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A flag-bearer representing Mexico gets her flag ready for the parade of flags Friday at the opening of the 28th annual Worthington International Festival.

Locals can enjoy time 'At The Barn'

After years of renovations, new event venue is almost ready for the public

By Emma McNamee
The Globe

WORTHINGTON — The property where Alan Oberloh's new event venue sits once housed a series of unfortunate-looking buildings, but after years of tear-downs and renovations, what remains is nothing short of rustically charming.

The tin-sided barn, which Oberloh was granted a conditional use permit to operate as an event venue back in May, is described as both a "labor of love" and an "obsession" by Oberloh and his wife, Janice, as they show off the refurbished space. Oberloh has tentatively dubbed the venue "At The Barn" — which had become his standard answer for where he was during the years-long renovation.

When he bought the property back in March 2018, Oberloh had plans to use it for storage —

just that feat required a lot of work. The building Oberloh renovated contained around ten inches of manure on the floor, and plenty of debris throughout.

"It took eight dumpsters until we could see the light at the end of the tunnel," Oberloh said.

With some help, the old bleachers were removed and new floors were put in. Plans for a new door were drawn up, and slowly, the space began to take shape.

"The further we got in the project, the more people started inquiring about, 'are you going to rent this thing? What are you going to do with it?'" Oberloh said. "And then it almost got to be too nice, just for storage, so we said, 'we'll make it into a place where people can have parties.'"

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Alan Oberloh opens a renovated sales barn for use as an event venue at Charles Ave on the southeast side of Worthington.

19-year-old man drowned Monday

By Julie Buntjer
The Globe

WORTHINGTON — A 19-year-old Worthington man drowned in approximately 10 feet of water off the shoreline of Sailboard Beach in Lake Okabena Monday afternoon.

The Worthington Fire Department, Worthington Police and Nobles County Sheriff's Office responded to the reported drowning at 4:24 p.m. At the scene,

they were informed a 19-year-old male was swimming and had gone under the water and not resurfaced.

At approximately 5:46 p.m., an unresponsive male was recovered from the water by the Nobles County Sheriff's Office and Worthington Fire Department. He was pronounced dead at the scene, according to Nobles County Sheriff Ryan Kruger.

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Nobles County Sheriff's Office dive team members search for a drowning victim Monday afternoon at Sailboard Beach on Lake Okabena.

MUSIC, FOOD AND FUN ABOUND at the International Festival 2022



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Above left: Kids attempt to win a refreshing soda at a booth Friday during the 28th annual Worthington International Festival. **Above top right:** Raquel and Hector Avile sing "The Star-Spangled Banner" on Friday during the opening ceremony for the 28th annual Worthington International Festival. **Above right:** The Chinese ceremonial lion dance group interacts with the crowd Saturday during a performance at the International Festival.

The Globe opens in new office

By Julie Buntjer
The Globe

WORTHINGTON — The Globe opened last week in its new location at 416 10th St., in downtown Worthington, after employees worked from home for two full months.

The editorial, advertising and front office staff moved into the new office during the final days of June, and the doors opened to the public on July 5. Located in the former Lien Electric store, the building was purchased by Al Drost and Dan Krueger and completely renovated for

the news organization. Globe Publisher Joni Harms and the staff are pleased to be back in an office in downtown Worthington.

"When the Lien Electric building was brought to our attention, I met with Al Drost and Dan Krueger and fell in love with it immediately," Harms said. "Their vision matched up with what we were looking for — keeping the exposed brick and creating an industrial look."

The owners did a build-out to suit The Globe's needs, with a fully open-concept office, including a

reception area, reporters' desks and an advertising area in the front of the building, with offices for the publisher and editor, a conference room, break room and space at the back of the building for delivery of newspapers and added storage. There is also a full basement, which was an added bonus, Harms said.

"Our new office space has eight dedicated spaces for employees, with space for the telecommuters to come in and work as needed," she added.

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