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PROPERTY SALES

The following property sales were recorded with the Winnebago County Register of Deeds Office, April 25-May 1:

CITY OF OSHKOSH

209 W. Irving Ave., Alfred W. and Renate C. Piotter to Star Properties of Oshkosh LLC, \$58,000.

308 W. Seventh Ave., Herbert L. and Joyce A. Jungwirth to Rebecca L. Karau, \$54,500.

346 N. Westhaven Drive, Joseph P. Lowe to Michael J. and Shelly A. Cullom, \$120,000

A. Cullom, \$120,000. **354 Windingbrook Drive**, Paul W. and Barbara J. Brinkman to Jeff M. and Candace M. Rothermel, \$215,900.

515 N. Lark St., Bank of New York Mellon to Jacqueline P. and Zachary R. Parrish, \$50,000. **609 Jackson St.**, Andrew T. and Dawn M. Martin to Jane Schirger, \$97,500.

835 Keenville Lane, Marsha L. Fritz to Gary L. and Sharon K. Jeschke, \$115,000.

1025 Bay Shore Drive, James Bruins, Gary Bruins & Lynn Keller to Paul D. Schmidt and Richard L. Gabert, \$160,000.

1102 S. Sawyer St., AnchorBank FSB to Arthur J. and Megan M. Sullivan, \$94,000.

1113 Reichow St., Joseph A. and Rebecca R. Meissner to Benjamin M. and Jenna A. Wanezek, \$102.500.

1121 W. 11th Ave., AnchorBank FSB to Megan M. and Arthur J. Sullivan, \$89,000.

1155 W. 11th Ave., AnchorBank FSB to Arthur J. and Megan M. Sullivan, \$100,000.

1330 Ceape Ave., Linda L. Kaelin to Water City Properties LLC, \$25.000.

1340 S. Westhaven Drive, Willard L. and Judith A. Stowe to 1340 Westhaven LLC, \$164,900. 1356 Waugoo Ave., Gary L. and Sharon K. Jeschke to Ruth A. Holmquist, \$126,500.

1404 Evans St., Joel G. and Erin Madel to Kenneth D. and Juliet

V. McCorkle, \$79,000. **1853 Harrison St.**, BAC Home Loans Servicing LP to The Secretary of Housing and Urban De-

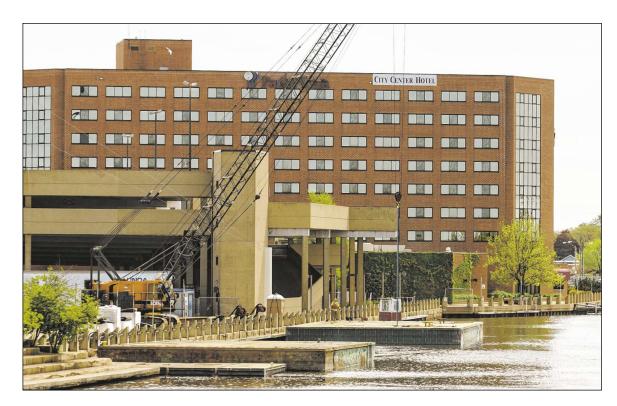
velopment, \$137,700. 2336 Jefferson St., Barry D. Hilbert to Jason P. Godwin, \$91.500.

2435 Wisconsin St., Steven C. Blaha to Claudia A. Ruedinger, \$242,500.

2575 Havenwood Drive E, Margaret H. Toman to Ralph B. and Janice C. Kosmer, \$144,000. 2777 Clover St., Joshua J. and Carrie L. Newton to Brenda M. and Mark B. Larsen, \$126,100. 2798 Clover St., Timothy L. and Debra S. Meyer to Debra D. King, \$145,000.

3876 Purple Crest Drive, Geraldine Jacobson (as personal representative for the estate of DuWayne D. Jacobson) to Sua Yang, \$140,000.

Yang, \$140,000. **3980 Summerview Drive**, Arden J. Todd (as personal representative for the estate of Barbara Todd) to Erik C. and Leah K. Svetlik, \$148,000.



Lunda Construction positions a crane and barge along the shore of the Fox River as it prepares to begin construction on the river walk urban trail later this month. The owners of the former City Center Hotel have offered to donate land along the river to the city so it can construct the entire segment between Main and Jackson streets this year. JOE SIENKIEWICZ/OF THE NORTHWESTERN

Local hotel, river walk projects move forward

Council to consider awarding trail contract, accepting land

By Jeff Bollier of The Northwestern

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Developers and the city of Oshkosh are making steady progress on the renovation of the former City Center Hotel.

