal communication skills before entering the workforce.

Correctional officers in the state are required to receive an additional 24 hours a year of communication and use-of-force training, according to Winnebago County Sheriff John Matz.



Matz

Matz said officers working in the county jail are also trained to help individuals dealing with substance abuse and health issues.

“We have to be extremely patient and we hire patient people that receive training in de-escalation,” Matz said.

Matz said people who come into the jail intoxicated can often be violent and officers need to be able to speak to them and calm them down.

“It’s not really about the physical alternative because sometimes we do need to restrain people, but it’s more about how can we de-escalate?” he said. “How can we help reassure the inmate that we’re here to help them, not just to incarcerate them?”

A 2015 study Richie cited in his research found that 75 percent of jail inmates have both a substance abuse disorder and a serious mental health disorder.

Matz said these issues are prevalent among the county jail inmates as well.

“Many of the individuals that come to our facility are dealing with life issues,” he said. “Some of the mental health issues can come from the alcoholism or addiction to drug. They coincide with each other.”

The county jail offers alcoholics and narcotics anonymous classes, as well as contracted mental health workers to provide counseling for inmates, according to Matz.

Christie said the average length of stay for inmates is 21 days, which doesn’t afford the jail the opportunity to focus on addiction and mental health treatment programs the way prisons might.

“There’s such a short period of time to make an impact. Sometimes it does, obviously, but other times it’s just a limited timeframe to make an impact,” he said.

Christie said the county jail’s programs focus more on helping them transfer back into society. He said they work with Family Services of Northeast Wisconsin to provide re-entry programs that focus on substance abuse, finances and child care assistance.

“A lot of these help them transfer back in the real world to try to give them some basics to be able to try to manage their life in a better way,” he said.

Matz said officers and employees do what they can to help inmates while in the jail.

“We’re not just here to incarcerate them, but to help them through the incarceration phase and beyond it,” Matz said.



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Oshkosh Freemasons aid vets home

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was a truckload of donated items including playing cards, dice, puzzles, Sudoku and crossword puzzles, hygiene items, watercolor kits and models. Donations came from individuals throughout the state as well as financial donations from other Freemason lodges and businesses. "The outpouring of support from the community for the residents of King Veterans Home was overwhelming," Cochrane shared in an email. "In picking up the donations, the Freemasons were able to listen to memories of people that they knew that lived at King, how it made them so happy to be able to contribute, and how grateful they were for the Freemasons in organizing this donation campaign."

Watershed management input sought by DNR

The state Department of Natural Resources is soliciting public input on 25 new Clean Water Act Targeted Watershed Assessment (TWA) reports – a tool for documenting the progress made in protecting waterbodies throughout the state and for announcing recommended next steps. "The DNR's Water Quality Program is responsible for monitoring Wisconsin waters and planning a cleaner, healthier future for the state's aquatic ecosystems," said Adrian Stocks, director of the Bureau of Water Quality. "These TWA reports reflect the year-round efforts undertaken by our team members to gather and assess data on stream water quality, habitat and aquatic life in order to protect our waterbodies and ensure their long-term viability." Each of the TWA reports provides water quality priorities, recommendations and a list of detailed local plans and contacts related to protection or restoration

of the watershed. The reports can be found on the DNR's Water Quality Plans & Reports webpage. Feedback can be provided to WQPlan-PublicInquiry@wisconsin.gov. Comments will be reviewed and incorporated into the plans sent to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

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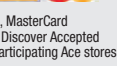
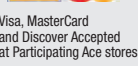

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Oktoberfest style in full force at local breweries

By Lee Reiherzer
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Right now, three Oshkosh breweries have Oktoberfest-style beers on the market. It's the first time that's ever happened.

An Oktoberfest beer is an amber, malt-forward type of lager that originated in Germany nearly 200 years ago. But the style has a surprisingly short history in Oshkosh. We're now, though, at what looks like the start of an annual tradition among breweries here.

Oktoberfest beer, also known as Märzen beer, didn't make its way to Oshkosh until the late 1960s. It first appeared here as an import arriving in late September to coincide with the annual Oktoberfest celebration in Munich.

Oshkosh's earlier breweries, though deeply influenced by the German brewing tradition, never included Oktoberfests in their output. It wasn't until Fox River Brewing released its Foxtoberfest Marzen in the fall of 1997 that the style was made locally. Fox River has released its annual Foxtoberfest at about this time each year ever since.

Andrew Roth is the brewmaster at Fox River. When he began there as a lead brewer in 2018, Foxtoberfest was among the first beers he made. Before that, Roth had worked as a brewer in La Crosse where he had an immersion experience with this type of beer.

