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# Halfway house for offenders gets more city scrutiny

By Miles Maguire HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Oshkosh residents who have been struggling with the assignment of newly released prisoners to a poorly maintained duplex in their north-side neighborhood got a measure of satisfaction during a Common Council workshop last week.

The workshop was called at the request of the Midtown Neighborhood Association, which has documented a long list of complaints about the way the Department of Corrections runs a Transitional Living Program, known as a TLP, in the 1100 block of Jefferson Street.

Their concerns range from the proximity of the TLP to Merrill Middle School,



Betty is shown on FaceTime with Stephanie Carlin, Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods' outreach coordinator, as part of the Oshkosh Seniors Center's Connect through Tech program.

# Seniors upgrade their online people skills

## Program revised as pandemic wears on

By Samantha Strong HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Oshkosh Seniors Center was awarded a \$150,000 grant by Bader Philanthropies in January to help older adults in the community learn to connect with others and use online services through the wide variety of technology available today that many are unfamiliar with how to use.

When notified that they'd been selected for the grant, Anne Schaefer of the Seniors Center, said she was "gobsmacked."

"I knew the amount of this grant was going to be transformational for the center," Schaefer said. "We'd never seen anything



#### Part 4 of a series

of this magnitude and we knew how much this would help get our future programming setup."

The Seniors Center has since purchased six iPads, a MacBook and various smart home devices such as lightbulbs and speakers to be kept at the center for training and use. The grant money was also used to restructure the center to create pods of furniture strategically placed to foster an envi-

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# Clinic plan focuses on vulnerable

# **Water City Care** Mission set to open

By Dan Roherty Oshkosh Herald

A new clinic for uninsured and underinsured community residents found its home with the help and blessing of Most Blessed Sacrament parish.

Under an initiative called the Water City Care Mission, an Oct. 20 opening is planned for St. Anne's Medical Clinic in the congregation's school building next to Day By Day Warming Shelter. The charitable clinic will offer primary care, health promotion and disease prevention, chron-

ic disease management, mental health care and weekly AA meetings.

While working to find a brick-and-mortar location for the clinic, the Water City Care Mission started offering online consultations in April as the



Klotz

pandemic hit and forced restrictions on all health care organizations.

Laurie A. Pollack, coordinator of pastoral outreach for Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, said nurse practitioner Brianna Klotz explored the possibility of using space there to open a clinic about a year ago.

"At that time we didn't have the means to utilize our space in a way that would work," Pollack said. "Brianna came to us again several months ago and this time we were able to work to accommodate her by moving some of our offices around."

Klotz, who had volunteered for 14 years with Father Carr's Place 2B in a similar role until earlier this year, said her church offered a space that opens up another health resource in the community that complements existing services for those lacking medical coverage.

She noted that Living Health Clinic, which had been on the UW Oshkosh campus until 2017, had been a comprehensive free clinic and its closing left some gaps in charitable care for the community, including the ability to schedule appointments.

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# Workshop set in response to case surge

By Tom Ekvall HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Oshkosh Common Council is looking for a community effort on strategies to keep businesses open and thriving while reducing the spread of an uncontrolled community spread of COVID-19 after discussions at last week's regular meeting.

A joint workshop was set for Tuesday at the Oshkosh Seniors Center with representatives from other organizations in-



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cluding the Winnebago County Health Department, Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce, Oshkosh Convention & Visitors Bureau, Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corp. and the Tavern League.

"We need to formalize their role in the process," said council member Mike Ford, who was one of those encouraging creation of a local task force.

Council members noted last week's New York Times report that the Oshkosh/Neenah area ranked No. 1 in the nation for worst outbreak areas. The numbers of those having coronavirus has been steadily rising in the last two weeks, with the Times story saying the reliance on voluntary compliance to slow the spread of the disease had failed.

According to a status report from the Winnebago County Health Department over the weekend, confirmed cases over the last two weeks was at 835 people with another 241 in the Neenah area. The highest percentage in Oshkosh was that involving 18- to 24-year-olds with 364 cases among that group, along with 90 confirmed cases for those ages 25 to 29, and 104 cases for those ages 30 to 39.

As of Monday there were 4,418 confirmed cases in the county with another 147 probable cases. Another 1,487 were declared active with 30 deaths reported.

The meeting will be held against a backdrop of President Trump's hospitalization and Sen. Ron Johnson's positive test for

"We've got to get people together" to discuss the situation, said Deputy Mayor Jake Krause.

Mayor Lori Palmeri also inquired about "how quickly can we recover" from the uncontrolled community spread. She said wearing masks has not been enforceable as some openly defy the recommendation and appear at events without them.

"It's not an either/or thing," she said.

City Manager Mark Rohloff said every city is wrestling with this and that representatives from invited organizations have been open to talking with the city about the situation.

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North High School has broken ground for its new Veterans Courtyard.

# North community group building veterans courtyard

A small group of Oshkosh North High School Communities students, staff, administrators and partners attended a Sept. 25 groundbreaking for North's new Veterans Courtyard.

Zillges Spa, Landscape and Fireplace donated the materials for the courtyard, and U.S. Army Lt. Col. George Haszel, a former North science teacher, was honored at the event.

Communities students are seeking donors to help with the costs of engraving veteran bricks and maintaining the courtyard. The program is also looking to locate alumni and staff who are actively serving or veterans of any branch of the Armed Forces.

Veterans and donors can fill out a form at www.communitiesonhs.org indicate their interest in being included in the

courtyard. Veterans may choose a 10-by-10-inch (\$50) or 10-by-15-inch brick (\$75) to be engraved with their name, year of graduation or staff identification, and the branch of service emblem.

Donors can choose either 5-by-9-inch (\$75), 10x10 (\$150) or 10x15 bricks (\$250) that can be engraved with business or organization names or logos, or family names/dedications. All forms must be submitted by Oct. 16 to have their brick engraved and set in the courtyard by Veterans Day. Orders after Oct. 16 will be installed in the spring.

Communities is an interdisciplinary, project-based program at North offering students a way to learn English, social studies and leadership content and skills through community engagement.





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# Hmong studies at UWO reach beyond a culture

By Jack Tierney
OSHKOSH HERALD

Student advocacy efforts led the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh to hire a director of Hmong studies in the College of Letters and Science's Department of Anthropology this summer who will teach six core credits in Hmong history.

Hmong studies students will examine historical, political and socio-cultural experiences in the U.S. and globally of the ethnic group originating from China and Southeast Asia. Students will learn to critique and inquire about the refugee experience, colonialization, war and displacement in a broad introduction course, and become familiar with comparative, intersection, transnational and decolonizing methods.

A medical anthropologist by training, program director Mai See Thao most recently served as a postdoctoral fellow and instructor with the Center for Healthy Communities and Research in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

She earned her doctorate in socio-cultural anthropology from the University of Minnesota and her bachelor's degree in anthropology and certificate in Asian-American studies from UW-Madison.

She is leading a community-based traveling exhibit that centers around Hmong experiences of historical trauma and hope. She, along with partners in Milwaukee, are engaged in community-based applied research on social determinants of health for Hmong with type II diabetes.