Hoffman LLC continues to work on building renovations, while new owners Rich Batley, John Pfefferle and the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Foundation have offered to donate a strip of land along the Fox River to the city of Oshkosh for construction of the river walk urban trail segment this summer.

The Oshkosh Common Council will likely consider whether to accept the donation when it meets on Wednesday. The Oshkosh Plan Commission supported the donation earlier this week.

Councilors could decide that same night to award Lunda Construction a \$1 million contract to build the riverfront trail in front of the hotel, an alternate project included in the company's winning bid for building the river walk river walk section along the City Center commercial complex. Oshkosh Community Development Grant Manager Darlene Brandt said if all goes according to plan, Lunda would begin con"Hopefully ... everything will go as planned and the project will be completed by the end of the year." DARLENE BRANDT,

Oshkosh Community Development grant manager

struction near North Main Street the week of May 14.

"If we can get everything lined up with the hotel, they'll start at North Main and work west," Brandt said. "Hopefully, if Mother Nature permits it, everything will go as planned and the project will be completed by the end of the year."

The city's projected timeline would mean trail work would finish up about the same time the new owners expect to complete the hotel renovation. Pfefferle and Batley have said their target date to re-open the property would be January 2013. Meanwhile, city officials are reviewing the project's application for \$3 million in tax incremental financing, or TIF, assistance. City Manager Mark Rohloff indicated in a recent newsletter the group has sought \$2 million in direct, upfront assistance for the project and another \$1 million to be reimbursed to them based on the amount of property tax revenue the hotel generates.

The request is \$1 million more than the assistance Wogernese Hotel Group and the UWO Foundation requested for an unsuccessful purchase and renovation of the hotel last fall. However, Rohloff said the current renovation plan could cost up to \$14 million, significantly more than the \$9 million WHG expected its project to cost.

In addition to the river walk donation and bid award, councilors likely will take up a contract to transfer management and operation of the Oshkosh Convention Center to the new hotel owners when they meet Wednesday.

ON THE AGENDA

BEST BETS

MONDAY

Where Do I Go From Here?, 12:30-3:30 p.m., Fox Cities Workforce Development Center, 1802 Appleton Road, Menasha. (920) 997-3272.

RU (Recently Unemployed/Underemployed) Support Network, 8:30-10:30 a.m., St. Raphael Church, 830 S. Westhaven Drive, Oshkosh. (920) 720-5600. Interviewing Skills, 1-3 p.m., Oshkosh Area Workforce Devel-

opment Center, 315 Algoma Blvd. (920) 232-6273. **Opening Doors**, 9-11 a.m.,

Oshkosh Area Workforce Development Center.

Transferable Skills Workshop, 9-11 a.m, Fox Cities Workforce Development Center. Computer Basics, 9-11 a.m., Oshkosh Area Workforce Development Center.

TUESDAY

Reemployment Services Orientation, 1-4 p.m., Oshkosh Area Workforce Development Center. Job Club, 9-10 a.m., Oshkosh Area Workforce Development Center.

CareerChangers Network, 1:30 p.m., Fox Cities Workforce Development Center. (920) 997-3272, www.careerchangers.org Job Search Investigation for Veterans, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Fox Valley Technical College, Room A154, 1825 N. Bluemound Drive, Appleton. (920) 735-5627 **Basic Computer Skills for Job** Seekers, 9-11 a.m., Fox Cities Workforce Development Center. Sales Club, 7:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce, 120 Jackson St., Oshkosh. (920) 303-2265, ext. 29 (920) 303-2266

WEDNESDAY

Resume Writing, 10-11:30 a.m., Fox Cities Workforce Development Center.

THURSDAY

Job Seekers Network, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Fox Valley Technical College, Riverside campus, 150 N. Campbell Road, Oshkosh. (920) 735-5637.

Job Search Investigation for Veterans, 3:30 -4:30 p.m., Fox Valley Technical College, Room A154, 1825 N. Bluemound Drive, Appleton. (920) 735-5627.

Reemployment Services Orientation, 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., Oshkosh Area Workforce Development Center.

FRIDAY

Opening Doors, 2-4 p.m., Fox Cities Workforce Development Center.

