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PHOTO BY WISCONSIN GIANT PUMPKIN GROWERS

Great pumpkin

Deb Gantner and Chuck Hunter of rural Oshkosh hold the trophy awarded for their 2,152-pound pumpkin "Petunia" that was the largest weighed in at the Nekoosa Giant Pumpkin Fest recently and one of the top 10 grown anywhere this year. See a story about Gantner's growing success on Page 6.

Budget for city unveiled

Expenses up 2.5% as state aid, valuation drops

By Tom Ekvall HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

City Manager Mark Rohloff has presented to the Common Council a city budget proposed at \$75,238,600, which includes a lower tax rate to pay for costs from that in 2018.

The proposed tax levy is \$39,337,100, an increase of 3.9 percent over the 2018 budget, with a projected tax rate of \$10.404, a decrease of \$0.154. The decreased rate is primarily due to an increase in assessed value as a result of the closure of Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District No. 7.

The valuation increase is offset by decreases in manufacturing, personnel and real property values by the state Department of Revenue, as well as continued erosion of the commercial tax base as a result of the Walgreens dark store decision.

The budget report notes that the continued reduction in state aid will continue to impact the city's ability to reduce property taxes. State shared revenue is project-

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Program lets students key on careers

By Cheryl Hentz HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

A group of ambitious high school students in the Oshkosh Area School District are working toward their diplomas while gaining hands-on experience at one of the city's leading employers.

Eleven students - eight boys and three girls - are participating in the district's inaugural Integrated School to Work program at Oshkosh Corp.'s Defense sector that allows students to receive paid, onthe-job training in the morning under the guidance of an Oshkosh Corp. mentor, then attend school in the afternoon -eight hours a day, five days a week.

Students will complete required coursework at a new education center housed at Oshkosh Corp. on Oregon Street under the direction of a certified high school

Nicole Peterson, career and technical education coordinator for the district, said the required coursework is the same as what their fellow students are taking, but it's delivered in a variety of ways.



District students signed a two-year pledge to participate in a new school-to-work program created as a learning partnership with Oshkosh Defense and Fox Valley Technical College.

"Some are delivered in the traditional way with teacher-student interaction, some are online through the E-Academy and some are delivered in a combination pack," Peterson said. "So with English, for example, the kids will get the experience of using English, but maybe with a little more content focus, and a little bit more about (e-commerce) or Oshkosh Corp., or some of the technical skills that they need to do."

Oshkosh Defense created a classroom at one of their sites, believing it would be best to have the students there while they're learning.

"There's a value in having their classroom right onsite. We're really immersing these students into our company and

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Recent absentee ballot mailings short on facts

Inaccurate documents seen as attempt to deceive

By Dan Roherty Oshkosh Herald

Voter registration and absentee ballot information has been landing in residents' mailboxes ahead of Election Day on Nov. 6, but some of that independent mailing has errors that can mislead voters on the correct dates and locations for getting their electoral choices to count.

Margy Davey, president of the League of Women Voters of Winnebago County, said she has heard from residents who had received mailings marked "government document," had some kind of union logo attached or otherwise suggesting being an official mailing that asks recipients to use the form for voting.

"Once they've returned it to an address that's not correct, their vote won't count at all," Davey said. "They'll think they voted so they won't even go to the polls or attempt to go absentee another way like at the city clerk's office."

The best sources of information about

voter registration and absentee voting are local clerks and the MyVote.WI.gov website, not mailings from political and independent groups, according to the Wisconsin Elections Commission.

The state commission has started receiving questions about a recent personal ized direct mailing about absentee voting, according to Meagan Wolfe, interim WEC administrator.

"Every election we get complaints about these types of mailings," Wolfe said. "Interest groups send out mailers encouraging voters to register or apply for an absentee ballot to vote by mail. While these mailings are permissible, they sometimes contain errors."

The latest problem mailer comes from the "Center for Voter Information," which has a return mail address in Madison but is related to the Voter Participation Center, a nonprofit group based in Washington, D.C. The mailer includes a Wisconsin Application for Absentee Ballot with the voter's name and address already filled out and a prepaid envelope to mail it to the

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Rental inspection target areas proposed in city

By Tom Ekvall Herald Contributor

The area surrounding the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh campus and several other noncontiguous locations were recommended by the Rental Housing Advisory Board for designation of the city's first Neighborhood Stabilization and Enhancement District.

The advisory panel made its recommendation to the Common Council at its Oct.



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10 meeting, which includes a recommendation that all rental housing within the district be inspected providing that the tenants agree to the inspection.

The following generalized areas are included within the proposed district boundaries:

- New York Avenue to Bowen Street and south to the Fox River (includes the Middle Village and River East Neighborhood Associations).
- Knapp Street to Main Street and 5th to 17th avenues (includes the Sacred Heart Neighborhood Association area).
- Bowen, Murdock and Hazel streets and Greenwood Court (Woodland Park Neighborhood Association).
- Jackson Street to Wisconsin Street, Viola Avenue and Linwood Avenue.

Community Development Director Allen Davis also noted that any complaint within the city involving a rental property would also place it in the boundary designation

The motion for designation of the inspection area was made by Councilman Matt Mugerauer based on maps prepared by the city's planning staff that rated blocks as to potential housing problems: records of enforcement actions, police reports and assessor data.

A recent Polco online poll of residents said that 52 percent of those 151 responding favored designation of a specific area for inspections.

The council will act on the recommendations at a future meeting. If approved, the city Inspections Division staff would

detail inspection plans within the area. The city will send out letters to renters within the district, encouraging them to participate in the program. However, no letters will be initially sent to property owners.

The inspection program will have a cost associated with it, projected at \$50,000 for additional staff or contractor time, Davis said. Inspection fees are not charged for the first and second visits according to state statutes. Inspections deal with life, safety, and habitability aspects and would cover the exterior and interior of the properties.

Chief building official John Zarate noted that there are no city ordinances or other statutes dealing with mold at a property. "We are not equipped to make such an inspection," Zarate said, adding that some mold is considered acceptable.

Community news briefs

Street work completion has weather challenges

While the city's Public Works staff has not had specific flooding issues to tackle in recent weeks with the wet weather, it has been challenged to finish some street projects that need to wrap up for the season.

The Court Street, Otter Avenue and Washington Avenue project is nearing completion with Court and Otter to Broad Street paved and open to traffic. Washington Avenue from North Main Street to Broad has utility work complete and concrete paving well underway and set for completion this week, according to the Public Works Department.