Kaxee Ziong, a recent UWO alumna and Hmong studies advocate, spoke to what she hopes students will learn from



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Professor Mai See Thao is the new director of Hmong studies at UW Oshkosh.

the program.

"As an alumna of UWO who advocated for a Hmong studies program and eventually helped the initial establishment of it, I hope that the courses can help Hmong and non-Hmong students alike to gain a better understanding about American history, contemporary issues, culture and language, and overall to become a better-informed global citizen," Xiong said.

When considering Hmong communities everywhere in the U.S., Thao said it is important to understand that the Hmong community is a refugee community.

"Even though we may have students who are coming into the UW campus who are second or third generation, they come from families with a refugee history. Understanding that context is important to think about what kind of access does this community have," Thao said.

"Oftentimes, when people hear you are teaching Hmong studies they think it is Hmong-specific and has no relevance to people outside of the program. But for me, it's really connected into larger questions around colonialism, around imperialism, around war.

"It's easy for us to think about war abroad, but what happens when the war is done? Oftentimes people get displaced."

The Hmong suffrage that led to the Secret War started with a coup d'état in 1960 after Chinese-backed Communist forces in Vietnam and Laos defeated the French in their attempt to reassert control in Southeast Asia following World War II.

In 1961, President Kennedy authorized the CIA to recruit ethnic minorities in Laos to participate in covert operations against the spread of communism, which Congress didn't learn about until years later.

In 1968, after years of violence, International Voluntary Service employee Edgar "Pop" Buell remarked, "Thirty percent (of Laotian recruits to the CIA-back forces) were 14 years old or less, and 10 of them were only 10 years old. Another 30 percent were 15 or 16. The remaining 40 percent were 45 or over. Where were the

ones in between? I'll tell you – they're all dead," the Minnesota Historical Society documented.

The Secret War began weighing heavily on the Lao people in 1971 when the average recruit was 15 years old. In February 1973, a cease-fire and political peace treaty was signed in Paris. By the war's end, between 30,000 and 40,000 Hmong soldiers had been killed in combat, and between 2,500 and 3,000 were missing in action.

An estimated one-fourth of all Hmong men and boys died fighting the spread of communism and the North Vietnamese Army. The official U.S. military death total in Vietnam exceeded 58,000.

According to the 2010 U.S. Census, there are 260,073 Hmong refugees. The last "wave" of 15,000 refugees settled in 2004 and 2005 in established Hmong communities in Minnesota. Hmong communities faced potential expulsions this year when threats to deport nearly 4,500 refugees surfaced.

## Paine raises \$100,000 with photo exhibition

More than 80 photographs from local graphic designer and amateur photographer Gretchen Herrmann are on view in the Paine Art Center and Gardens' Main Gallery, which has helped the Paine raise \$100,000 for its programs.

For the Wanderings exhibition, Herrmann selected 83 photos from more than 59,000 that she has amassed. Her choices represent a broad spectrum of scenes, lighting and seasons.

As the exhibition developed, the Paine asked patrons to make donations to support the organization. Donors selected a photo from the exhibition and received a book

with all of the photos, helping generate more than \$100,000 to sustain the essential care and programs of the historic estate.

"The exhibition is more than a fundraiser. It's also meant to be a gift from Gretchen and the Paine to the community," said Aaron Sherer, executive director of the Paine.

Wanderings is on view by reservation this month, and admission is half off.

"In recent years I've lost several loved ones, including the death of my husband, and going on these 'wanderings' has been a form of healing and renewal for me," Herrmann said. "I just hope they provide some comfort and joy to people right now."



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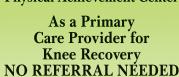
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# CDC to evaluate UW Oshkosh antigen testing

**UW Oshkosh Communications** 

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will study this month how reliable antigen testing is to monitor spread of COVID-19 among University of Wisconsin Oshkosh students, including those who are asymptomatic.

The results of the study comparing the performance of the antigen test to the PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test could have important implications for monitoring and quickly containing outbreaks among college students on other universities across Wisconsin and the nation. The antigen test can have results ready in as few as 15 minutes, while the PCR test takes several days.

"If the CDC can validate the protocol we are following here at UW Oshkosh with scaled up use of the antigen test as part of our Titans Return Plan, we can serve as a model for surveilling students on other campuses," said Kimberly Langolf, risk manager and project lead for UWO's COVID-19 Response.

UWO is already conducting PCR testing to confirm positive antigen tests and to check close contacts and wastewater testing to assist with early detection of the virus in Oshkosh residence halls.

The CDC study comes as UWO is seeing a decline in its positive test rate over the past seven days, following a surge as students moved back to campus for the start of the fall semester last month. On Sept. 21, the rate was 17.2 percent; today it is a 6 percent. Today's daily rate is 3.5 percent, and the data indicates that the coronavirus is not spreading in classrooms.

Langolf said the CDC was interested in UWO's robust testing effort that includes antigen testing as part of its "tool box" for large-scale surveillance and response to outbreaks on campus. All students living in UWO's residence halls are now being tested weekly.

In partnership with Prevea Health, UWO has the capacity to test up to 430 people per day with antigen tests provided by UW System and without having to wait days for results.

"We can identify and get those who test positive into isolation right away," Langolf said.

That's particularly crucial for students in the 18-to-24 age range because they are more likely to be asymptomatic and can spread the disease without being aware that they are ill.

"Some students are even 'graduating'

from isolation now and moving back to their residence halls. Our testing strategy has been effective. We are in a good place," Langolf said.

Chancellor Andy Leavitt said Thursday there has been a decline in positive cases with students, faculty and staff.

"The success we have had is due to a number of factors, but first and foremost it is due to your diligence and care for each other," he said. "You are wearing a mask inside our buildings, and, from what we see around our campuses, often outdoors as well. You are practicing physical distancing and washing your hands. You are avoiding large gatherings and crowded establishments."

Leavitt also urged students to keep up their vigilance in following safe COVID-19 practices, such as hand-washing and social distancing.

"This is far from over. We need you to continue to do your part so we can maintain a safe campus environment," he said.



Photo by Michael Cooney

## Coalition rebrands its focus on substance abuse

The Winnebago County Drug & Alcohol Coalition has transitioned to a new name and focus — Breakwater: A Community Together.

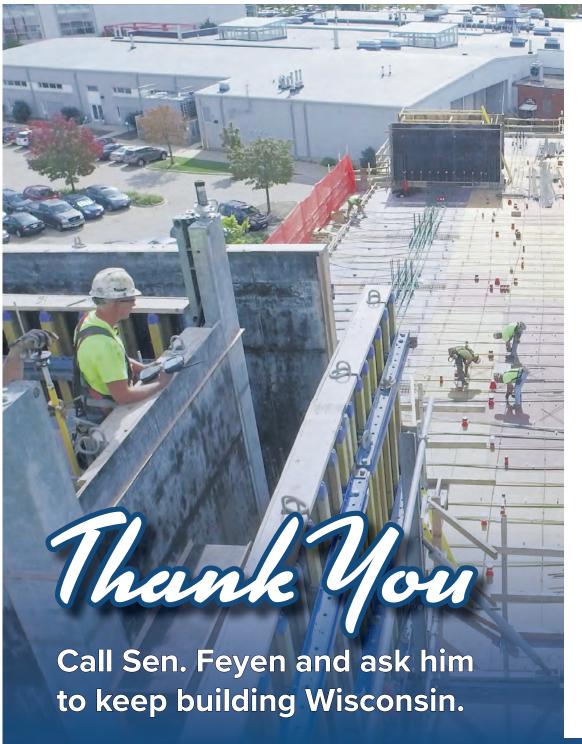
In the nautical world, a breakwater protects shorelines or property. The combined effort of Breakwater is to prevent and reduce youth and adult substance

use throughout the county that has been on the rise during the pandemic, starting now during National Substance Use Prevention Month.