"I lived in La Crosse for a year and Oktoberfest is like a religion there," Roth said. The Oktoberfest he makes at Fox River is from the same recipe the brewery has been using for about a decade. It's become the most important beer in the



Bare Bones Brewery owner Patti Dringoli pours one of their Oktoberfest beers.

brewery's seasonal lineup and often sells out by mid-October. Roth can't imagine Foxtoberfest not being in his rotation.

"It's not going anywhere," he says. "We'll brew it every year until people don't want Oktoberfest beers anymore."

Bare Bones Brewery introduced its Oktoberfest in 2018 when Jody Cleveland took over as the head brewer there.

"It's one of my favorite styles," Cleveland said. "I look forward to it every year."

For Cleveland and Bare Bones, Oktoberfest fits well within the brewery's production scheme. It's brewed using a traditional lager yeast that requires a cold fermentation and a somewhat longer period of maturation.

"Because of the different sizes of our

fermentation tanks, I can time things out in a way that allows other beers to work around it," he said. "It actually works out really well for us. I'm able to give it the time it needs to get the right flavor."

This year, Bare Bones became the first Oshkosh brewery to package its Oktoberfest in cans.

"I just think the cans help it hold up better," Cleveland said. "You don't have to worry about it getting light-struck or being so susceptible to the elements like bottles are. Cans offer a little better protection."

At Fifth Ward Brewing, this year marks the release of the brewery's first Oktoberfest. It's also the first time the brewery has produced a large batch of lager beer on its

10-barrel system.

"We learned a lot," said Ian Wenger, who co-owns and shares brewing duties at Fifth Ward with Zach Clark. "We were tasting it almost daily to track how it developed over that long fermentation and all of a sudden it just got over a hump and became what we wanted it to be."

The beer was brewed entirely from German ingredients. "It's definitely authentic in that way," Clark said.

But for Fifth Ward, the production of the beer proved more of a burden than initially anticipated. The cold, slow fermentation tied up the brewery's tanks, causing Fifth Ward to run out of several of its other beers.

"We're going to need to increase our capacity if we're going to brew this again next year," Clark said. "There's a good chance we'll get some new tanks in here by next summer, so a lot is going to depend on the timing of that."

Though each of the three breweries has produced an Oktoberfest that hues to the traditions of the style, each of the beers has its own distinct flavor profile. For Cleveland, that's part of what makes them interesting.

"Seeing what people will do within that limited framework is fascinating to me as a beer drinker and brewer," he said. "I just think it's pretty cool that all three of us have an Oktoberfest out now. They're all fairly different and they're all pretty damn good."

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

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Main St. acquisition boosts development options

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

The city’s purchase of a former bar location on North Main Street is making way for an expanded mixed-use redevelopment option that would include and connect to previously acquired parcels on Jefferson Street a block east of Main.

Under an approved “spot blight” designation for the former Sami’s on Main location at 668 N. Main, the Common Council last week backed the Redevelopment Authority’s recommendation to purchase the former business location for \$45,000.

Community Development Director Allen Davis said the city will put out a request for proposals that would combine commercial and residential developments. One local group has already shown interest in if the area was expanded.

“Developers have only concepts at this point, but 668 N. Main and surrounding properties are blighted and are in need of redevelopment,” Davis said, “and a mixed-use project should have the greatest op-

portunity for economic feasibility and meeting goals for the city – Main Street/ commercial upgrades, additional market rate residences in the downtown and more affordable housing.”

He said the city would like to acquire another parcel south of that location to complete the desired redevelopment footprint.

“It helps in the potential redevelopment of that area, as well as some of the Jefferson Street project that the RDA has been holding onto for a while so this is something that will further that potential,” council member Matt Mugerauer said before the council’s unanimous approval of the RDA purchase.

The parcel is assessed at about \$20,000 without the building, which is expected to be demolished, and will need another \$15,000 to \$20,000 for site preparation, including potential asbestos removal, before it is made available.

“The individual who recently acquired it last year found that it was not feasible

to rehab the building,” Davis said. “It’s in such dire straits, there is so much deferred maintenance, that is really needs to come down (in) my building inspector’s opinion.”

The building’s previous owner-developer had requested and received an extension of its liquor license earlier this year while it was attempting to remodel and reopen the location, but after a vandalism incident and other building issues the project was halted.

Davis said the liquor license was returned to the city but could be issued at that redevelopment site if necessary or another location depending on council approval.

Previous owners of the bar and restau-

rant had closed the business in March 2015 after opening under the Sami’s name in 2009.