Otter Avenue utility work from State to Court street also is to be done this week before crews move on to State from Otter to Waugoo Avenue.

Public Works Director James Rabe said the continued moisture had somewhat delayed their schedule for putting concrete on the ground around the city, along with street restriping on newly paved Oregon Street, a project that has been substantially completed to West 16th Avenue.

Also related to streets and moisture, Rabe urges residents not to rake leaves beyond terraces and keep them off the roads for leaf collection to prevent stormwater from pushing debris into inlets and storm sewers. He said the city will avoid using skid steers for leaf collection that can cause damage to wet terraces, relying more on vacuum equipment.

School facilities study reviewed for next steps

A workshop presented to the Board of Education at its Oct. 10 meeting reviewed the 2017 OASD Facilities Study to update its findings and explain the school building assessment process and next steps for some of its 21 facilities.

Bray Associates Architects discussed some of the building case studies to identify school capacities, evaluate educational spaces, consider school configurations and explore solutions for needs identified in the studies. Community engagement options — a citizens committee, focus groups, public survey — also were discussed.

The district was praised for its overall building maintenance but most district buildings are continuing to show their age with 13 schools being more than 60 years old.

Additional information will be shared in coming weeks and months as district leaders continue to partner with Bray on the analysis.

Robbery suspect sought in Motel 6 incident

Oshkosh police are looking for a man wanted in connection with an armed robbery at a motel on South Washburn Street in the early-morning of Oct. 12.

Police said in a report that officers responded to a call that the unidentified male came into a room at the Motel 6 displaying a handgun and took an undisclosed amount of money. Upon further investigation, officers have identified Rasheed J. Giles, 36, as wanted in connection with the robbery and may be in possession of a firearm.

The Police Department's Criminal Investigation Division is investigating the incident. Anyone with information regarding the incident is encouraged to contact police at 920-236-5700.

Corrections

Oct. 10, Page 3: The headline for a story about proposals for Sawdust District development should have referred to land near the former Pioneer Inn site and not that specific location.

Oct. 10, Page 13: The photo caption from the Oshkosh West vs. North football game misidentified West quarterback Jake Ketter.

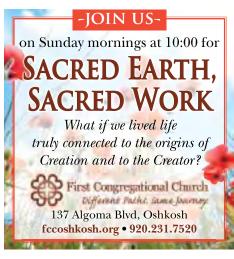




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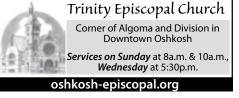
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Menominee Clans Story figures coming to museum

The Oshkosh Public Museum's Winnebago Room, installed in the late 1990s and featuring artifacts such as Native American tools, pioneer firearms, fire-fighting paraphernalia and military uniforms, has been closed to transform the space for an exhibit called the Menominee Clans Story.

Menominee traditional artist James Frechette's work has been on permanent display at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's museum but budget challenges had the school seeking a new home for the complete set of wood carvings.

Known as the Little Menominee in their depiction of diminutive spirit beings

described in sacred tribal legends, the intricately carved and painted figures are between 12 and 20 inches high. Frechette captured the cultural dimensions of the ancient clan system depicting dress, symbols, tools, colors, traditions and other details of the tribe's way of life.

There are 34 clans grouped into five brother divisions—Bear, Eagle, Wolf, Moose and Crane — that characterized Menominee society. The clans story depicts a figure for each clan along with the Menominee genesis figures, the Great Light-Colored Bear and the Golden Eagle.

Frechette's son and other members of the Clan Committee decided against

placement of the figures in the Menominee Nation's Keshena museum or elsewhere on the reservation due to unspecified issues.

Museum director Brad Larson said the Clans Committee expressed their approval of the museum's longstanding work in preserving and presenting Menominee culture and Oshkosh's strong connection with the Menominee people.

Film footage of Frechette carving and talking about each figure is being edited into a 30-minute video that would come with the figures and other related media.

"The Oshkosh Public Museum is honored to have been chosen as the holder of

these important Clans figures," said Larson. "Each figure and its associated implements were done with authenticity and imbued with meaning and spiritual power. Once completed this spring, visitors will not only admire the beauty and spirituality of the figures, but they will also learn about their responsibility to the Menominee people and the natural world they are intimately tied to."

The museum's People of the Waters exhibition, opened last year, showcases more than 1,000 artifacts that represent Wisconsin's prehistoric past and illustrates Native American culture that stretches back at least 13,000 years.

Menominee Park Zoo getting spooky

Trick-or-treat party Zooloween Boo is planned for Menominee Park Zoo from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The 16th annual park event is the largest fundraiser for the zoo and will feature costume contests, magic shows, clowns and live music. Merchants will provide trick-or-treat stations for children.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for chil-

dren ages 2 and older. Children up to age 1 get in free. Tickets can be purchased at the Parks Department at 805 Witzel Ave. or at the Oshkosh Festival Foods store. Proceeds go to support zoo programs and events.

Those interested in being a sponsor or volunteer for the event can contact Jenny McCollian at 232-5319 or jmccollian@ci.oshkosh.wi.us.

Titan Alumni Foundation created to support fundraising

A new fundraising entity has launched to bolster University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh efforts to provide scholarship support for the institution's more than 16,000 students.

The Titan Alumni Foundation and UW-Oshkosh have signed a memorandum of understanding, linking the two entities to raise much-needed financial support for the university, said UW-Oshkosh Chancellor Andrew Leavitt.

"I am personally moved and inspired by the selflessness and service the Titan Alumni Foundation leaders have exhibited to this university," Leavitt said.

The foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is a separate legal entity led by a volunteer board of directors that obtained tax-exempt status under the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

"Our goal with the Titan Alumni Foundation is to provide a solid, predictable vehicle for alumni and other friends of UW-Oshkosh to make donations in support of the institution," said 1986 alumnus Scott Barr of Appleton, who serves as president of the foundation's board of directors.

Barr said that the decision to become involved in the new foundation was personal.

"Any success that I've had to date is in large part because of the time I spent at UW-Oshkosh," said Barr, a business practice attorney at McCarty Law. "The university made an investment in me, and I owe something back."

Seventy-nine percent of UW-Oshkosh students who apply for financial aid receive it, indicating their need for assistance in paying for college.