The coalition can be followed on Facebook, Instagram (@breakwater) or by signing up for its free newsletter at www. breakwaterwi.org.

## **Testing process**

About 100 vehicles were lined up late Friday morning at Winnebago County's COVID testing site at Sunnyview Expo Center. The county's Health Department reported Monday that wait times had increased to three to four hours, and recommend participants register online and use a QR code to make the process as efficient as possible. Register at https://register.covidconnect.wi.gov. The testing site is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.





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# Boys & Girls Club tenure left special memories

I was one of the lucky ones. I was blessed to be hired as CEO of this fine organization by Kurt Koeppler 17 years ago, and now it's hard for me to say I will step down at the end of this year. I've loved this job and our mission, and I'm thankful for my career in Boys & Girls Club work. I blinked and 35 years went by.

As a kid growing up in Chicago, I was fortunate to have parents who loved me and raised me to believe in God, honor America and care about the world and the community I live in. They would tell me, be whatever you want, but no matter what, be kind. And so, I found the world of Boys & Girls Clubs, working with Clubs in Chicago, Omaha and Washington, before coming to Oshkosh.

In my last year, I reflect back on experiences I've had while leading the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh. There are so many: going to high school and college graduations, attending funerals of Club members or their parents. Sitting with board members or donors going through a tough time with family or business or losing a child or grandchild. Helping evicted families find a new safe place to live. Assisting a family to replace everything after their house burned to the ground on New Year's Day.

Kids with big smiles as we handed them a scholarship for college or trade school; parents crying when we gave them grocery or gas cards, or paid their electric bill or rent with Club resources so they could have some hope and keep going.

Little kids telling me their mouth stopped hurting for the first time after stepping off the dental bus. I've had staff



be upset when I told them they no longer could work for us because they weren't safe for our kids, and I've watched staff hold their heads high when I gave them a raise or a promotion.

Teens have walked into my office very proud to show me their grades, or acceptance letter to college or tech school or the military, or their driver's license we helped them get, or thank me for helping them get a job.

Many days, kids sat with me to apologize for saying or doing negative things at the Club to other kids or staff, or to our equipment, or to thank me for giving them a path to make things right, being forgiven so they could get back in.

I've taken calls from staff late at night telling me I had to come back because someone got hurt, or the police had to intervene, or one of our buildings was flooded.

Many of our teens and staff traveled the country on leadership trips and came back so full of stories learning about America, other cities, other people.

Happy teens have stood in my office showing off a suitcoat or a dress or outfit we were able to buy for them, for some, their first new one ever.

Parents have been so grateful because we helped them get new school supplies and school clothes and haircuts for their kids when they had no resources to do it on their own.

I've cut ribbons on new and remodeled buildings after successful campaigns. In the early days back in 2003, I wasn't sure if we'd make payroll and other times had donors hand me a check for a million dollars. Now some days I can't believe how blessed we are and how bright the future looks

Over the years, I've been in donors' living rooms or in my office as they shared incredibly personal details of their lives, their families, their businesses, because they learned to trust that the conversation would go no further. These same donors have shared their financial estate plans for the future of our Boys & Girls Club and would barely let me say thanks. Instead they would say, "No Marc, thank you for the opportunity to do this for these kids."

I've had wonderful days and difficult days in this job. I made really good choices and really dumb mistakes. Winning awards, receiving large gifts, speaking at national conferences. I've been in the newspaper and on TV for good things and negative things.

I've been called a hero, a racist, a saint, a sinner, too nice, too tough, smart, dumb, good, bad. I've laughed and I've cried in this job. I've thanked God and I've wondered if God was even listening or cared.

I've heard it all, seen it all, experienced it all. It's made me who I am today and I am humbled and appreciative of all these opportunities and experiences.

But the constant theme through all of this is I couldn't have done it, experienced it, enjoyed it, had the resources to do it, couldn't have had the fun of making the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh what it is today, and making dreams come true for kids, families and staff if it weren't for people in this community who have helped. Staff, board members, donors, volunteers, businesses. Everything we do is because all of you have gotten behind our mission and had the desire to help all these thousands of kids, especially those who need us the most.

There are so many people who helped along the way in this journey, more than I can mention here but I'd like to call out some board leadership who stepped up along the way to serve as board presidents or advisors during this time including Kurt Koeppler, Doug Hyde, Dave Elbing, Susan Ackerman, Mark Lasky, Pat Weston, John Krause, Matt Jameson and Heather Holly-Pinnow.

I thank all of you out there who were part of my journey. Thanks for caring about our kids, our staff and our community.

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# School district establishes COVID data dashboard

In an effort to keep students, families, staff and the community up to date on the state of COVID-19 in Oshkosh Area School District boundaries, the district has created a COVID-19 Dashboard at www.oshkosh.k12.wi.us/families.

The dashboard provides a snapshot of students and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19, as well as those required to quarantine due to being identified as a close contact. The dashboard also provides a listing of total cases since the start of the school year. The dashboard will be updated every Monday and Thursday of

each week

Monitoring student illness even while not attending in person will be used to determine the district's ability to safely transition back to in-person learning.

All families are asked to notify their children's school when COVID-19 symptoms are present, have been identified as a close contact with someone who has tested positive or tested positive themselves. Families should contact their school nurse to report this information.

A listing of school nurses and contact information is at www.oshkosh.k12.wi.us.

# St. Jude Parish donates to three groups

Members of the St. Jude the Apostle Parish community last week presented donations of \$10,675 to each of three local charitable organizations: the Christine Ann Center, the Day By Day Warming Shelter and Father Carr's Place 2B.

St. Jude raised the total through its Living the Gospel fundraiser, in which donations from parishioners were matched up to \$15,000 with funds from a restricted parish account designated for charitable giving. The fundraiser was organized this

summer as a way for parishioners to meet the challenges of the pandemic.

The donations will support the Christine Ann shelter services program, specifically for the families using the shelter. The Warming Shelter has had increased staff needs during the pandemic, as restrictions have made it difficult for many people to volunteer. Father Carr's will be using the funds to support their weekly Friday Drive-Thru Food Pantry, which has been serving an increased number of families.

#### Fox Valley Tech interactive virtual open house set

Fox Valley Technical College will present an interactive virtual open house from 2 to 6 p.m. Oct. 20 to promote its degree, diploma and certificate programs at its Oshkosh and other area campuses.

Participants who register at virtualopenhouse.fvtc.edu can talk with faculty, staff and current students about program areas and degree options. High school seniors and individuals who apply for admission during the open house will save \$30 and have a chance at a \$200 tuition gift certificate.