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About 43 percent of state business leaders responding to the UW Oshkosh's fifth COVID-19 economic impact survey believe their school district's opening plans will have significant impact on workforce availability.

A third of respondents were unsure about the impact, according to Jeffrey Sachse, interim director of UW O's Center

for Customized Research and Services.

"This comes as most businesses report fewer than a quarter of their employees normally face child care needs with typical accommodations including scheduling changes or flexible hours," Sachse said. "This is poised to again be a significant issue as businesses generally are ill-equipped to offer other accommodations

at the same time that the state's child care infrastructure is strained beyond capacity."

Businesses representing 39,705 employees across Wisconsin responded to the survey administered from Aug. 6 to 21. For July, they reported income gains of \$5.7 million, inventory gains of \$4.7 million, wage and productivity gains of \$2.5 million, and other financial losses of \$1 million.

"The August survey results again point to a business community that is recovering, though recovery slowed significantly from the June reopening. Employment gains also slowed despite a declining state unemployment rate, suggesting that firms are either unable to add staff or are hesitant to do so given ongoing uncertainties," Sachse said.

Charges pending in death of man

A 57-year-old Oshkosh man injured in an altercation Aug. 21 at a home on Mallard Avenue died of his injuries four days later, Oshkosh police reported.

Jerome Wallin was pronounced dead Tuesday and an autopsy was performed at the Fond du Lac Medical Examiner's Office as the investigation continues.


Officers were called at 8:07 p.m. Aug. 21 to the 800 block of Mallard for a fight involving several people at the residence. A 34-year-old man was taken into custody for substantial battery, a 57-year-old man was

facing charges of battery and a 54-year-old woman was referred to the District Attorney's Office for disorderly conduct.

"At this point, this investigation is still ongoing but I can tell you that (Wallin) did sustain a head injury during this altercation and that no weapons were involved," said Kate Mann, Oshkosh police public affairs officer.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact Oshkosh police at 920-236-5700 or use the Relay app.

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Sept. 2, 1903
Hunting season opens: The season for hunting ducks, prairie chickens, partridge, pheasants, grouse, woodcock, plover rabbits and squirrels opened Tuesday. Some hunters chose to go up river to Lake Butte des Morts and secure a mess of

rice hens, teal or wood duck. Even mudhen, notwithstanding its uninviting name, is eagerly bagged by the hunter. Locally, there are a few early ducks in the upriver marshes. It is learned the prairie chickens this year are fairly plentiful, plump and fat. Resident licenses cost \$1. Edgar P. Sawyer, his son-in-law C.C. Chase and Charles Nevitt have gone to Pipestone, Minnesota, where they hunt each year for prairie chickens. Reports say that birds are very plentiful there.

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Morgan House adding a tour option

Society goes virtual while it anticipates home reopening

Oshkosh Herald

With its decision to keep the Morgan House closed to the public for the remainder of the year, the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society is adding a detailed virtual tour that will continue to be an option when the historic home reopens next year.

The Morgan House Virtual Tour Project was the result of discussions by the society's Education and Outreach Committee on the idea of having some type of self-guided tour of the 1884 home, whether it was a recording in the house, a map for visitors or an online video.

Committee chairman Austin Frederick said they reached out to Blue Door Consulting, which proposed a pannable 360-degree tour that offers a look around in the rooms with points in each room that visitors will be able to click and learn something about the Morgans, an architectural feature or an object of historical interest.

"The design and layout of the house makes it difficult for people with disabilities to see it," Frederick said in an email. "In a way, COVID-19 has pushed us a bit to address this limitation and make the Morgan House, in a sense, more accessible. We've also had to rethink how we can engage with people during a pandemic where we need to socially distance."

The Queen Anne style home was built in 1884 for John R. and Eleanor Morgan. John and his brother, Richard, founded one of Oshkosh's earliest sawmills, Mor-



Photo courtesy of WCHAS

The Morgan House at 234 Church Ave. will reopen for public tours in 2021. In the meantime it is adding a virtual home tour this year.

gan Brothers & Co. The society, which states on its website that the ornately decorated house cost about \$12,000 to build, acquired the home from the Misky family in 1987 and began an extensive effort to restore its original features. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1983.

Frederick said the project is on track to be offered by the end of summer and is something the society can build on over time as the collection changes or new exhibits come in.

Donations toward the virtual tour

project and the society's overall historical mission are being accepted by mail at WCHAS, 234 Church Ave., Oshkosh, WI 54901, or through Paypal on its website.