MAY 14

Where Do I Go From Here?, 9 a.m., Fox Cities Workforce Devel-

TOWN OF OSHKOSH

5228 Killdeer Lane, Robert B. and Sharon M. Kime to Joseph and Karla J. Szekeres, \$277,500. Land contract.

TOWN OF ALGOMA

70 Overland Trail, Robert J. Holly and Michelle A. Toal-Holly to Christopher C. Clark and Lindsay N. Rowe-Johnson, \$222,000. 934 Wylde Oak Drive, Steven L. Jalovec to Jachan A. Callon, \$335,000.

1366 N. Oakwood Road, Terry R. O'Brien to Troy R. and Katrina A. Worden, \$165,000.

1431 Russet Lane, Cypress Homes Inc. to Chad A. and Katie L. Veldman, \$253,818.

1741 N. Oakwood Road, Rafal and Stacey L. Ruzek to Ronald K. and Erika V. Van Laarhoven, \$270,000.

3876 Crab Apple Lane, Nathaniel J. and Laurie A. Miller to Andrew T. and Dawn M. Martin, \$216,000.

3884 Duchess Lane, Algoma Developments LLC to Cypress Homes Inc., \$44,900.

3886 Braeburn St., Julie M. Shew (as trustee for the Lydia Morris trust) to Robert A. and Alison S. Fett, \$215,000.

TOWN OF BLACK WOLF 200 block of County Road Z,

Nathan and Muriel Taffel to Dennis C. and Eileen K. Mueller, \$282,282.

7314 Country Club Road, Daniel R. and Anne C. Bohn to Jordan J. Reff, \$146,500.

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Rohloff said the owners have agreed to pay the city 4 percent of food and beverage sales under the terms of the proposed agreement.

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EVENT SUBMISSIONS

should be emailed at least two weeks before the event to OSHKOSHBIZ@THE NORTHWESTERN.COM

STREETWISE Ruff Cuts closes; Qdoba's coming soon

We have a lot to get to and this week, we're going to start with the bad news.

»Streetwise was sad to see Ruff Cuts Grooming Salon, 1921 S. Washburn St., had closed not too long after the business moved from its old location on Omro Road/Highway 21.

»Also, Operative Jason observed that Jordy's Beverage Mart, 900 W. Ninth Ave., appeared closed after decades of delivering kegs and other party supplies to quench the thirst of Oshkosh. Owner Jason Jungwirth came through with word that the closure is only temporary and he should be back up and running in a few weeks.

»Now, to cheer you up a bit, Streetwise got a tweet



from Qdoba's Wisconsin franchise operator that its Oshkosh location at 1990 Menard Drive has a targeted opening date for sometime in late June or early July. So if the plan holds, looks like AirVenture visitors will have another frontage road lunch option.

»Gardina's Wine Bar and Café, 448 N. Main St., has been a big hit with the downtown crowd pretty much since it opened and it sounds like it's about to get even better. The kitchen will be closed through Thursday, May 10, while it is expanded and renovated. In doing so, Gardina's will be able to expand its rotation of dinner specials to include more options for diners. The bar and wine store will remain open through the upgrade.

»Keep an eye out this week for yet another new food cart/truck jumping into a trend that's taking Oshkosh by storm. Tom and Bonnie Manske will launch Hot Dog Expressions from the east side Piggly Wiggly parking lot Tuesday and Wednesday. Don't worry if you miss them this week, the Manskes will be there every Tuesday and Wednesday through the summer. They'll also be at the Omro Farmers

ONLINE

MORE NEWS

Don't miss out on business news between Sunday Streetwise columns. Check out Jeff Bollier's blog for mid-week updates.

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Market on Friday evenings and at the downtown Oshkosh Saturday Farmers Market. You can find more information about them on their Facebook page.

»We mentioned a few months back that Christiano's Pizza, 1964 S. Koeller St., was hard at work on an expansion, and the time has come to check it out. The familyowned pizza chain has completed work on its expanded dining room and can now handle an extra 60 people and larger groups.

»We chatted up an inside source at the Oshkosh Convention and Visitors Bureau about what we might see at the upcoming Winnebago County Tourism Breakfast this week and the news is apparently good. All they would tell Streetwise was that the county has cracked the top 10 tourism counties in the state. We'd expect nothing less from Wisconsin's Event City!

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