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# Register of Deeds candidates respond to Vote411

Candidates for Winnebago County register of deeds — incumbent Natalie Strohmeyer, a Republican, and challenger Seth Reid, a data systems manager running as an independent — answered questions posed by Vote411 at www.lwv. org, part of the League of Women Voters' Education Fund. Here are the questions and responses:

# What skills and qualifications do you bring to this elected office?

**Seth Reid:** Two decades of computer and data systems expertise serving citizens and organizations in Winnebago County. Making me uniquely qualified to manage and secure Winnebago County's digital records, including: vital records (births, deaths, marriages), land records, and historical data.

I am the only register of deeds candidate who has computer expertise (recognized as a computer forensics expert in Wisconsin courts); and the only candidate who has earned a college degree.

Our systems are stuck in the last century and there are no plans to modernize them on the table. Our data systems need to get with the 21st century to better serve us all. My qualifications make me the only candidate capable of delivering that to

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you. I want to serve.

Natalie Strohmeyer: I am the current register of deeds for Winnebago County. I worked in the Outagamie County Register of Deeds office for over 30 years including 18 years as the deputy register of deeds. I'm a member of the Wisconsin Register of Deeds Association (WRDA) and on the vitals committee that helped to get statewide issuance of marriage records. Appointed to the Wisconsin Electronic E-Recording Council Committee from the governor's office, vice president on the Winnebago County Land Information Council. I've really enjoyed the last four years as register of deeds. I brought a lot of knowledge with me to Winnebago County, but I've also learned a lot since becoming the registrar. My previous experience helped make this transition much easier.

What challenges do you anticipate (or have experienced) in this office? How will you/did you meet these challenges?

## GO Transit offers contactless fare system

GO Transit is launching a contactless way for riders to purchase their bus fare. Token Transit is an app available in iOS and Android operating systems that allows users to pay for their bus fare and receive that fare on their mobile device.

"We decided to roll-out this contactless way of purchasing bus fares immediately as we see numbers of COVID-19 increasing in northeast Wisconsin," said Jim Collins, City of Oshkosh transportation director. "This app will allow people to purchase mobile fares and operators to verify those fares without any close contact. All riders will need to do is show their digital fare to the bus operator who will verify it is a valid fare and they will be able to ride."

More information is at ci.oshkosh.wi.us.

Reid: Top-tier customer service and security need to be prioritized more than they have been. After speaking with community leaders, local business owners, and individual citizens who have used the services of the Deeds office, four things are clear: 1) Convenience to and consideration for the customer has been lacking 2) Leadership needs to possess technological expertise to be effective at securing our digital records 3) The technology being used is decades old and inefficient 4) Communication is lacking, including public outreach.

Solutions: 1) Survey customers for wanted improvements 2) My computer expertise uniquely qualifies me to secure records 3) Online delivery will be modernized 4) Public feedback system will be implemented.

Strohmeyer: Trying to serve the public and keep staff safe with the restrictions due to COVID-19. The building to the Register of Deeds office is closed to the public. Majority of the real estate records can be provided via online services. Vitals records request can be done through the mail or via an online service provided by the Register of Deeds office. Setting up a rotating home/office work schedule for staff to cover office needs plus keep staff safe. Researching software options to accommodate all potential users and to satisfy county budgetary needs. I am always looking for other ways to provide services but yet keep the costs down and increase the security of the records that are held in the Register of Deeds office.

What aspects of the elected position you are seeking call for good judgment? Explain how you have, or

plan to exercise good judgment in this position.

Reid: The most glaring example is the need to know when it's time to upgrade new technological solutions for the convenience of the customer, especially in 2020. Ordering pizza online has a more streamlined and sophisticated user interface than the department of our county government which delivers digital records to citizens. It's not hard to recognize that our records management and document delivery are stuck in the 20th century. This is unacceptable. But it takes good judgment, the will, and hard work to make these needed changes.

I will seek out flaws and obsolete methods and systems in the Deeds office and develop solutions to both save money and increase the customer satisfaction experience. Methods such as Lean will be instituted.

Strohmeyer: Deciding on the office software programs that will provide the needed security and high quality while considering the county budget and consumer expenses. Waiting on customers with real estate questions while trying to help without giving out legal advice but advising them as to where they may get the help. Review documents to ensure they comply with state statutes fees, requirements, and procedures. Upfront verification and accuracy of recording documents are critical within the office. Working on committees like the Wisconsin Register of Deeds Association, Wisconsin Electronic E-Recording Council Committee and Winnebago County Land Information Council to find ways to serve and look for cost-effective tools to serve Winnebago County.

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# Food Co-op to hold recruitment event

The Oshkosh Food Co-op will host a member recruitment event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday that will be livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube.

Co-op Grow-op has been an in-person event until this year in light of the pandemic. This two-day version will feature segments with more than 30 member-owners and guests on topics related to food, wellness and sustainability.

Giveaways will range from locally grown

carving pumpkins to cookies and milk from Organic Valley and Caramel Crisp Cafe.

All who join during that time will be entered to win a prize basket valued at \$250.

"A key part of our vision is built around celebrating and strengthening the local food economy and this virtual event reflects that," said Brenda Haines, Food Coop board president.

Current member-owners can participate by hosting a virtual or in-person watch party, inviting friends, family and co-workers to join them for part of the livestream.

"This event will not only educate people about our project but will offer a personal glimpse into the lives of local producers and member-owners who make our community unique and dynamic," said project manager and committee member Lizz Redman.

View the event schedule or RSVP to attend at www.CoopGrowOp.org.

# Ascension hospitals temporarily halt in-person visitation

To help minimize the impact of COVID-19, in-person visitation has been temporarily stopped at all three Ascension Wisconsin hospitals in the Fox Valley region, including the Mercy Campus in Oshkosh.

Ascension Wisconsin public relations specialist Kathleen Crean said family members and friends of patients are encouraged to stay connected through virtual visitation — calling, video chatting or texting.

There will be some exceptions on a caseby-case basis, Crean said. Predefined exceptions include neonatal intensive care and pediatric patients, where visitation is limited to both parents or legal guardians; women giving birth and a birthing partner; patients undergoing surgery; and end-oflife care as determined by the hospital care team.

All visitors, associates, clinicians and vendors entering Ascension Wisconsin

facilities will be screened for flulike and COVID-19 symptoms. Visitors will be required to wear a mask upon entry and for the duration of the visit. Visitors under the age of 18 will not be permitted.

Hospital officials encourage anyone experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or who has had a potential exposure to call their primary care provider or 833-981-

# ADOPT-A-LAUNCH Helping to protect and clean up our



Adopt-a-Launch signs recognize program support efforts.

# Boat launch cleanup program offered

The Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance is promoting its Adopt-a-Launch Program to improve and clean up area lakes and rivers through volunteer efforts at boat

Volunteers look for and remove aquatic invasive species, remove litter and report any issues with the launch or surrounding area. They are trained on those tasks and how to report and document invasive species and launch issues.

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# Copper Hall opens as downtown venue

A new event venue at 203 Otter Ave. is offering what it calls a small and affordable space to the central Oshkosh area.