The society ended its Pie on the Porch fundraiser last year at the Oshkosh Saturday Farmers Market that promoted Saturday tours of the Morgan House. Frederick said two board members who played a strong role in keeping Pie on the Porch going retired last year and the group could no longer use the former Crescent Moon site as a kitchen and rainy day seating when the building was sold.

National Guard continues COVID testing efforts

Wisconsin National Guard collection teams had gathered nearly 400,000 COVID-19 tests as of last week while continuing to operate across the state supporting local health departments and the state Department of Health Services.

One team is operating a testing site until Dec. 30 at Sunnyview Expo Center while teams were collecting specimens today and Thursday at two state Department of Health Services facilities in Oshkosh.

The teams are dispatched from a larger task force of several hundred citizen soldiers and airmen and have been establishing mobile testing sites since early April.

The test kits are sent to a lab for analysis, and individuals receive results via a phone call from their health department or a state call center within three to seven days.

Winnebago County testing included: More than 800 specimens May 26-28 at Wisconsin Department of Health Services facilities, more than 150 specimens May 28 at the Winnebago Correctional Center, more than 315 specimens May 29 at the Drug Abuse Correctional Center, nearly 2,500 specimens June 9-11 at the Oshkosh Correctional Institution, more than 1,300 specimens July 14-15 at the Wisconsin Resource Center and Winnebago Mental Health Institute, nearly 750 specimens Aug. 5 at the UW Oshkosh Fox Valley campus, nearly 900 Aug. 7 at Sunnyview Expo Center, and nearly 325 specimens Aug. 13 at the Oshkosh Correctional Institution.

More information can be found at the Department of Health Services website.

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Area agencies brace for potential eviction wave

Winnebago County Eviction Prevention Task Force

Our communities have been bracing for a tidal wave of evictions now that federal and state moratoriums have ended and the \$600-a-week boost to unemployment benefits has lapsed.

So far, though, we have not seen this spike. In fact, year-to-date eviction filings in Winnebago County and the state for 2020 are lower than 2019 levels, according to Wisconsin Circuit Court Access (CCAP) data. This may in part be due to the state and federal eviction moratoriums enacted in March and expired on May 26 and July 25 respectively.

While there was a spike in eviction filings in June when the state's eviction moratorium expired, the increase was not sustained in July or August.

Data from a survey of local landlords conducted by the Winnebago County Eviction Prevention Task Force mirror eviction data. Landlords report that April saw the highest rate of residential renters

that were unable to pay their rent in full at 10.5 percent. In May, June and July, that rate has averaged 8.4 percent.

Many landlords are trying to strike some kind of arrangement with tenants who have fallen behind on their rent. 41 percent of landlords report assisting tenants by either issuing a forbearance or offering payment plans.

Aid through the Wisconsin Rental Assistance Program (WRAP), funded by the CARES Act, has also been instrumental in keeping tenants in their homes. For eligible tenants, WRAP has a maximum payout of \$3,000 per household.

Lu Scheer, affordable housing director at ADVOCAP, one of the community action organizations administering WRAP funding in Winnebago, Green Lake, Fond du Lac and Calumet counties, reports they have authorized 435 rental assistance payments for \$581,697 paid to 222 landlords. The average amount of assistance per household was \$2,519; all applicants experienced a loss of job or

income due to COVID-19.

Of the four-county area served, almost half of the renters approved for WRAP aid reside in Winnebago County; 28 percent live in Oshkosh. Why such a large number in Winnebago County?

"We do not have a definitive answer," Scheer said. "However, we do believe that it does, in part, have to do with efforts of the Winnebago Apartment Association and the Winnebago Eviction Prevention Task Force in sharing resources with both tenants and landlords."

While WRAP funding is set to end Oct. 31, Scheer indicated that some renters may be eligible for rent or security deposit assistance through dollars awarded to ADVOCAP through HUD's Emergency Solutions Grant Program, the Oshkosh Area United Way and the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation.

Like many of us, surveyed landlords are asking, What's next and when does this end? While many are actively assisting tenants, this is not sustainable long term. Seventeen percent of landlord survey re-

spondents report defaulting on payments or seeking forbearance on bills for current properties.

An anonymous landlord shared, "We have assisted with rent and covering utilities for over five months. Given the current job market, it is hard to see an end in sight leaving us with very difficult decisions for our business and our tenants."

Jacquelyn Jaworski, managing attorney of Legal Action's Oshkosh Office, reported, "Historically, the end of summer or early fall is always a time when landlords are filing more evictions. We're at a critical point entering September with COVID relief money drying up and concerns that many have depleted savings accounts or increased credit card usage in order to stay on top of bills the last few months. We hope this is not a perfect storm."