FVTC events

Oct. 23: Local artist Jon Wos – Overcoming Life's Obstacles with Art, 11 a.m. and noon at Riverside Campus, Room 135

Oct. 24: Explore Starting a Business: A look inside at what it takes to launch a startup and small business. Go to fvtc. edu/smallbiz for details.

Speaker series with Catherine Fish on aeronautical decision-making and human factors, 10:30 a.m. at Spanbauer Aviation and Industrial Center, Room 104 **Oct. 31:** Motivation with Aaron and Brian, 11:30 a.m. at Riverside Campus, Room 135

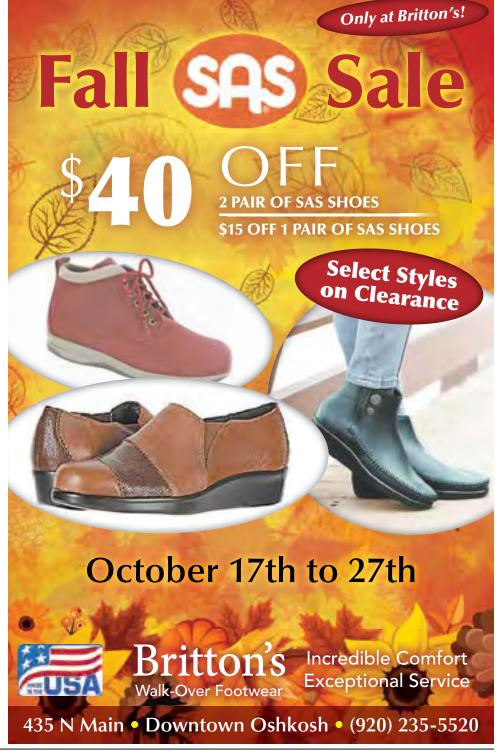
Nov. 12: Speaker series with Dr. Justine Shuey on dealing with rape and abuse culture, 11:30 a.m. at Riverside Campus, Room 135

Paint night: Relieve Stress and Create a Masterpiece, 6 p.m. at Riverside Campus Commons; \$20 registration at engelmah@fvtc.edu



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Portico and Living Stones: A match made in heaven?

By the Rev. Thomas C. Willadsen

Starting in early September, Portico and Living Stone churches have been sharing Sunday mornings and worship space. Portico begins its Sundays with coffee and fellowship in the cafe from 9 until 9:30, then worships until about 10:45. Portico has worshipped at the former Grace Chapel site, 302 Church St., for the past 12 years.

Living Stone Church is of more recent vintage; the congregation began worshipping in October 2017. Each Sunday, their worship begins at 11:15 and goes until about 12:30 p.m. Living Stone's coffee fel-

lowship time follows its service.



Both congregations are well served by a traditional worship space with modern amenities of projection, lighting and an excellent sound system. The cafe used by both congregations has the look and feel

of a downtown coffee shop.

Portico started in the now-closed Basic Bookstore on Koeller Street. Portico began as a church plant of Christ the Rock, a large nondenominational church in Menasha. In recent years it has planted churches in De Pere and Sheboygan.

Eric Leverance, pastor of Portico, began ministry as a youth pastor at Christ the Rock. He also served Christ the Rock's De Pere church plant as a worship leader before coming to Oshkosh to start Portico.

WHERE WE WORSHIP

A look at Oshkosh religious congregations

He began his career as a musician at Christ the Rock in De Pere, before serving Christ the Rock in Menasha for 12 years as youth minister.

Living Stone is a congregation in the Presbyterian Church in America. Josh Golackson moved to Oshkosh in 2016 after he and his family had worked as missionaries in China for Campus Crusade for Christ.

Both pastors have engaging personalities, which is apparent as they lead worship. Their sermons are well organized and easy to follow. Both speak at the front of the sanctuary with minimal notes.

The churches' worship styles are dramatically different. Portico begins worship with about 30 minutes of contemporary Christian music, provided by a seven-piece band. The shutters are closed and the lights are dimmed, giving the sanctuary the feel of a rock club. Before Pastor Eric's first sermon in his "All Things New" series, a brief video was projected showing preschoolers answering the question, "What will be in Heaven?" One little one said, "Cows that play with Jesus!"

Pastor Josh, who was leading worship for the 52nd Sunday the day I worshipped, has been preaching through the book of Genesis. After reading several verses and encouraging worshippers to read along, he would stop and explain what was happening. He included insights from the



PHOTO BY TOM WILLADSEN

Josh Golackson, shown with wife Lindsey and son Ryle, leads Living Stone, a congregation in the Presbyterian Church in America.

original Hebrew helpfully.

The most striking difference between the congregations is the number of children in worship. At Living Stone there were about 20 youngsters in the congregation of about 75. There are few little ones in Portico's worship because they offer Kids' Church for children from birth through fifth-graders downstairs, as they worship upstairs.

Both pastors feel called to serve their churches. Pastor Eric finds great satisfaction in studying to prepare his sermons and in seeing members taking "faith risks" as they try to discern God's intention for their lives. Pastor Josh enjoys building relationships with individuals and shepherding the congregation. He also enjoys walking beside people on their walk with Christ.

I always ask faith leaders to share something that might surprise the community at large. Leverance shared that he has performed original songs at open mic nights. He enjoys the creative side of making music and finds that his busy life as pastor and father does not allow much time for that these days.

After five of my church profiles for the Herald, Josh Golackson has the most surprising fact among the pastors I've interviewed. He told me, "I have a beer named after me in China." Shortly after Josh started home brewing on the balcony porch of his seventh-floor apartment in China, he taught a neighbor how to brew beer.

Now that man, who named a beer after Josh, owns two microbreweries.

Both Portico and Living Stone are warm, inviting and dynamic congregations. They welcome everyone to "come as you are" to worship. Their partnership in sharing a building is a mutual blessing.

Tom Willadsen is a minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and author of "OMG! LOL! Faith and Laughter," Gemma Open Door, 2012. He finds humor everywhere he goes.

Mailings

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municipal clerk.

Some of the mailers have wrong address information for the clerk. One Dane County voter received a mailer for another voter with a similar name who lives in Sauk County, with instructions to send it to the wrong place.

The back of the application also contains confusing information about the deadline to request an absentee ballot. The deadline for the clerk to receive a mailed-in absentee ballot request is 5 p.m. Nov. 1. The deadline to vote absentee in the clerk's office varies by municipality.