Situated downtown, Copper Hall will be available to reserve for meetings, parties and weddings. With about 1,200 square feet of indoor space featuring a penny floor, barn board walls and exposed brick and clay tile, it includes a main hall, warming kitchen, ADA accessible bathrooms and a common area connecting the

With the kitchen, carry-in food or catering is allowed. Alcohol may be served but not sold. There is also an outdoor area and playground available, along with a parking

Other details are on Copper Hall's Facebook and Instagram accounts, and at www.CopperHallOshkosh.com.

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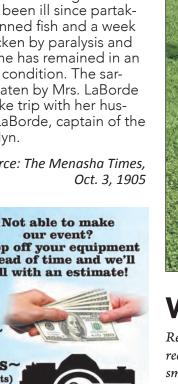
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## Walking the walk

Rebecca Groleau (from left), Beth Biesinger and Olivia Groleau take part in the recent Walk to End Alzheimer's in Oshkosh. Participants walked as individuals and small groups on sidewalks, tracks and trails across the city Sept. 26. The local effort was chaired by Groleau, who is dementia care specialist for the ADRC of Winnebago County, and Siri Smits, active older adults engagement director at the Oshkosh Community YMCA. More than \$35,000 was projected to be raised to fund research and local services.



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Brianna Klotz (left) and Patti Miller, who will be a nurse volunteer at St. Anne's Clinic.

## **Water City Care**

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The UW Oshkosh alumna with nursing and family nurse practitioner degrees remembers going to the clinic as a child with her single mother and younger sister, seeing the benefits that basic health services provide to families working toward self-sufficiency.

Klotz has been encouraged by the volunteer support that has been building for the new clinic, a nonprofit entity that usually operates only as much as the donated staff time allows.

"People want to help," she said. "Since I've been talking about this and what I want to do, the outpouring of people who want to help has been overwhelming."

As a member of Most Blessed Sacrament, Klotz was connected to the potential solution to secure a donated space that avoided lease costs for the volunteer effort, along with a central downtown location

"Especially now with COVID, there's just so many stressors and pressures and things that people face that are already struggling," Klotz said, adding they often just need someone to talk with and guide them on health goals.

Pollack said they will work with the neighboring homeless shelter on potential ways to expand their lease space and double occupancy.

"Having the clinic in the same building just makes sense," she said.

The Catholic congregation under the leadership of the Rev. Jerry Pastors has had a strong relationship with Day By Day and the Community Food Pantry while expanding its prayer outreach during the pandemic to check on its parishioners and others for food, medication and grocery pickup needs.

Klotz said the clinic will have two physicians working in mostly medical director roles in support of primary care, along with a certified nurse midwife focused on women's health, along with a chiropractor. She is working on arrangements with medical facilities that could donate some level of lab specimen processing and radiology services.

Clinic volunteers are seeing patients online through an appointment signup at watercitycaremission.org while it continues to raise money for the charitable clinic operations at the Catholic school location. Limited hours are planned for noon to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays

The group's Facebook page states the initiative "was developed in response to Catholic Social Teaching's Call to Family, Community and Participation – that people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable."



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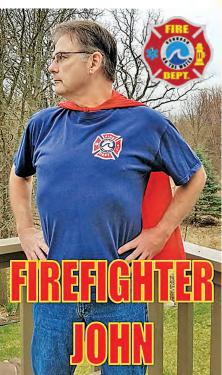


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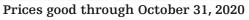


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### **Isolation**

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ronment of learning from each other.

The main portion of the grant will go toward leading the actual programming of Connect through Tech, which is a series of one-on-one appointments and classes aimed to help seniors learn to use technology to enhance their quality of life. While the implementation of the program has changed dramatically from initial plans due to the pandemic, the overall goal of getting seniors connected has not. Many argue it has become even more important.

The first large-scale technology-related program the center hosted was called Senior Connects. It was started with help from the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation's Women's Fund after the foundation's isolation booth event in 2014. The foundation set up clear panels where individuals would stay for a set amount of time and others would walk past, seeing the isolated person in real time, and could offer words of support and encouragement.

Karlene Grabner, Oshkosh Area Community Foundation director of donor services and executive director of the Women's Fund, said she's proud to have worked on a project that is still impactful this many years later. When the foundation started to explore tackling the issue of isolation in Oshkosh, Grabner said she was shocked just how often the issue of isolation came up and how many people it affects in the community.

"There were elderly women in each group, over and over, saying how they had so many feelings of isolation," Grabner said. "They would tell us nobody's physically touched me in six to nine months. That's just devastating and really has an

impact on someone."

Grabner said the grant couldn't have come at a better time.

"If isolation was an issue before, it's only going to be exacerbated now," she said. "It's the shadow pandemic. We need to keep talking about isolation and try to keep it in front of people."

After the isolation booth, Senior Connects was started as a way to bridge the gap between younger and older generations while teaching skills in technology. Junior and senior North High students visited with older adults at the center and would, twice a week for eight weeks, teach seniors everything they wanted to know about technology and electronic devices — from sending an email to starting a video call.

Before COVID-19, the Seniors Center had a pretty good idea of what it wanted to accomplish with the Connect through Tech program and how it wanted to accomplish those goals. However, after the virus began to spread and businesses were shut down, Schaefer said she knew from that point on everything was going to be different.

Stephanie Carlin, who primarily works with Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods, joined the Connect through Tech team to help Schaefer reach out to seniors in the community and let them know of the available services. Carlin is also now helping train visitors at the center on how to use their personal devices.

"Initially, we envisioned the program to be a series of classes of 20 people or so, and we would go through things like how to use Zoom and how to FaceTime," Schaefer said. "But when COVID hit, we had to drastically change courses."

Due to social distancing requirements and safety precautions, Schaefer and Carlin — wearing masks and social distancing — started to hold group appointments in August of two to three people to help with setting up their devices. Through these meetings, it came to light many of the people Schaefer and Carlin were seeing had little understanding of how their devices worked or were apprehensive to use them.

"Almost everyone we've seen so far has been running into startup issues," Schaeffer said. "Each device has its quirks and takes us a fair amount of time to work through everything, but once we do that, learning how to use Zoom will be a piece of cake."

The center is still holding one-on-one appointments for those interested. Instructors will show how to buy, set up and install a laptop or smartphone, use video call technology, and order services and products online.

After Carlin and Schaefer meet with more seniors for the workshop to get everyone set up with Zoom, FaceTime, etc., the duo will begin teaching more formal classes on how to use the technology.

The first topic-specific class in October will cover voice-activated technology, such as Alexa, Google or Siri, and what it can be used for. Schaefer said programming may also be expanded if these classes go well.

"It's exciting because we can teach people to use this technology for health and safety reasons, too," Schaefer said. "If they need to get up in the middle of the night, they can just say, 'Alexa, turn on the light' rather than stumbling around in the dark. There are also smart devices that alert family members if someone falls. Knowing what's available and how to use these types of technology can be life changing for the senior and their family."

Besides connecting with others, although that is the main component of fighting isolation, many physicians and hospitals are moving to tele-health services, which consist of a virtual video call to assess and discuss health. Additionally, online ordering of groceries, toiletries and other necessities for delivery or pickup is beneficial to those who do not want to go out in public due to the pandemic. Many churches are also holding services virtually through GoToMeeting and Webex, which can both be explained in one-onone appointments.

