Jail space alternative promoted

DA's office proposes diversion initiative

By Bethanie Gengler

A Justice Support Services proposal developed by the district attorney's office as an alternative to an $18.1 million jail expansion was added to the Winnebago County budget Wednesday.

District Attorney Christian Gossett proposed the Justice Services initiative in April and again at the Oct. 15 County Board meeting. His office is requesting $206,722 in funding to remodel existing space on the first floor of the Orrin King administration building in Oshkosh and to cover a year's worth of operating expenses.

The program is a partnership between various community agencies and would work as a diversion program for low-level offenders. It would allow the District Attorney's office to provide mental health and AODA assessments and employment services.

Spirited history

Guests at one of last weekend's Spirits of the Grand tours hear about the history both real and imagined at the 136-year-old Oshkosh opera house. Historic characters were brought to life center-stage and also in an interactive guided tour of the opulent theater designed by noted architect William Waters.

AxleTech celebrates a century here

Planetary axle pioneer pivots with changes

By Dan Roherty

AxleTech/Meritor is marking a century as an iconic Oshkosh manufacturer that has rolled with technology and acquisitions from its original 1005 High Ave. location.

The global manufacturer and supplier of axles, brakes and parts for commercial, military and off-highway vehicles is celebrating its local origins while transitioning into new ownership after Meritor repurchased the company in late July.

Company leaders are taking the time in the midst of the Meritor transition to look back and recognize the generations of employees who have been the driving force behind the planetary axle pioneer's longevity in transportation manufacturing.

A Nov. 16 open house for employee families, retirees, Meritor leadership and customers will be part of that recognition.

"I think what the team is trying to do is reconnect in some cases and make new past and the current to come together and create an opportunity for those from the past, current and future to come together and reconnect in some cases and make new connections," site manager Mike Koester said. "It's always about the people.

"There's going to be 90 percent storytelling and 10 percent people looking at what's going on in the shop."

Willard "Colonel" Rockwell bought the wagon wheel company Wisconsin Parts in 1919 and created Wisconsin Custom Built Axles in the middle of the city's extensive wood products industry. Development of an evolutionary axle design patented in 1919 and created Wisconsin Custom Built Axles in the middle of the city's extensive wood products industry. Development of an evolutionary axle design patented in 1919 and created Wisconsin Custom Built Axles in the middle of the city's extensive wood products industry.

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Rockwell International acquired the company in 1953. Meritor purchased it in 1997 and sold it to AxleTech International in 2002 before buying it back this year.

"The Rockwell family that started it, they lived here at one time," said Jim Sanderbauf, a former AxleTech executive who

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Housing projects seek TIF help

By Tom Ekvall
Herald contributor

The Common Council heard two presentations for development of housing projects Oct. 22 that would eventually require approval of tax increment financing (TIF) districts to make the projects happen. No actions were taken on either project.

The first proposal is for Morgan Crossing Phase II in the Marion District that would involve an apartment complex with 66 units and underground parking. Peter Jungbacker spoke on behalf of the project and said the property is situated on a former Universal Foundry site and would generate between $7 million and $8.5 million in value once the project is completed. He also described previous housing and retail development projects his firm has completed in the city.

Jungbacker said the prices for units would be less than the standard rates in the state, with one-bedroom units project ed at $900 and above and two-bedroom units at $1,300. He said the project could be started in 2020 if the council approves a TIF designation in the future and the state also awards a Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA) designation.

The other housing proposal was presented by Timothy Hess with Invista Analytics for redevelopment of the former St. Francis Cabrini School into senior citizen housing that would be developed by Northpointe.

Hess said the school, adjacent to St. Mary Catholic Church, would include 35 low-income housing units for senior citizens, ages 55 and up, using an application to the state government for WHEDA funds along with creation of a TIF project for the proposal.