"This is my personal belief — but I believe it is also shared by Leagues across the state — that the assumption is that this is to suppress half the voting to influence the election," Davey said.

"It's always misdirection and suppression, I would think."

Nathan Charais, a field sales representative for the U.S. Postal Service in Oshkosh, said that groups can be ethically suspect in their messages while still being within the boundaries of what the USPS requires to approve distribution.

"What they're doing is they're trying to create a mail piece that manipulates how people view it and what they see, and try to get a return out of it," he said. "But if it's not directly identifying or representing itself as a government entity or as a postal service or as the town or city of Oshkosh, that's their marketing angle.

"Ethically is it correct? No, but legally as long as it's not impersonating somebody else without their permission it's kind of one of those areas where we as the Postal Service can't say no you can or cannot do that"

Charais said mailings that directly misrepresent being a government entity or acting on behalf of the government should be brought to the attention of the post office for inspection or to elections bureaus on the state or federal levels.

It is legal for groups to send out registration forms and absentee ballot request forms to encourage voting, Wolfe said, but the commission advises voters to examine these mailers carefully, especially the instructions on where to send forms or applications.

"If you are not sure everything is correct, contact your municipal clerk's office or visit our MyVote.WI.gov website," Wolfe said, where residents can register, check their status and send a request to vote absentee by mail.

Voters who are in the military or overseas, or indefinitely confined to their homes due to age, disability, infirmity or illness may request absentee ballots by 5 p.m. the Friday before the election.

In Oshkosh, the city clerk's office is issuing and accepting early ballots from 8 a.m.

to 4:30 p.m. weekdays through Nov. 1.

Early voters in the city also gained extra hours — from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 27 — at city hall after Councilman Jake Krause made the request. The Oshkosh Examiner reported Krause had noted cities like Madison and Milwaukee had expanded voting times with Saturday hours and thought Oshkosh should do the same.

All absentee ballots must arrive in the municipal clerk's office before the polls close at 8 p.m. Election Day. It does not matter when a mailed absentee ballot is postmarked.

Voter registration and absentee voting mailers often contain political messages, leading some people to mistakenly believe the mailers are coming from their municipal clerk or the Wisconsin Elections Commission

"The WEC and Wisconsin's municipal clerks would never send out partisan political mailings," Wolfe said.



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Digital Citizenship Week features cyber crime talk

The Oshkosh Area School District is recognizing Digital Citizenship Week with schools taking part in activities to model and promote positive digital citizenship. Teachers and technology staff are leading daily lessons on being respectful, responsible and safe online.

The weeklong effort concludes with a presentation by a crime analyst with the Oshkosh Police Department called Cyber Crime and Social Media Trends at 5:30 p.m. Friday at the Oshkosh North High School Auditorium.

Tori Heidemann leads the program on social media trends, protection tips, parent/child friendly applications and information on current cyber crimes nationally and in Oshkosh.

Parents, guardians and staff members are invited and encouraged to attend the free session with no registration required.

"I often get asked, 'Who does this presentation apply to?' My answer is simple: Everyone who has a child that has access to the Internet, regardless of their age, should be educated in online safety," said Heidemann.

"It's easy to say that the worldwide web has transformed our lives and in 2018 there truly isn't much that isn't within our reach. We can order goods online with the click of a button, or a swipe of a screen, we can meet people from across the globe and talk to them in real time over video, we can learn new languages, attend school and find work all from the comfort of our own homes.

"With all these amazing abilities though comes the darker side to the web and that is the crime associated with the Internet."

The initiative is sponsored by the OASD Library Media Services.

Back in the Day Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society All they were Timm, opera Beer stand a Main Street, a sign claimi Fun!" was st day. Mrs. Tir

Oct. 1, 1968

Sign lifted from local diner:

Perhaps a wife took it to make a particular point to an ungallant husband, but the local sheriff's

department doesn't know that. All they were told by Mrs. Edward Timm, operator of the A&W Root Beer stand at 24th and South Main Street, Oshkosh, was that a sign claiming "Eating Out Is Fun!" was stolen Sunday or Monday. Mrs. Timm told deputies the 3-by-4-foot sign was at the drive-in, now closed for the season, on Sunday night. The next evening it wasn't. The incident was reported at 7:55 p.m. Monday.

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Food, beer pairing dinner organized by Rotary

The Perfect Pair: A Beer & Food Experience will be presented Nov. 1 by the Rotary Club of Oshkosh Southwest.

The pairing event features chefs Bob "Wolfie" Wolf and Elliott Boushele of The Roxy with five food courses paired with five craft beers supplied by Lee Beverage and New Glarus Brewery.

Doors will open at Brighton Acres, 4057 Fisk Ave, at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6:30. The cost is \$400 for a table of eight, \$110 per couple or \$60 per person.

Proceeds will help fund scholarships for area children. Contact Lori Davis at events@oshkoshrotarysouthwest.com for more information or to register.

Business notes

To accommodate growing demand in the vehicle wrap market, **Image 360 Inc.** is expanding its facility. The 1,600-square-foot expansion will be a climate-controlled environment allowing the company to install full vehicle wraps in a heated building. The expansion will be attached north of the existing building. The company has been renting off-site space for installations, and the new facility will allow Image 360 to install graphics on-site.

The Cafe has recently opened in The Howard's entertainment event facility at 405 Washington Ave. offering locally sourced foods and refreshments from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

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Woman's monster pumpkins a growing hobby

By Dan Roherty OSHKOSH HERALD

Among the bountiful fall harvests, pumpkins stand out for their size. Within that category of squash are gargantuan examples that don't know when to stop growing with the right amount of special

Deb Gantner started growing pumpkins about 15 years ago in a backyard farm field, and for the last 12 with her partner Chuck Hunter on their farm off State 44 near Oshkosh, and they keep getting big-

This year's 2,152-pound beauty was her largest yet and topped all others at the Nekoosa Giant Pumpkin Fest earlier this month that Gantner frequents and considers "the mother of all weigh-offs."

Those submitting their best and biggest with the help of the Wisconsin Giant Pumpkin Growers association are allowed one-time weigh-ins around the state and results are passed on to BigPumpkins.com for national comparison.

Wisconsin Giant Pumpkin Growers is a social organization that teaches and shares growing information for a variety of giant fruits and vegetables in the state while promoting weigh-off contests. Every spring new members get help starting out as Gantner and others hold seminars where seeds and advice are handed out to pass along some green-thumb success.