"We want people to understand: When you come here, you won't be judged," Carlin said.

"Everyone is at their own starting point and we want to share with them things that could benefit and improve their quality of life, to make them happier and joyful, to connect with their families," Schaefer added.

There are more and more seniors looking for tech advice, which means more potential for scams. With technology becoming a necessity to remain socially connected through the pandemic, it's not something that can be ignored, Carlin

said. Schaefer and Carlin said they've already seen attempted fraud and scamming of their attendees, even before the program officially started.

"It shouldn't be this difficult to connect with a loved one," Carlin said.

Through pricing out devices for the Connect through Tech program, Schaefer said she experienced a level of difficulty getting a straightforward price for a device with simple features from just about every retailer in the area. Another part of the Connect through Tech program is the helping older adults not fall prey to being upsold items they don't need.

"We'll actually go with them to Best Buy or Verizon, or wherever, because a lot of times they're taken advantage of," Carlin said. "The salespeople are either annoyed with all the questions and want to get them a quick solution so they'll leave, or they see an opportunity to sell them what they don't need to make more money."

The Oshkosh Seniors Center's proposal was selected by Bader Philanthropies, a private foundation in Milwaukee, as one of five ideas it will fund to help improve quality of life for the community's aging population. There were 14 submissions total, according to Bader Philanthropies' senior program officer Helen Ramon.

Ramon said what set the Oshkosh Seniors Center's proposal apart from the others was the fully developed plan to include adults ages 55 to 90.

"Oshkosh has a thriving senior center and they're gearing toward making it even more user-friendly by redesigning it to accommodate more older adults," Ramon said. "Social isolation has been an issue for older adults for a really long time and it's been a nightmare during COVID."

Ramon said her hope for the program is that it will enhance what the center is doing and allow older adults to interact more with others.

"It's time to end the fear or uneasiness around technology," she said. "It isn't going away and it's hard to keep up, so we're excited about this program because there's a lot of one-on-one training."

"We don't have to create awareness for isolation anymore — the empathy is already there," Schaefer said. "With COVID and the lockdown, everyone knows what it's like to feel lonely. We remember it. Now it's about connecting people."

To register for a personal appointment or class, call 920-232-5300 or go to www. ci.oshkosh.wi.us/seniorservices. Attendees are welcome to bring their own devices so they can learn to better use them or use the center's iPads and computers it purchased with the grant money.

This article is part of a series exploring the issue of Oshkosh seniors in isolation, why it's a problem and how the community can help. Prior week's stories are available at oshkoshherald.com.



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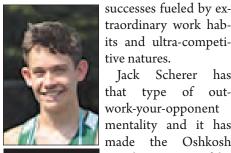
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# Spartans runner on path for Northern Arizona

Tim Froberg HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Distance runners are a determined, die-

Many of the good ones are self-made



traordinary work habits and ultra-competitive natures.

Jack Scherer has that type of outwork-your-opponent mentality and it has made the Oshkosh North senior one of the area's elite cross-coun-

try and track and field runners.

He travels more miles each week with

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his feet than some people do in a car. And while he's very coachable, Scherer feels that runners should accept most of the responsibility for their individual race results.

"Running is really personal," said Scherer. "You rely on yourself to do all the training. There is so much physical and mental preparation involved to compete. There aren't a whole lot of excuses. And when you compete, you really get to see the fruits of your labor. There aren't a lot of external factors."

Scherer is dealing with the disappointment of seeing his second consecutive high school running season disappear due



Jack Scherer is a three-time state meet qualifier in cross-country, coming off an all-state first team junior season. He will compete in unattached races this season.

to the coronavirus pandemic. His junior season in track was wiped out last spring and his senior year of cross-country is being delayed after the Oshkosh Area School District decided to push its fall sports season to the spring.

Scherer is a three-time state meet qualifier in cross-country, who placed seventh in the Division 1 meet last season with a time of 15:56.3 and 11th as a sophomore

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## **Jack Scherer**

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(16:00.7). He is also a standout distance runner in track who took fourth among Division I runners in the 3,200 at the 2019 state meet (9:14.13).

But Scherer isn't sitting around the house, eating doughnuts and watching dust collect on his running shoes. He's staying in peak shape with an intense running program which sees him log roughly 65 miles per week and by competing in various unattached (when a student-athlete competes independently and does not represent a school) races. Last weekend, Scherer competed in the 5-K at the Desert Twilight Cross Country Festival in Phoenix, flying to Arizona with his parents, John and Catherine. He also hopes to qualify and compete at the Foot Locker national meet in December.

"The plan right now is to find as many unattached races as I can," he said. "Making it to nationals is my main focus."

Scherer is coming off a terrific junior season in which he was named to the Wisconsin Cross Country Coaches Association all-state first team.

"Jack is a very hard worker, very focused, very driven," said North cross-country coach Steve Danza. "He pushes very hard for individual and team success. His patience and work ethic have grown tremendously the past four years. He's a stud of a runner."

Running is a Scherer family tradition. John was a stellar distance runner during his prep days in Maryland and went on to run at the University of Michigan. Catherine is an avid recreational runner.

"I ran when I was younger because I was pretty good at it, but I didn't really take it seriously until I entered high school," said Scherer. "I found I had a great love for it."

Scherer's numbers in the classroom are even more impressive than his stopwatch speed. He carries a spectacular 3.95 gradepoint average. Scherer will take his athletic and academic skills to Arizona next year. He has made a verbal commitment to run cross-country and track while attending school at Northern Arizona in Flagstaff.

"They have a culture of success, and the coaches are fantastic," Scherer said. "They have a lot of good athletes and good people. I'm super-excited to join those guys."



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# Bauer leads Lourdes to easy win over Markesan

By Dustin Riese
Herald Contributor

After originally scheduled to play in week one, the Lourdes football team finally met up against Markesan – who had a COVID-19 outbreak and was forced to cancel that opening game.

However, the Hornets were not at full strength and Knights knew that and used it to their advantage in a dominating 40-8 victory in a game played in Neenah on Saturday.

"Very good victory for us tonight against a good Markesan team," head coach Kevin Wopat said. "Last week I felt we left some possessions on the field and this week we did a much better job at finishing those possessions. Our varsity offense scored every time they had the ball, which is

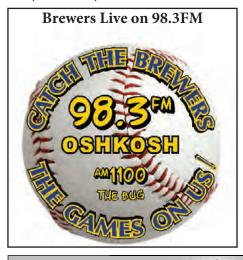




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Lourdes quarterback Josh Bauer gets to the edge and stiff-arms a Markesan defender.

what we expect from them. Markesan is playing a little shorthanded right now and if we played them in a few weeks the score would be much closer."

When it comes to finishing drives on of-

fense, the Knights wasted little time in the first possession after it looked like a quick three and out was brewing. Facing fourth and short, Lourdes elected to go for it and converted the first down before Josh Bauer ripped off a huge third-down run to move the chains again. Dominic Kane capped off the opening drive with an 11-yard touchdown run for a 6-0 lead.