The building would have 35 units, of which 24 would be one-bedroom and 11 would be two-bedroom units. The developers would sell ownership of the project to investors as part of the WHEDA plan. A full proposal would be presented to the council in January with an application to the state for WHEDA funds to follow Jan. 15. If there is no WHEDA award, Hess was uncertain what would happen to the housing project.

The council also heard presentations from two residents dealing with speeding in the city and the need for anti-vaping measures.

One woman spoke to say that more education and traffic enforcement is needed to deal with people speeding through the city. She said while driving the 25 mph speed limit on a local street, one person behind her tried to make her go faster using headlights. The woman said some motorists get angry if one is just going the speed limit, adding that roundabouts are another sore spot for speeding.

Council members also discussed updating the city’s strategic plan next year, eyeing the possibility of a first-quarter completion date so that it would be ready by the time city departments put together their budget requests.
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Lakeshore site dig yields 20,000 artifacts

By Miles Maguire
Herald contributor

The remains of eight Native Americans, believed to have been buried at least 800 years ago, have been recovered from the shores that ring Lake Butte des Morts. Haas, who is a senior archaeologist at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Cultural Resource Management and who served as principal investigator on the excavation. Many of these are “very small pieces of chipped stone tool refuse, animal bone fragments and charred plant material,” she said. But some could be up to 3,000 years old. “The golf course site has yielded information relating to the Late Archaic, Early Woodland, Middle Woodland, Late Woodland and Oneota occupations, indicating people were living along the lake shoreline since approximately 1200 B.C.,” Haas said. “The excavations have generated a wealth of information about prehistoric domestic lifeways and cultural dynamics.” Investigators recovered the remains “of three infants, one toddler, one child and three adults.” The remains were found in six different locations, including “four primary burial pits and one multifunction pit containing an isolated human tooth.” The other location was the first find, which was inadvertent and occurred in a dirt pile that resulted from the use of mechanical equipment to remove the top layer of earth. There researchers found skull fragments, a tooth and part of a lower jawbone. Because of the condition of the bones, it was not possible to determine the age, gender or cultural affiliation, the report says. Three of the remains are described as “relatively complete.” But “weathering, natural- ly occurring water damage, and the human cultural activity of golf course landscaping resulted in postmortem damage and (de- composition) of all the human remains from this site,” according to the study. In all, Oshkosh acquired about 33 acres of the old golf course. The archaeological study focused on 13 acres, including the building footprint of the new headquarters. Almost 7 acres were mechanically stripped to allow researchers access to the subsoil. Once the subsoil was exposed, the re- searchers looked for soil “stains,” darkened sections of the ground. Excavating those stains, the study team found what are called “cultural features,” which are indica- tors of previous human activity and may include pits, walls and posts. Haas said the dig turned up about 110 cultural features. Most of the finds were clustered in the northeast corner of the study area, several hundred feet to the east of the old club- house and 150 feet or so south of Punho- qua Street extended. They are on a sandy ridge overlooking Lake Butte des Morts where it melds with the Fox River. No burial sites were found in the head- quarters footprint, but that part of the study area did yield some of the oldest finds. These are described as “Late Pa- leoindian and Late Archaic,” which could date them to more than 10,000 years ago. The golf course has been interpreted as a fort by the Mesk- waki, a tribe known by European settlers as Fox Indians. “On a 1730 French map there is a Mesk- waki fort placed on a point on the south bank of the river a short distance upriver from Lake Winnebago,” Behm said. No ar- cheological evidence has yet been found to support this theory, he added. The land is relatively well preserved. Although parts of it were used as farmland in the 19th century, its development into a golf course allowed it to avoid “destruc- tion from recurrent plowing and urban development,” the report says. Seven of the remains that were in- tact enough to be analyzed are described as belonging to the Woodland Tradition. The Woodland tribes were a prehistoric people, and they are thought to be an- cestors of modern-day tribes such as the Menominee and HoChunk. City officials said they notified both of these tribes when the remains were found. The remains were taken to the Archaeo- logical Research Laboratory at UW-Milwa-aukee. “The Wisconsin Historical Society is responsible for the final disposition of the human remains,” Haas said. The city is working on plans to turn the rest of the old golf course into park, a move that will likely spur additional ar- cheological digs at the site. “We anticipate we are going to have to be in touch with (state archaeologists) for just about anything we do out on the site,” said Parks Director Ray Maurer. The city is also looking into appropriate ways to commemorate the history of the land of its various uses over time. “There needs to be some type of cultural history recognition,” Maurer said. The specifics are “all to be determined,” he said. But “there definitely needs to be some type of signage that shows the entire history of the property. It’s no longer a golf course, but the history needs to be acknowledged.” The new corporate owner is not plan- ning a historical marker at this time, said spokeswoman Katie Hostetl. But she said Oshkosh intends to take good care of the site. “We are focused on sustainability and being good stewards of the environment,” she said. “In fact, with our construction process, we have planted more than 4,000 plants and trees.” Miles Maguire is editor of the Oshkosh Examiner news blog.
Lakeshore Park outline unveiled