Gantner's entry, which she calls "Petunia" was ranked sixth biggest anywhere at the time it was recorded on BigPumpkins though she expects some more monsters to come in before the season is over.

"Every year they keep getting bigger and bigger," Gantner said.



Some of Deb Gantner's impressive harvest is on display at the Hunter farm on State 44, including enormous pumpkins and two watermelons that are each more than 200 pounds.

She said Petunia was the biggest she produced since a 1,626-pounder four years ago. Her other two impressive creations this year, called Betty and Pretty Girl, came in at 1,118 and 1,567.

She and Hunter do their own hand pollinating and cross-pollinating that helps them develop the dynamic seeds that are carried over each year while focusing on a true orange color that can be elusive at those sizes.

"There are not too many pumpkins that size with true orange skin," she said, noting other varieties such as Atlantic giants that are mostly white or orange with a green, rust-colored skin.

"It is the genetics in the seed that makes them big," Gantner said. "And you have to have super soil condition. It's nothing to do with Miracle-Gro. We use a lot of fish emulsions and seaweed, worm compost — that type of stuff."

Manure is not among the natural fertilizers Gantner uses because of the weeds it also generates that she said would need to be hand-pulled around the growing bed area without packing the soil.

Gantner and Hunter welcome visitors to see the three pumpkins and a couple of 200-pound watermelons on display near the road for photo opportunities until Halloween.

Cupcakes featured in event at FVTC

The seventh annual Frosting for Flight Cupcake Competition and bake sale, sponsored by the Oshkosh Women in Aviation Chapter, is looking for bakers for the Oct. 27 event at Fox Valley Technical College's S.J. Spanbauer Center.

Proceeds support the chapter's Spirit of Flight scholarship fund that offers a \$500 flight training scholarship to women. The cost to enter the competition is \$5 per person or \$10 for a team. Judging is based on taste, appearance and theme.

Contestants are encouraged to carry out a cupcake theme through costume/ dress and table decorations. Prizes will be awarded to the top three contestants. Three local celebrity judges will taste-test all the cupcakes and there is a prize for the crowd's favorite.

Details are available from Linda Grady at 262-501-9362 or LJGrady5@yahoo. com, or Rose Dorcey at 920-279-6029 or rose.dorcey@gmail.com. The competition from 1 to 3 p.m. is open to the public and cupcakes are sold for \$1 each or six for \$5.

Geology Department at UWO sets open house

An open house at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh's Harrington Hall from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday will feature the school's geology program with a scavenger hunt throughout the department. Those who answer all questions correctly walk away with a rock souvenir and are entered into

Guided tours will be given at 5 and 6 p.m. with faculty and geo-majors available to answer questions.





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Career skills

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into a manufacturing environment," said Kelsey Waldschmidt, human resources generalist with Oshkosh Defense. "The classroom we've developed is actually in the middle of one of our facilities and is set up to allow both group work and individual work."

Students have started in entry-level positions, and during the year will rotate through various jobs at four different plants to gain well-rounded experience.

"Every student will get a different experience in each of the buildings," Peterson said. "They will work full time over the summer at Oshkosh Defense and next fall when they're seniors, they'll come back and complete the rest of their coursework while working again four hours a day. And they'll graduate with their classmates in June of 2020."

Peterson went on to say that at the end of the two years, students will receive a manufacturing skills standard certificate.

"So they'll be skilled and ready to work at Oshkosh Corp. in some capacity, however are not guaranteed a job as no one knows for sure what the company's hiring ability will be in two years," she said.

In the event positions are not available, the skills students are learning are transferrable to other manufacturing fields. Peterson said some students may decide at the end of the two years that they want to go in a different career direction. Whether they go on to become employees at Oshkosh Corp., another manufacturing company or pursue a different field altogether,

Indie folk band to play at Grand

Since they last played The Grand, the Hunts have grown up, branched out and made a name for themselves as an indie folk band. Ten years later they will return to its stage Friday night.

The seven brothers and sisters from Chesapeake, Va., grew up in a musical home and fell in love with composing their own music. As small children, the Hunts played The Grand fronted by their parents, known as the Hunt Family Fiddlers.

They have opened for bands such as The Fray, X-Ambassadors, Judah and the Lion, and O.A.R., and have appeared at worldclass music festivals and stages including Austin City Limits, Red Rocks, Firefly and Summerfest.

The Hunts' performance is sponsored by The Howard. The show begins at 7:30 p.m., and tickets start at \$25.

they have learned how to work as a part of a team, and have developed a strong work ethic, something many employers find

Later in the 2018-19 school year, Fox Valley Technical College will also become part of the program, working with students as juniors and continuing into their senior year.

While this type of partnership and program is a first for Oshkosh Corp. it's not the first time they have worked with local

"We've had apprenticeship programs over the years, and done other things like Career Day events, where students were welcomed in to explore different functional areas so they could get a taste of what they might be interested in as they get older," said Katie Hoxtell, marketing manager for global branding and communications at Oshkosh Corp. "We can then position them for activities that help support those





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careers, whether it's manufacturing or engineering, marketing, human resources whatever it may be.

"We do a lot of different things throughout the year with all ages, from elementary on up to high school students, trying to get them engaged. And many of our team members are active in Junior Achievement so they're in classrooms regularly year after year. We're passionate about developing youth in the Fox Valley area."

The district will begin seeking students next spring who will be juniors in the 2019-20 school year and on track to graduate.

"Students have to be in good standing because it's not a credit recovery program," Peterson said. "Students cannot be credit-deficient; they can't have attendance problems; they need to be that normal everyday kid who might have some interest in a different kind of learning experience, or in on-the-job training that has

a manufacturing focus."

A special ceremony Aug. 15 at FVTC's Riverside Campus kicked off the program and recognized participating students. Students signed a commitment to participate, officially entering the two-year program.

It is hoped the students will be ambassadors for the experience and employability skills they will receive. District Superintendent Vickie Cartwright expressed those hopes for the program.

"The Oshkosh Area School District is committed to providing real-world, hands-on learning experiences to ensure that all students are college, career and community ready," she said. "We are so proud of these 11 high school juniors who have decided to make the most of their educational experience, and we are excited to see them excel in the classroom, in their education, in the workplace, and in the community."