For more information on resources available to tenants and landlords, visit oshkoshunitedway.org/housing.

Community events

- Wednesday, Sept. 2**
Kenny James Duo, 6 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.
Jazz Orgy, 7:30 p.m., Becket's, 1 City Center
- Friday, Sept. 4**
Friday Fool Night – "The Flying Deuces," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.
- Saturday, Sept. 5**
Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

- "Muppet Treasure Island," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.
- Sunday, Sept. 6**
Hometown Acoustic, 3 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.
- Monday, Sept. 7**
Cook Fuller Post 70 brat fry fundraiser, 11 a.m., 1332 Spruce St.
- Tuesday, Sept. 8**
Farmers Market, 7 a.m., Festival Foods, 2415 Westowne Ave.

Citywide scavenger hunt underway

VisitOshkosh.com has compiled a list of historical places to check off in a citywide scavenger hunt.

The Visit Oshkosh website under the "Things to Do" tab includes a list of the locations with a fact under each one. The hunt can be printed out or completed online.

Amy Albright, executive director of the Oshkosh Convention & Visitors Bureau, said the hunt was created in early April during the pandemic as an activity for people to educate themselves about the

community.

"I think people are rediscovering their parks, the trails and things that maybe they've taken for granted in the past," Albright said.

Some of the locations include Asylum Point, the Wiouwash Trail, Terrell's Island and Titan Stadium.

Albright said people can do the hunt by driving, biking or any way they prefer. The whole list can be completed in one day or over a span of time.

"One guy contacted us and said that he and his girlfriend had been at it for four hours," Albright said.

She said the scavenger hunt could also be a great field trip for children during the school year.

"I think people are always surprised at ... things that they didn't know about the community or looking at it from a different angle," Albright said. "I think people's perceptions of everything have changed — it's one of those things where you look at your town a little bit different (now)."

After completing the hunt, email info@visitoshkosh.com for information on getting an Oshkosh Swag Bag.



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UW Oshkosh instructors prepare for new environment

By Laurie Schlosser
UW OSHKOSH MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

When people ask University of Wisconsin Oshkosh instructors what they did with their summer vacation, many will point to the hours and hours of learning they did to get ready for fall.

“There’s a mass movement going on among instructors to create transformational online experiences for the fall for students,” said Jordan Landry, associate professor in the English Department who directs UWO’s Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) and led a summer teaching and learning initiative.

CETL offered 21 training sessions over summer on a range of ways to plan, create and facilitate a course. And 150 instructors finished a summer online teaching and learning program in mid-August. Landry has “no doubt” that online teaching has been vastly improved through the summer commitment of a large number of instructors—and not just those in the program.

A seasoned online educator at UWO said the events of March delivered a “worst case scenario” for instructors—forcing them to abruptly move from face-to-face teaching to online instruction when the UW Oshkosh campuses were closed due to a coronavirus pandemic.

Instructional designer Sarah Bradway said when a student willingly signs up for an online class, they know what to expect and they have the necessary technology and support network in place.

“We didn’t have that—the population of online students suddenly looked very different—they had different needs,” Bradway said. “The students we were now working with had signed up for face-to-face learn-

ing because they wanted the experiences that came with that type of learning. We had to throw out the ‘old playbook’ of what worked and what was successful with traditional online populations and rewrite the book for this new environment of social distancing and alternative delivery methods.”

Many instructors mentioned that they shared more of themselves with their students this spring than typical. Landry said the small acts of “being authentic” with students led to greater community in the classroom.

“I heard story after story of instructors going all-out for students—from planning new manageable projects in the interest of boosting student engagement—to creating innovative videos to show students how to complete a lab,” Landry said. “Such efforts take a tremendous amount of time, and instructors were willing to make personal sacrifices to ensure students had the best possible learning experience during the pandemic.”

When classes moved to online in the spring, one of the greatest challenges was there was no real model for instructors (who were new to online teaching), on how to move their courses quickly online.

Landry said while many online experts were encouraging instructors to teach asynchronously, their students were begging them to hold synchronous online sessions.

“What impressed me most about instructors going online is how well they listened to their students and adapted their teaching to students’ expressed needs,” Landry said.

Jennifer Considine, UWO Communication Studies department chair, said her department has been gearing up for fall when

more than 40 sections of public speaking are held on the three UWO campuses.

Considine said they are reworking classes to make sure students still feel a sense of community as they learn.

Instructors are developing units on public speaking in a virtual environment as well as face-to-face settings. They are using tools like Flipgrid to allow students to make short video posts to practice their impromptu speaking skills and get to know each other a bit more.