By Dan Rohrty
Oshkosh Herald

Lakeshore Park project consultants presented a preferred concept plan for the former golf course site that the city's Advisory Park Board endorsed last week, while giving an early "budget target" of $10 million for the five-phase proposal.

Nathan Hiller of SmithGroup reviewed the three design concepts presented and discussed in August that were based on input from city officials and residents on park design options. While the refined single-plan generally maintained the existing footprint of the park area and its water features, the largest expense would involve pond and shoreline work: restoration, regrading and stabilization to control erosion and allow for access points such as canoe/kayak piers.

Hiller said most of the public feedback promotes "a nature park with space for people" that would restore the natural margins of the pond and shorelines to transition it from its more abrupt golf course landscaping. Regrading about half of the pond edges would create more of a wetland habitat, Hiller explained, while incorporating necessary stormwater engineering.

The first phase of the development would include a four-season shelter and other improvements to the main Punho-qua Street entrance east of the new Oshkosh Corp. global headquarters and carry a $2.8 million budget target. Other phases key on amenities for the west and east sections of the park, including pathways, parking areas, restrooms and shelters, multipurpose lawns, and overall landscaping.

Parks director Ray Maurer said the $10 million budget target based on the plan recommendations is a starting point for the long-term project.

"I know there's a lot of uneasiness about the price tag, and I understand that, but as we've been saying all along this is probably a 20-year plan," he said. "We're not going to bite this off in one or two chunks. It's going to be 10 or 15 chunks. We have a lot of plans out there for a lot of parks."

Maurer said they would like to get the shelter, public plaza and initial parking needs into the first phase of the work to establish the park's early identity and help initiate some partnerships with the city's financial commitment through its Capital Improvement Program along with public grants that could become available.

Proceeds of about $2 million from the sale of the adjacent land for Oshkosh Corp. headquarters, which is nearing completion, have been designated for the park development. The company also donated $600,000 toward the Riverwalk project that will run along the shoreline of both locations and connect with other regional trails.

Board and council members Bill Miller and Bob Poeschl added that the preferred concept is in a good big-picture look for Lakeshore in which the details on trails and other amenities can be altered as it moves forward. Poeschl acknowledged that some community members see the park plan as evolving too quickly after the golf course's 2017 closing but said establishing a framework for the long-term project was the next appropriate step.

Consultants were guided by public survey results and other input that leaned toward a passive recreational experience centered around wildlife, walking trails and shoreline activities while incorporating artistic and cultural history features.

Hiller said designers worked with the theme of "threads, places and moments" to consider all ideas for Lakeshore's optimum use. Other elements in the preferred concept that were identified by the board and through public input were artwork displays, historical and cultural landmarks, connecting the region's recreation trail system, a west-side berm to create both a highway sound barrier and winter sledding hill, and optimizing bus and bike access.

The concept plan will go to the Plan Commission for review before Common Council consideration.