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Annual Events/Fundraisers:

The OACP will be holding VIP events throughout the year which include tours, meeting the Board and staff members, and learning more about the food security challenges in the southern Winnebago area. If interested in learning more contact Terri Green at 920-642-0959.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers are vital to the success of the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry. There are opportunities to stock food, register clients and clean. We also welcome volunteers interested in longer term commitments such as becoming a part of our nutrition team. This group supports access to healthy food, works with the growing machine, and helps to educate registered clients about food options that support their overall health.



Anyone is welcome to visit the OACP. Stop in for a tour, and learn more about what the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry has to offer.

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Thursday, Oct. 18

Aviation Adventure Speaker Series: Jerry McLaughlin, 7 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum, 3000 Poberezny Road

Friday, Oct. 19

German Beer Dinner, 6 p.m., Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel

The Hunts, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

Comedy Improv Show, 9 p.m., Backlot Comedy House, 424 N. Main St.

Saturday, Oct. 20

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

Square Fare, 8 a.m., Opera House Square, downtown

Zooloween Boo, 11 a.m., Menominee Park Zoo, 520 Pratt Trail

UW-Oshkosh Homecoming football

game vs. UW-La Crosse, 1:30 p.m., Titan Stadium

Bare Bones Bonfire, 6 p.m., Bare Bones Brewery, 4362 County S

Oshkosh Chamber Singers, 7:30 p.m., First Congregational Church, 137 Algoma Blvd.

Separate Ways, 7:30 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

Comedy Improv Show, 9 p.m., Backlot Comedy House, 424 N. Main St.

Time Community Theater, "Monster House," 7 p.m.

Craft and Vendor Fair, 9 a.m., Carl Traeger School, 3000 W. 20th Ave.

Sunday, Oct. 21

Chemistry is Out of This World, 2 p.m., Oshkosh Public Library

Shawn Colvin, 7 p.m., The Howard,

405 Washington Ave., Oshkosh.

Zooloween Boo, 11 a.m., Menominee Park Zoo, 520 Pratt Trail

Wednesday, Oct. 24

Downtown Trick-or-Treating, 4 p.m. Spirits of the Grand, 7, 8 and 9 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

Thursday, Oct. 25

Dark Stacks: Evening with the Brothers Grimm, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Public Library Spirits of the Grand, 7, 8 and 9 p.m.,

The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

Tony Jackson, 7 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

Friday, Oct. 26

Northeast Wisconsin Gameapalooza, 3 p.m., UW-Oshkosh Reeve Memorial Union

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Saturday, Oct. 27

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

Sunnyview Cyclocross, 8 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Northeast Wisconsin Gameapalooza, 9 a.m., UW Oshkosh Reeve Memorial Union

Halloween Party for Kids and Pups, 1 p.m., Caramel Crisp and Cafe, 200 D City Center

Frosting for Flight Cupcake Competition and Sale, 1 p.m., FVTC Spanbauer Aviation Center

Dark Stacks: Evening with the Brothers Grimm, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Public Library

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Comedy Improv Show, 9 p.m., Backlot Comedy House, 424 N. Main St.

Time Community Theater, "Trick 'r Treat," 7 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 28

Northeast Wisconsin Gameapalooza, 9 a.m., UW Oshkosh Reeve Memorial Union

City budget

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ed to be \$9,687,800, an increase of \$9,400, or 0.1 percent.

"Because this is the city's second largest revenue source, as this revenue remains stagnant, the city must rely on local sources, specifically the property tax, to make up for the continued losses in state aid," Rohloff said in his report. "This is a trend that has gone on for the last 20 years and continues to challenge us to balance our annual budgets."

The budget proposes increases of \$1,843,300 that can be attributed to public

safety personnel costs (\$565,000), debt service (\$560,000) for non-utility capital projects, public works (\$225,000) for commodities such as fuel and road salt, levy supported departments such as GO Transit, public library and public museum (\$250,000) due to declining revenues, and other department costs (\$250,000), some of which support other departments for items such as liability and workers compensation insurance and retirement payouts.

The proposed expenditures represent a 2.5 percent increase over 2018. The debt service cost represents a priority of the city's strategic plan to better manage its debt through paying off extra principal to its debt service.

Police join fundraiser for service dogs

Employees of the Oshkosh Police Department are participating in a fundraising event for Journey Together Service Dog, a charitable organization based in Oshkosh.

Through Nov. 30, male employees who donate \$50 can grow facial hair, female officers will be allowed to wear their hair past the collar of their uniform shirts, and plainclothes officers and civilian staff can dress casually on Thursdays and Fridays.

Journey Together Service Dog is a nonprofit group that provides trained service dogs to people diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder. Dogs are placed at no charge with qualified residents.

The service dogs reside at the Oshkosh Correctional Institution and inmates apply to provide training and care. Community volunteers provide instruction with inmates and take the dogs out of the prison to provide experiences not possible in a correctional facility. This partnership decreases the cost of training service dogs while increasing the number that can be trained and placed in the community.









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Knights earn share of Trailways title, playoffs

By Charleigh Reinardy HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Lourdes Academy football team not only picked up a win against Deerfield on Thursday night, 54-6, but wrapped up a Trailways Conference title - the third time in school history.

"A conference title has been on our minds since day one of practice," senior Colton Clark said. "Anybody on this team would give up anything to be able to say they've been a part of a conference championship team."

"We lost to Deerfield last year in overtime, so (we) needed to focus on them and not to look past them to secure the conference title," senior Cam Kelly added.

The Knights share the title with Fall River and Johnson Creek, who all finished 6-1 in the Trailways Small.

The Knights took to the field in cold conditions on senior night, looking to accomplish a goal set before the season started.

"We prepared like any other game during the season; we just needed to focus on this game and not the playoffs," said senior Carter Wesenberg. "We can't take any

"Winning a conference title checked off one of the many goals that the seniors and I had set during the offseason. We just put the time and effort in the offseason, weight room numbers were some of the best I have seen personally and just the whole team trying to get better at the little things like blocking assignments, footwork or route running."

The Knights played an aggressive first half with six touchdowns from seniors Benny Huizenga, Colton Proud and Trevor Bengson, juniors Kaden Chier and Reid



Lourdes defenders gang-tackle a Deerfield runner in their Thursday night victory at Titan Stadium.

only touchdown of the night.