Considine said they are making sure they practice the principles of inclusive excellence in classrooms to provide a supportive environment for all students—especially those who have been historically underrepresented on campuses.

Upper level communications classes will be capitalizing on new opportunities for connecting across distances.

In a normal year, alumni speakers would be invited to classes to share advice with students. This fall, web-conferencing software will give students the ability to connect with alumni all over the country.

Considine said in her Communication in Nonprofit Organizations course, students will be doing a virtual consulting project with a nonprofit community clinic that provides free health care to people in need.

With the new hybrid model of course delivery, she sees students having the opportunity to develop their abilities in web conferencing, telework and virtual presentations—essential skills in their future careers.

Instructional designer Bradway said when she reflects on summer 2020, the one thing that continually amazes her is the amount of effort that every person on

campus put forth to prepare for the fall semester.

“Groups from around campus came together to plan safety measures, information technology re-imagined classroom setups; faculty, instructors and other staff worked together to plan and implement workshops,” she explained. “Instructors spent hours learning how to teach in this new environment—they made plans and redesigned classes.

“This summer was like no other I’ve ever experienced,” she said, noting that it was an enormous amount of work.

As the fall semester begins, it will bring new territory for many instructors. No matter how much they prepare, there will be a level of apprehension. The semester will not look like what they’ve been used to.


“We also know technology will most likely fail at some point, people will make mistakes, we will need to adjust and be flexible,” Bradway said. “I keep telling everyone that a healthy dose of grace and forgiveness will go a long way and that includes grace and forgiveness of yourself.”


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Oshkosh Media

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UW Oshkosh and its Radio TV Film department expertise. Its home base moved to City Hall in 1994.

The flow of programming expanded with the arrival of Friends of Oshkosh Community Media, a nonprofit group that formed three years later in partnership with the city to both produce and find content.

Radig, who served a year as president of Friends of OCM before his return to Oshkosh Media, said the group works closely with his staff on community programming based on what they can support.

“Oftentimes the city budget gets a little tight for what staff are allowed to do here so we have to focus a little bit more on the government side,” Radig said, “but the Friends group allows for more the community side to be supported, so that’s been great.”



Mayor Lori Palmeri noted the staff’s vital role in providing government meetings and topical program broadcasts, along the partnership, funding and underwriting that Friends of OCM brings.

“In recent years I have found myself interested in other communities’ government meetings and discovered that we provide more access in comparison,” Palmeri said. “Oshkosh Media is an asset we can be proud of and a tool for timely and accurate information.

“The fact that residents are able to produce their own shows make this a unique offering.”



Photo from Oshkosh Media

Video technician Scott Williams produces a recent city meeting for Oshkosh Media.

Radig recalls when 101.9 radio was added in 2006 after applying for a low-power FM license.

“We applied for one and didn’t really know exactly what to expect or what would come of it,” he said, “but the next thing that we knew we had a letter from the FCC saying, ‘You have 16 months to put your station on the air.’ That’s when it was like, Oh, this is real now so let’s see what we can do to get this thing going.”

Joe Wiedenmeier, the current Friends of OCM president, said the radio station this month replaced its original tube-type transmitter with a more powerful digital version that offers more automation and on-screen information for listeners.

“It’s going to be a much better signal than the old one that’s maxed out at 100 (watts),” he said, noting that while the

300-watt capacity is still restricted to the 100-watt license, the better range and quality should be noticeable for those using the airwaves.

The TuneIn Radio app is recommended as an online streaming option along with the website link.

Wiedenmeier said new radio and video programming is always being explored while music variety has been the radio focus outside of live meeting coverage. He said some programming blocks have been replaced with music of all genres.

“We put together a mix of music that is what we consider just good music — played across jazz, and it could be country, it could be rock, it could be pop — I think we even have some rap in there somewhere,” he said, while Sunday mornings will continue to be an oasis for polka fans.

Program support

A \$10 OCM Card offers local business discounts. Details on the cards and sponsorships are at www.friendsofocm.org.

One original program in the works involves Oshkosh Community Players creating an old-fashioned radio drama based on “It’s a Wonderful Life” with the broadcast’s production as part of the story line.

LifeTV is open to most anything going on in the community — parades, sports, concerts, information shows — that the Friends of OCM and city can either help produce or receive from outside groups.

“Focus on Health” provided by Aurora Health Care System is a recent addition of information programming typical on LifeTV, while more free-form shows are welcome as long as the content isn’t too offensive.

“That’s part of what the Friends do. We try to make sure that the programming is at least relevant and suitable,” Wiedenmeier said. “There’s not too many reasons we would turn it away.”