With the offense doing its part, it was time for the defense to answer. After allowing James Triggs to rip off a 23-yard run, the Knights front seven got pressure on Hayden Quade, forcing an interception by Jack McKellips to give the ball back to the offense again as the first quarter came to a close.

Lourdes continued to display a great run-pass offensive balance as Bauer capped off the second drive with a hardfought three-yard run and 13-0 lead. With the offense on a roll, the defense looked to match that same intensity as Tim Kaull and Charlie Weber began to lay some hits on the defensive side keeping the Hornets grounded.

Bauer and the offense made Markesan pay as the passing game began to open up with McKellips and Kane getting involved. Kane hauled in a four-yard score for his second touchdown of the night. Looking for some sort of late-half momentum, the Hornets finally were putting a strong drive together only to have it stall out with a turnover on downs. The Knights offense took the field one last time using a deep pass from Bauer to Preston Ruedinger to set up Kaull's 10-yard score and a 27-0 lead at the break.

Despite a lot being made of the Knights offense, it was the defense that continued to set the tone. That comes as no surprise to Wopat.

"Our defense not only set the tone for us tonight, but they did that for us all last season also," he said. "We have a lot of great athletes who only play on offense so of course they are going to get some credit, but when you hold your opponent to zero points until late in the game something is working. We know we have a great

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### Lourdes

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chance of winning when our defense plays like this and everyone does their job."

As if the first half wasn't good enough, Lourdes was equally as impressive in its first drive of the second half as it looked to remain perfect. Bauer moved the chains through the air going 4-for-4 with passes to Ruedinger, Jack Huizenga and now Adam Arnoldussen getting involved. Arnoldussen came up with the big play on the drive hauling in a 13-yard score to push the lead to 33-0 as the two-point conversion failed.

Things went from bad to worse for Markesan as they fumbled the snap on their next possession to see Gabe Bohn bounce on it to give the ball back to the Knights offense. One play later it was Bauer to Kane for another deep hookup as the offense was set up inside the 15. Lourdes finished off that drive with a six-yard touchdown reception for Ruedinger as the offense was a perfect 6-for-6, helping build a 40-0 lead.

Knowing that the varsity offense was done for the night, it was now time for the

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defense to continue doing their thing as they wanted to pitch the shutout. A Will Pollack interception helped, but a comedy of fumbles from both sides kept either offense from getting much going. Lourdes was able to keep Markesan scoreless for 41 minutes until Quade scored from 10 yards out in the fourth. Quade added a two-point conversion to make it 40-8 as time ran out.

The win moves the Knights to 2-0 as they get set to take on a good Coleman team Friday that advanced to level three in Division 6 last season. Coleman was a last-minute addition to the schedule as Wopat has had his fair share of fun scheduling teams thus far.

"This season has certainly been a challenge and I know other coaches will agree," Wopat said. "We are just two weeks into the season, and we have already had to schedule five different opponents with Coleman being another late addition.

"I'm happy that we have been able to play two games so far. Knowing the kind of team we have, we just want to play so it is important for us to find quality opponents. It has been a challenging and trying fall, but we want to play and we will do what we need to do to play as many games



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Jack McKellips hauls in a pass for a big gain in Lourdes' victory over Markesan.

## Prep sports roundup

#### **VOLLEYBALL**

#### Valley Christian downed by Central Wisconsin

The Valley Christian volleyball team lost a Trailways-Conference match on Thursday to Central Wisconsin Christian, falling 3-1 (25-17, 21-25, 25-14, 25-11).

Camryn Hass led the Warriors with five kills, five assists, two aces and had eight digs. Alex Zielicke had four kills, Stella Wright had four aces and six digs while Katie Wallace led the team with 11 digs.







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## Halfway house

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the physical condition of the house, to inappropriate behavior by residents and inadequate monitoring by the contractor that owns the site.

At the end of the workshop, City Manager Mark Rohloff said legal staff would investigate the possibility of using zoning rules to regulate the location of future TLPs. He also said the city would try to work more closely with the state in determining where these facilities will go.

The Jefferson Street TLP has been operating since 2010. The duplex can hold up to eight men, who may stay for a few days or as long as three months. They are not necessarily sex offenders, but many of them are.

Neighbors say the fundamental problem is a lack of accountability. The city can't do much because the current use is allowed under a grandfathering provision in the zoning code. The police regularly drive by to monitor the site, but they can't take action unless a law has been broken.

The Corrections Department oversees the release of prisoners and pays for the program. But it relies on an Eau Claire-based nonprofit, Triniteam Inc., to manage the site.

The transitional residents are supposed to adhere to a set of 30 house rules, but their behavior is only checked up on, at most, three times a day.

"It's been a nightmare," said Jamie O'Brien, who lives across the street. "Nobody wants to take responsibility."

The state is looking for additional TLP sites in Oshkosh, even though the city already houses a relatively large number of sex offenders who are concentrated in a few areas.

According to figures provided at the workshop, Winnebago County has 567 registered sex offenders, and 177 of them live in one of the city's ZIP code areas, 54901.

Residents say they are pleased that the city will try to deal with the issue going forward.

"The situation that Triniteam has put their residents of 1105 Jefferson Street in does not set them up for success, and it endangers children of the Oshkosh community," said Betsy Kunde. She co-chairs the neighborhood association's Safety Committee and said her comments were based on the input of many association members.

The neighbors recognize the need for TLPs. "These facilities, when run properly, are instrumental in rehabilitation and giving people a second chance to become productive members of society," Kunde said. "All we are advocating for is the smart and orderly placement of TLPs."

Officials from Corrections and Triniteam took part in the workshop and defended the Jefferson Street TLP.

Residents challenged points that were made and provided photographic evidence of conditions inside the house to make the point that not all contractual requirements have been met.

Miles Maguire is editor of the Oshkosh Examiner (www.oshkoshexaminer.com)

# EAA teams with airlines on aviation education

The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) and United Airlines are teaming up to welcome and encourage young people to pursue aviation on all levels, with a variety of programs and activities that build on the strength of each organization.

"United has been involved with EAA at various levels for some time, such as at our annual EAA AirVenture Oshkosh fly-in, but each organization was seeking a way to create a comprehensive pathway for young people to discover aviation and then learn more about the exciting possibilities for their futures," said Rick Larsen, EAA's vice president of programs, publications and marketing. "United's Aviate program offers a terrific new opportunity to provide a pathway for those Young Eagles who seek flying careers, especially with United's reach and visibility in the communities it serves throughout the country."

EAA will become the official youth aviation partner of United Airlines, while United will be the official airline of Young Eagles. EAA and United will also share visibility, web portals, and links that introduce people to all the programs available from each. Additional details and opportunities will be announced as the joint programming develops.

## Neighborhood efforts funded, recognized

Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods held two Facebook streams last week to celebrate National Good Neighbor Day that were attended by neighborhood association members and sponsored by Shawn Dockry from State Farm Insurance.

The Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods Good Neighbor Grant was featured as 20 were approved for this year. The program is currently funded through 2022.

There are 18 recognized neighborhood associations and two more are expected to be ready by the end of the year. Simple acts of kindness like raking leaves or a

simple hello are encouraged in neighborhoods, especially during the pandemic.