Spanbauer, and sophomore Tim Kaull. "I think we've been doing very good on Spanbauer scored on an interception that offense these past few weeks, offensively was followed by another pick by freshman both running and passing the ball," senior "It's cool to see how far our program has Hayden Jones said. "We need to keep that come," senior Jack Dolan said. "Our seup to keep winning games."

> The game was called after a frigid three quarters.

> "Winning a conference title our senior year is such a good feeling," Lippert said. "We've worked so hard every single week to get here, and the only thing we aren't prepared to do is to back down."

The Knights are a five seed in the WIAA Division 6 playoffs and will head on the road Friday night to play at No. 4 Markesan.

"Markesan is a good team and we definitely need to be focused and prepared for the game," Huizenga said. "Everyone in our locker room knows we have the pieces to make a big run into November, and we're excited to get to work."

"I think we've really just been trying to improve every week and continue to come together to do our jobs," Bengson added. "We need to do the same thing this week."

Titans have big fourth quarter to stop UW-Platteville

The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh football team only led 10-0 going into the fourth quarter but scored 21 points in the final 15 minutes to help pull away from UW-Platteville for a 31-10 win in a Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Con-

Thomas Derleth.

conference champions."

The scoring barrage in the fourth quar-

ference game Saturday.

niors started their high school career at (a

record of) 2-7 and finished (this year as)

The Knights had a 44-0 halftime lead

and quickly scored in the third quarter

with a touchdown from senior Max Lip-

pert. The Demons answered with their

Ambassadors compete in Las Vegas but ended in defeat to the Tulsa Cougars, The Oshkosh Ambassador 60+ team re-

turned from Las Vegas after a competitive tournament effort there. Although unable to retain its title, the Ambassadors had several tight battles against highly ranked

They faced the Silver Kamikaze from Los Angeles, a top team from the West, in their first game that went to extra innings before a walk-off three-run home run by Craig Mittelstaedt of the Ambassadors.

Their second game was also hard fought

18-15. In their third game they faced the highly regarded Denver Scrap Iron. Timely hits from Greg Kargus and Bob Amundson led to a 19-17 victory for Oshkosh.

Oshkosh was eventually eliminated after two close contests to CJ Express from Arizona and the Utah Jazz 66, 22-20 and 17-15, respectively.

Scott Benash was named team MVP with a .923 batting average. The team next plays in Phoenix in mid-November.

ter started when Platteville connected on a 20-yard field goal to finally get on the board, making it a 10-3 game. But the Titans would respond quickly and often.

Just 30 seconds later, Dom Todarella scored on a 54-yard touchdown run to make it 17-3 with 12 minutes left in the game and then less than a minute later as Taylor Ripplinger grabbed a fumble and brought it in for a touchdown from 34 yards out to make it 24-3.

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The Titans would strike six minutes later for the final time when Mitch Gerhartz capped off a seven-play, 75-yard touchdown drive on a 2-yard run to make it 31-3.

Platteville scored its lone touchdown with two seconds left on a 6-yard run.

Gerhartz led Titan rushers with 78 yards on 19 carries while Todarella had 75 yards on just four carries. Radavich was 19-for-28 for 174 yards and a touchdown while Todarella caught seven passes for 71 yards.









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Wildcats fall short of upsetting Neenah, 10-7

By Alex Wolf
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Oshkosh West football team nearly pulled off a big upset Friday night in a 10-7 loss to Neenah, who is second in the Valley Football Association South with a 7-1 mark behind top-ranked Fond du Lac.

West had a 7-3 lead going into the fourth quarter but Neenah got a 3-yard touchdown pass from Sam Dietrich to Reece Heyerdahl to give the Rockets their lone lead on the night, which ended up being the difference.

West jumped out 7-0 in the second quarter when Jake Ketter found Colton Sandstrom for a 24-yard touchdown. Neenah finally got on the board in the third quarter when Jack VanDyke hit a 30-yard field goal.

Ketter was 16 of 34 for 167 yards passing for West while Nate Carlin led runners with 40 yards on four carries. Sandstrom caught seven balls for 86 yards for the Wildcats.

West ended its season with a 2-7 record



PHOTO BY EMIL VAJGRT

West runner Nate Carlin takes on a Rockets defender in Friday night's game at Titan Stadium.

North ends season with loss against Hortonville

By Brad Hartmann
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

When asked what word would describe the 2018, 0-9 Oshkosh North football season, Spartans three-sport athlete Travon Lee would say "crazy."

"We have had a lot of ups and downs. We all came together as a team and played as hard as a team," said Lee. "It's having that mental toughness and fighting back. I'm also a wrestler and I am used to it. You just have to keep fighting until it's over. My motto is play as hard as you can every time you get a chance to and understand that there are other people below you and that you can do anything in any circumstance."

The Spartans ended their 2018 campaign celebrating homecoming but falling to Valley Football Association South conference foe Hortonville 48-6 Friday evening at Titan Stadium.

"High school football is more than winning or losing. It's about creating quality young men for your community and I think we did that. Our senior class was amazing, said Spartans coach Juston Wara. "The opportunities are always going to be there. It's a football game. It's going to come down to one on ones and that's what this game is all about. We got to find our W's and take advantage of it."

On a cold and blustery night the Polar Bears (6-3) used its first possession to their advantage grabbing an early 7-0 lead on a 10-play, 62 yard drive as Dylan Schmidt rushed up the middle and cut right for a 18-yard touchdown run. On their second possession on a 3rd and 10 from the Spartan 40, Kyle Allen was trying to connect with his running back but off a tipped pass Braden Christie came away with his first interception of the season, returning it to the Polar Bear 30 yard line. North wasn't able to take advantage of the field position to come away with points.

On the Spartans' third possession Wara decided it was the right time to insert former starting quarterback Alex Garland into the game as he missed the last five games due to a deep thigh bruise against Wisconsin Rapids in week 3, but was pulled after suffering an abdomen problem.

Last season against the Spartans, Po-

lar Bears running back Jose Concepcion rushed 11 times for 155 yards and three touchdowns. This game he had 27 rushes for 163 yards and three touchdowns, two from 2 yards out and one for 20.

"North played a lot harder. They are a new team," said Concepcion. "The short ones are a little bit easier. You are pretty much guaranteed to get in as long as your lineman are willing to work with you. The longer run was just me breaking tackles and doing more work for it as I keep my legs pumping. I don't stop.