Radig’s role since returning is now more about content than production, working with media services coordinator Jake Timm and video editing technician Scott Williams. Where he had been behind the camera for the City Manager’s Report when hosted by his predecessor Emily Springstroh, Radig now sits down with Mark Rohloff to engage with the city’s lead administrator.

“It’s been rewarding for me to be able to work with that program in a new way,” he said. “I think that Mark does a great job of

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Arena plan

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developments.

“We need to talk about what might happen and how we would respond,” Rohloff said.

Economic and health conditions are not ideal, he noted. “This is bad timing with everything going on, more than just their initial problems,” he said. “They’re in the middle of the COVID crisis, and that is going to be a challenge.”

The key question is, “Are they going to have sufficient revenue to make their tax payment in January?” he asked.

If the arena does not generate enough revenue to meet its obligations, including

property tax payments, Bayland will be allowed to step in and take control.

At the moment, Fox Valley has paid all of its bills to the city. But because it has defaulted previously, city officials remain leery.

At one point Fox Valley hoped to sell off the tax incentive payment for about \$2 million more than it will be getting.

Some of this difference may be made up with a \$500,000 line of credit loan from Windward Wealth Strategies. Windward is a financial advisory firm that is run by Fox Valley President Gregory Pierce.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Beth E. Hanan approved the reorganization plan Wednesday. The plan has an effective date of Sept. 16. Between now and then, Fox Valley said it will be working to get city approval and

to close on its financing.

The naming rights agreement for the arena is another loose end that needs to be tied up. The Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin has been making payments to the facility operator even though a final version of the deal was never signed.

Jason Fields, arena general manager, said in a court filing that he has been in contact with other potential sponsors.

“I feel confident that either the tribe or a new sponsor will be in place for a payment in January 2021,” he said.

The ultimate success of the reorganization plan will turn on the arena’s ability to draw crowds and make money. Fields believes that once the pandemic is under control “pent-up demand” will boost ticket sales next year.

Since it can’t hold large gatherings indoors, the arena has been scheduling events in its parking lot, such as drive-in movies and a drive-in concert.

Fields projects revenues of \$10,000 to \$20,000 for its next parking lot event.

For the rest of the year, he is estimating \$1.4 million in total revenue, according to court papers.

If all goes according to plan, the arena will generate a cumulative cash flow of \$50,000 while also making payments to creditors and building up a property tax escrow of \$150,000, according to a financial statement filed with the court.

Miles Maguire is editor of the Oshkosh Examiner website.

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explaining city government to residents in a down-to-earth way that makes it understandable.”

Public access to city, county and school board meetings — live or archived — has never been more essential with the current pandemic that makes in-person attendance problematic.

“Things are very different right now just because of the whole COVID situation,” said Radig, who has been providing updated information on health guidelines to the city’s dedicated Response to Coronavirus page.

“I think the most challenging thing since I’ve been back here has been the constant change in regard to COVID and everything surrounding it. Part of my work is to try to inform residents of legitimate

information about COVID-19 while also reminding them about best practices and staying healthy.

“A lot of my information is about how the city is adapting to the situation and passing along updates from city departments and from city hall. The situation evolves quite a bit; I keep asking city departments about how COVID is affecting their services so I can try to get that info out.”

Timm said the team has had to get creative on the technical side to accommodate everyone, which includes city staff, council, board and commission members, contractors and presenters, along with residents who want to participate virtually.

“We feel our mission to provide transparency in our local government feels as important as ever right now, as we understand many folks are utilizing our coverage on TV, radio, the web and our streaming services to stay informed and involved,” Timm said in an email.

GovTV is a staff-produced cable channel focused on meetings and general city information (Channel 10 on Spectrum, Channel 99 on AT&T U-verse). The pandemic severely restricted studio access to the general public, including the training needed to certify users on the equipment. Also stalled has been the volunteers program that provides training and support for production work.

Radig hopes to team with the school district and other nonprofits to help them showcase their programs when studio flexibility returns.

“We would very much like to work with our Friends group to develop more local programming if at all possible,” he said. “We’ve ventured into covering more sports and it would be nice to continue that.”

Radig is also involved in a lot of information campaigns and social media. That recently included helping city staff figure out the expansion of virtual participation

in meetings that became a priority when large turnouts in response to face mask orders put crowd capacity to its limits.

“I think it’s important to provide solid information that people can count on. Sometimes information can be all over the place, especially when people are relying on social media,” Radig said.