Safe Halloween event set at Legion post

Treats, face-painting, balloon animals and games will be offered at the second annual Safe Halloween open house at American Legion Cook Fuller Post 70, 1332 Spruce St., from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday.

The Legion post is teaming up with the Congress Field and Historic Jackson neighborhoods to host the Halloween experience with other community members. Last year, an estimated 100 families attended. In addition to traditional Halloween treats there will be popcorn and cotton candy.

Details on the event are at www.facebook.com/CongressField.
The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh provides an economic stimulus to the city by bringing in nearly 10,000 students each fall who buy from and work for area businesses. UW System officials met with city business leaders last week to discuss those economic benefits and how working with the UW System can pay dividends to the economy and social infrastructure.

UW System President Ray Cross, UW System Board of Regents President Andrew S. Petersen and regents Jose Delgado and Becky Levzow stopped in Oshkosh on the All in Wisconsin tour with the added goal of generating community support to back state investment in the UW System.

“I know the UW System is Wisconsin’s economic driver and the absolute best investment our taxpayers can make,” Petersen said. “I am asking all of you to join us, not just as partners, but as passionate advocates for the UW System.

Petersen said the UW System makes $23 for every $1 invested. He said having a partnership between UWO and local businesses, and having those businesses be strong advocates for the UW System, will allow for an economic network to develop in the area.

UWO Chancellor Andrew Leavitt demonstrated what can happen when businesses partners with the university by leading a tour of the Student Managed Endowment Fund lab within the College of Business.

The SMEF program is the first in the state to provide a learning environment where students manage an institution’s investment fund. Since 2000, more than 350 students have participated in SMEF, which has funded more than $193,000 in student scholarships, UWO senior communications manager Natalie Johnson said.

The success of the SMEF “reminds us what we can accomplish when business, the community and the university come together,” Leavitt said.

The half-day tour started with a breakfast with community and business leaders including the Oshkosh Chamber, Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corp., Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce, and leaders and representatives from other corporations, for-profit businesses, and local governments in the Fox Valley region.

Cross said one of the employers at the breakfast was looking for UW students to learn technical skills instead of the general education and liberal studies programs they are taking. Cross said the liberal education is needed now more than ever to teach critical thinking that builds the communication, analytical and community skills that technical programs can’t.

After the lab tour, Cross and Petersen answered questions from UW faculty in an open forum. Faculty members asked about a UW System bill that passed the state Assembly and is waiting for Gov. Tony Evers’ approval called the Campus Free Speech Bill.

The bill places limits on the amount of disruptions a student can make at a campus speech or event.

After political speaker Ben Shapiro was interrupted for seven minutes in Madison in 2016, system officials introduced a bill that speaker was invited by a student organization or rented the space on campus.

Under the bill, if a student were to speak out at a speech or event at any UW System campus to the point of interruption, a strike could be issued from the chancellor. Students can receive up to three strikes, the first a warning, the second a suspension for a minimum of a month and the third would bring expulsion.

“Politicians pay to rent the spaces on campuses, and they deserve not to be interrupted,” Cross said.

Petersen said the UW System has done its job as a governing body “whether Gov. Evers signs the bill or not.”

Evers spoke against the bill in 2017 when he sat on the UW System Board as a state representative. He reiterated that position after the UW Board passed the bill earlier this year.

“Today we’re all in on,” Cross said, “trying to make the case that UW universities are having a tremendous impact on the economy, society and state. We’re going to continue to make this case as we continue to go around to the rest of our comprehensive campuses and we’re going to leverage that for the next year so that it pays dividends to build on the momentum that we’ve had today.”