Trailing 28-0 with 3:49 remaining in the first half the Spartans offense showed some life starting at its own 14-yard line with an 11-play drive led by quarterback Aittipon Thao, who showed why he is one of the best mobile quarterbacks in the conference. Thao scrambled for two first downs to the Spartan 43-yard line and gained 39-yards on the drive from the ground that would eventually end on a punt.

Inside the locker room at halftime Wara designed a play that on the Spartans second possession of the second half they

used as Thao found a wide-open Christie for a 35-yard touchdown as they cut the deficit to 34-6.

Thao would throw his second interception of the game that Chase Hughes returned 71 yards to close out the scoring.

The North season may not look like a success on paper, but the team was able to score more points (60) and hold its opponents to fewer points (380) compared with 2017's numbers of 42 and 452.

"It was better than last year. We were expecting less than what hit us," said Spartans right tackle Ian Leafgren. "We were all hyped for the first team thinking we could beat them, but they beat us and put us back a bit, myself included. I think especially these last couple of games that fire was lit inside of us, especially the seniors because we knew we had a couple more games left in our entire lives. I have been playing football for 12 years."

Thao would finish with 6 of 20 passing for 77 yards. On the ground he rushed 17 times for 57 yards while Dion Stulo had 13 carries for 53 yards. Christie caught four passes for 50 yards and a touchdown.







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Arena basketball league forming for Nov. 6 start

Registrations are being taken for the new Menominee Nation Arena fall basketball league. The league will play a seven-game schedule Mondays and Tuesdays starting Nov. 6 and will culminate in playoffs to determine the league champion.

The Monday league will be for semi-pro level players while the Tuesday league is recreational. Registration forms are available at menomineenationarena.com.

Boys & Girls Club alumni group is selling pizzas

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh's Alumni Association is taking orders for a variety of homemade Lone Elm pizzas for \$6 each through Oct. 24 by contacting director of member service Debbie Henschel at debbieh@bgcosh.org or 920-233-1414, ext. 110.

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Prep sports roundup

BOYS SOCCER

Knights shut out in finale

The Lourdes boys soccer team was blanked in its regular-season finale on Saturday, falling 2-0 to Waupun.

Waupun got goals from Brayden Sanders and Colton Nowicki.

Lourdes hosts Kiel at 7 p.m. Thursday at Titan Stadium in the WIAA Division 4 bracket for regional playoffs.

Neenah blanks North

The Oshkosh North boys soccer team was blown out on the road last Thursday, falling 7-0 against Neenah – who is 18-2 on the season.

The Spartans trailed 2-0 at the break, but the Rockets added five goals in the second

Thomas Priest had a hat-trick for Neenah.

The Spartans earned the No. 6 seed in the WIAA Division 2 Tournament and will host No. 11 Slinger on Tuesday. Results were not available before deadline.

West beats Hortonville

The Oshkosh West boys soccer team shutout Hortonville last Thursday, winning 1-0.

The Wildcats earned the No. 5 seed in the WIAA Division1 Tournament and hosted No. 12 Milwaukee King this Tuesday after print deadline.

VOLLEYBALL

Lourdes 2-0 in triangular

The Lourdes volleyball team went 2-0

in the Luxemburg-Casco Triangular on Saturday, beating Bay Port 3-2 (22-25, 25-23, 25-19, 17-25, 15-8) and Luxemburg-Cacso 3-2 (29-27, 17-25, 25-21, 20-25, 15-13).

The Knights got 33 kills overall from Rachel Aasby while Morgan Thiel had 62 digs. Claire Chier led the Knights with 49 assists.

The Knights, who earned the No. 2 seed in the WIAA Division 3 Tournament, hosted Winnebago Lutheran on Tuesday but results weren't available before deadline.

If the Knights advance, they will host either No. 7 Oostburg or No. 10 Kewaunee on Thursday night at 7 p.m. Winner of that game would play Saturday again.

Rockets blank Spartans

The Oshkosh North volleyball team was swept 3-0 last Thursday, falling 25-10, 25-14 and 25-20 against Neenah in a Fox Valley Association matchup.

Alisa Lee led North with 12 digs while Sydney Foote had 14 assists. Heidi Colburn and Mollie Bittner combined for 10 kills in the loss for the Spartans.

The Spartans earned the No. 13 seed in the WIAA Division 1 Tournament and will travel to face No. 4 Slinger on Thursday night. The winner will face No. 5 Manitowoc Lincoln or No. 12 Hartford on Saturday.

Hortonville tops West

Oshkosh West fell 3-0 to Hortonville last Thursday in a Fox Valley Association matchup played in Oshkosh.

The Wildcats were blown out 25-10 in

the first set but lost a close 25-21 and 25-22 second and third set.

Eva Beeth led the Wildcats with 15 digs while Morgan Yenter had six kills and nine assists.

Callista Rochon-Baker had 12 digs while Natalie Johanknecht led the way with four blocks.

The Wildcats earned the No. 9 seed in the WIAA Division 1 Tournament and will travel to West Bend to face West Bend West – who got the 8 seed –at 7 p.m. Thursday.

The winner will face top-seeded Watertown on Saturday.

GIRLS SWIMMING

West fourth at its invite

The Oshkosh West girls swimming team hosted an invitational on Saturday and the Wildcats finished fourth out of eight teams after putting up 335 points.

Oshkosh North/Lourdes was sixth with 229.50 while Neenah won the invite with 622.50 points and Appleton North was second with 529.50 points.

Placing second for West in the 50 backstroke was Melana Zeinert, who finished in 29.99 seconds.

GIRLS TENNIS

Day falls in state opener

Oshkosh North's Courtney Day lost her opening match at the WIAA Division 1 State Tournament on Thursday, falling 6-1, 6-1 to Wilmot's Bianca Anderson.

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Oshkosh North sophomore Jack Scherer competes in Friday's FVA conference meet at New London.

North runner third in FVA

Oshkosh North sophomore Jack Scherer took third place in Friday's Fox Valley Association cross-country conference meet at Shamrock Heights in New London.

Scherer finished with a time of 16:21.26 behind seniors Rowen Ellenberg of Kimberly High School (15:36.13) and Matt Meineke of Neenah High School (15:40.07). The North team placed ninth.

The top finisher for Oshkosh West was John Thill, who placed 18th with a time of 17:24.46, while his team placed seventh.

The West girls team placed eighth in their conference meet with freshmen Taylor Guido ninth and Bailey Wright 11th overall. Sydney Clark was top North finisher at 27th.





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