Rock the Block Oshkosh this summer completed 97 projects at 30 properties in the Congress Field Neighborhood Association, where 76 volunteers spent a total of 425 hours. Next year's effort will be in the River East Neighborhood Association.

Rock the Block was made possible by a grant from the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation and the US Venture Basic Needs grant. Habitat for Humanity Oshkosh, Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods and the city are partners on the effort.





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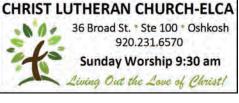
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## **Obituaries**

#### **Lawrence Hetzer**

Lawrence "Lucky Larry" F. Hetzer, age 91 of Oshkosh, passed away at Park View Health Center on Tuesday, September 29, 2020. He was born in Stevens Point on May 11, 1929 to the late Wilfred and Mae (Kragel) Hetzer. Larry was a graduate of P.J. Jacobs High School. Larry married his late wife, Maxine Hansen, on August 27, 1949, and their marriage was blessed with four children.

Larry worked at Hetzers Bike Shop, the family-owned business, until the early 1950s when he started his career with Wisconsin Public Service as a lineman. In 1972 he moved his family to Oshkosh, where he worked as an electric line supervisor until he retired in 1994. Larry always spoke highly of his colleagues, and in return, was well liked and respected by many.

He lived his life as an outdoorsman. Larry loved going up north to the cabin, and hunting and fishing with his boys, which he was still doing at 90 years old! He enjoyed taking trips to the Roxy with Maxine, and

spending time with family and friends. Larry was loved by all who knew him. His children couldn't go anywhere without hearing "where's Larry?" while visiting friends, because he became "one of the guys."

Larry is survived by his children, Linda Stanke, Tim (Cheryl) Hetzer, Tom (Jan) Hetzer, and Mike (Lorrie) Hetzer; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, a great-great-grandson; and a sister, Alice Grimsbo.

In addition to his parents, and wife, Maxine, Larry was preceded in death by his brother, Howard (Katie) Hetzer; son-inlaw, Bill Stanke; and brother-in-law, Olaf Grimsbo.

Per Larry's wishes, no services will be held.

Larry's family would like to thank the staff and residents of Bella Vista and Park View Health Center for the care and love provided to him throughout the years. Your kindness has been deeply appreciated.

## KONRAD-BEHLMAN

#### **Barbara Wernberg**

Barbara Gay (Hall) Wernberg embraced her Lord and Savior and her husband on



Sunday afternoon, July 19, 2020, at her home surrounded by family. She was 71 years old.

Barbara was born in Monmouth, Illinois, on August 7, 1948, to Charles and Beulah (Clark) Hall. She and

Dr. Charles Wernberg married on September 9, 1967, in Arpin, Wisconsin. Barbara flourished as a real estate agent from 1989-2000 with Schwab Realty.

Barbara is survived by her children: Jeff

Wernberg of Lake Orion, MI, Rebecca (Tedd) Lehman and Kathryn Wernberg both of Oshkosh, WI. She is also survived by her three grandchildren: Annaka, Amelia, and Joshua Lehman. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in Barb's name at Forest Springs Camp and Conference Center located at N8890 Forest Lane, Westboro, WI 54490.

A celebration of Barb's life will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, October 10th at River Valley Church, 1331 High Ave #2710, Oshkosh. Visitation will take place from 10:00 am until the time of the service.

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In-person and virtual events will lead to a regional pitch event hosted by New North. Local partners are hosting qualifying events with an Oct. 26 deadline through www.thestartuphub.org.

The contests are open to all residents in northeast Wisconsin. Contestants must be at least 18 and the business must have generated less than \$300,000 in either capital raised or revenue received.

Winnebago County's fast-pitch event is from 5 to 8 p.m. Nov. 17; contact Rob Kleman at rob@oshkoshchamber.com

The top two winners from the local contests will receive \$1,000 cash for first place, \$500 for second place and advance to the NEW Launch Alliance Hatch Event on Dec. 3, where they will compete for additional funding for their business ideas and broad investor attention.

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How safe is YOUR home? FIRE PREVENTION WEEK: OCTOBER 4-10, 2020

**SCORE YOUR HOME:** Team up with your family to help prevent fires and protect yourselves in the event of a fire. Complete the scorecard below with your family. Can you turn any of the NO answers into YES answers?



Windows and doors open easily. If smoke or fire blocks your exit through a door, a window may be the second way out. Test them to make

**Doors and hallways are free** of clutter and obstacles. Nothing should be in the way of a quick,

**□YES** 

Smoke alarm works. Test your smoke alarms once a month. Smoke alarms should be on every floor, in or near all bedrooms.

REPLACE **YOUR** SMOKE ALARM **EVERY** 10 YEARS!

Ask your parents, "How old is our smoke alarm?' Let them know it should be replaced every 10 years.

Replace the batteries every time you set your clocks backward or forward at Daylight Savings Time.



**□YES** 

**□YES** 

Make sure there isn't anything near the stove that could catch ÿre. A grown-up should be in the kitchen when the stove is on.

You have a meeting place

the home

outside that is a s distance from



**escape plan.** Practice our escape plan at least once a month

**□NO** 



Matches and lighters are stored out of the reach of children.

**□YES** 



**Electrical outlets are** not overloaded with too many plugs and extension cords.

**TYES** 

Extra! Extra! When everything on your checklist is a YES, complete and display this certiÿcate in your home! **Hot Words** 



completing Kid Scoop's Fire Safety Checklist. The family members listed below hereby promise to keep alert, watching for ways to make this home safe.

of paper. Put a star by the sentence if it still means the same, or nearly the same thing.

It was a hot day.

Look through the

newspaper for words that could replace

the word "hot" in the sentence above.

Write each new

sentence on a piece

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Puzzier Circle every other letter to discover this important fire safety tip.

If you are caught in a burning building, do this:

RSNTBARY TLMODWF **AZNRDNGSO** 

Double Word Search

**BATTERIES OBSTACLES SAFETY ESCAPE** BLOCKS **SECOND SMOKE ALARM SCORE OUICK** STOVE FIRE **PLAN** 

**EXIT** 

TEST

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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

oxygen tank

boots

avoid breathing in smoke. And if a firefighter wearing gear like in the photo above is there, don't be afraid. They're there to help!

Smoke can be one of

the biggest dangers in

a fire. Firefighters

wear face shields and

an air mask to be able

to see and breathe.

If a fire breaks out in

your home, it is

VERY important to

STAY LOW. Crawl

towards an exit as

quickly as possible to

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS This week's word: PREVENT

The verb **prevent** means to stop something from happening.

A good way to **prevent** forest fires is to never leave a campfire unattended.

Try to use the word prevent in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

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**Prevention Poster** 

To **prevent** is to stop something before it starts. Look through the newspaper for something you would like to see prevented. Make a poster with a tip for how to prevent what you would like prevented.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple step written directions.



What happened when the chef burned the hamburger?

**VASMER:** The customer got steamed

Write On! Hot **Two-Liners** 

Write a "couplet"—a two-line poem that rhymes. Example: In the winter when it snows, I catch cold and blow my nose.

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