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Blue team falls to Menasha in baseball slugfest

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

After three weeks off, the Oshkosh Blue baseball team returned to the diamond last week looking to knock off Menasha. The offense showed no signs of rust – pushing across 11 runs – but Menasha got the best of them in a 12-11 win.

Colton Tirpe got the start and immediately was greeted with a rude welcome. After three of the first four hitters reached base, Tirpe walked the next three to give Menasha a 3-0 lead.

Tirpe led things off in the second before coming around to score to make things 3-1. In the third, the Wildcats offense took off as Mason Rohr got things started with a lead-off triple. An RBI single from Nate Schultz a few pitches later made things 3-2. Kyle Weister then reached on a single, Andrew McCoy was hit by a pitch to load the bases and Nick Vey tied things up with a single followed by Brady Block with a double as the Wildcats brought five runners home to take a 6-3 lead.

Oshkosh's Ben Buehring got things

rolling in the fourth with a hit and Zach Rebholz followed with a double. A pair of passed balls brought home Buehring and Rebholz as the Wildcats were now in front 8-3.

A pair of walks, a couple of errors and some bad luck for the Wildcats in the field allowed for five runners to come across home as Menasha found a way to draw even at 8-8 after four.

McCoy was called to the mound in the fifth. Menasha's Mason Schoenke led off by being hit by a pitch before coming around to score off a stolen base and passed ball, giving the Bluejays a 9-8 lead. Menasha brought home another run later that frame.

Down 12-9 in their final at-bat, West refused to go down without a fight. Block kept the inning alive with a sharp double to set himself up in scoring position. A Cole Krueger double a few pitches later made things 12-10 before an Aiden Berndt flyout had West down to its final out. Buehring kept the line moving with an RBI single to make it 12-11, but the Wildcats' rally fell short.

Oshkosh Black doubles up against Door County

Coming off an impressive 7-2 win against Kaukauna on Wednesday, Oshkosh Black took the road for a Saturday doubleheader against Door County, picking up 9-0 and 3-2 wins to earn the sweep.

The first game saw Oshkosh get an outstanding combined pitching effort from starter Matthew Schallhorn and reliever Max Bittner. Together they allowed just one hit while striking out five. The Oshkosh offense took care of the rest, grabbing a 1-0 lead in the second on a Schallhorn single before busting things open with a six-run fourth inning.

Oshkosh's offense was held in check until the seventh inning when it added two more runs for a 9-0 lead. Bittner was able to work around a leadoff walk by inducing a game-ending groundout off the bat of Anthony Jennerjohn to seal the win.

The top of the order played a big role as Kane, Krumrei, Bittner and Ryan all had multihit games with Krumrei picking up two RBIs. Bennett had two RBIs of his own with Schallhorn, Ryan and Kane adding the rest of the RBIs. Schallhorn picked up the mound win.

In the second game Oshkosh again relied on their pitching as the offense did just

enough to pick up the victory and double-header sweep. Oshkosh turned to Isaiah Humiston for the start, who delivered another strong performance before yielding to Kane.

After being shut out in the first game, Door County grabbed a second-inning lead with Jennerjohn leading off with a single followed by one-out singles from Johnson and Gavin Fernandez to bring home a run. With two runners on base, Braschweitz hit an RBI groundout for a 2-0 lead heading into the third.

Bittner continued his strong day with an RBI single in the third, making things 2-1, but it wasn't until the fifth that Oshkosh grabbed the lead. With one down, Kane and Krumrei each hit singles to get on base. With Bittner at the plate again, a shortstop error helped tie the game and kept two runners on. Ryan made them pay as his single put Oshkosh in front 3-2 and proved to be the game winner.

Kane led the way with two hits while Bittner, Krumrei and Ryan each had one. Bittner paced the offense with a pair of RBIs. Humiston earned the win by tossing five innings of five-hit ball to go with three punchouts. Kane earned the two-inning save walking just one batter and striking out one.

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By Tommy Thompson
UW SYSTEM PRESIDENT

If our great state is going to emerge from the coronavirus pandemic poised for growth, we must renew the Wisconsin Idea for the 21st century with a real investment in the University of Wisconsin System.

When I was recruited and agreed to serve as president of the UW System amid the pandemic, I did so with the belief that there is no greater asset in our great state besides our people than our public universities. I said I would be its toughest evaluator.

I’ve learned a lot in the last two months – about the commitment and dedication of our university leadership, faculty, and staff; about the unbridled ambition and

resilience of our students; and about the vital role our universities play in their communities. Just look at the way we’ve responded to the pandemic – engineering face shields for commercial distribution and researching new vaccines, pivoting to remote learning, working in tandem with local public health authorities.

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