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Public Library calendar

Nov. 1
Smart Starts Play Stations, 9 to 11 a.m., ages 1 to 4; Open Tech Lab, 1 to 4 p.m.; Teen Book Club: The Body in the Woods, 4:30 p.m.; Teen Book Club: Wishstreet, 4:30 p.m.
Nov. 2
Oshkosh Area Writers Circle, 10 a.m.; LEGO Wall Open Build, noon to 3 p.m.
Nov. 4
Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., infants to preschoolers; Love Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers; Read to a Dog, 4 to 5:15 p.m. Register at 236-5208.
Nov. 5
High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., infants to preschoolers; Library Card Clinic at Evergreen Manor, 2 to 4 p.m.; Chess Club, 5 to 7 p.m.; Stories by Starlight, 6:15 p.m., preschoolers and families; Online Anytime Book Club: Delicious Reads, Library’s Facebook page, 7 p.m.
Nov. 6
High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., infants to preschoolers; How to Scan Photos, 1:30 p.m.; Keto for the Holidays, 6 p.m.; Wonderlab: Fettucine Bridge, 6 p.m. Register at 236-5208; Storytime, 4:30 p.m. Register at 236-5208.
Nov. 7
Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., infants to preschoolers; Winnebagoland Genealogical Society, 6 p.m.
Nov. 8
Open Tech Lab, 3 to 6 p.m.
Nov. 9
UW Oshkosh Jazz Quintet Concert, 11 a.m.; LEGO Wall Open Build, noon to 3 p.m.
Nov. 11
Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., infants to preschoolers; Read to a Dog, 4 to 5:15 p.m. Register at 236-5208. Maker Mondays for Families: Ozobot Olympics, 4-30 p.m.

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Jail alternative

skills training. Other services include transportation assistance, counseling services, benefit connections and housing assistance.

About 78 percent of the offenders the DSS office evaluates are considered low-risk and after two to three days in jail their likelihood of returning increases by 17 percent. At four to seven days offenders experience a 35 percent recidivism rate and at eight-14 days of incarceration individuals experience a 51 percent recidivism rate.

“You have to recognize that when the criminal justice system gets involved we are going to make the problem worse by virtue of how we currently operate,” Gossett said. “If we can keep them in the community and control what’s going on with them it costs us a lot less money and makes them productive members of the community and solves the underlying issue for life.”

Gossett said mass incarceration in the United States is contributing to high recidivism rates.

“Our arrest rates will increase our recidivism rates, which will increase our incarceration rates. That will decrease our educational attainment levels and our income levels. It will increase our need for public services for addiction issues and further complicate mental health issues,” he said. “Our entire system is a revolving door of making it worse and we are now the worst country in the world for criminal justice.”

The 2018-2022 Winnebago County Executive Capital Improvements Program included a budget proposal to add another jail pod to the county jail. The estimated cost of the jail expansion is $18.1 million.

According to the Executive Capital Improvements Program “there are no alternatives to expanding the jail.”

However, Gossett said in the past his office has been able to put off the jail expansion by developing programs to reduce the jail population, which is why he believes the Justice Support initiative will be successful here.

“We do know if we don’t do something we’re going to have to build and if we add on to the jail it still won’t do anything to help us address these issues,” Gossett said. “We still have the mental health issues, the ADDA issues.”

Gossett said individuals are more likely to overdose after being released from jail and for individuals who experience mental health issues, their conditions get worse while incarcerated.

“We can’t incarcerate our way out of mental health issues, but that’s all we do. So why do we keep doing this if we’re all saying we can’t incarcerate our way out?” he said.

The Justice Support Services program would be situated in the same building as the district attorney’s office, allowing the office to provide immediate services and using available space to cut down on costs.

Currently, the first floor of the Orrin King building is occupied by the Winnebago County corporation counsel. Gossett’s plan would include moving the counsel staff to the third floor of the building, a space they had previously occupied.

Gossett would also give up his own office space for corporate counsel attorney Mary Anne Mueller. At the Oct. 15 county board meeting, Mueller said she would only support the move if her staff was provided the same amount of space as they have on the first floor.

“We cannot lose space,” Mueller said at the meeting. “Especially when given the fact that when the corporation counsel’s office was on the third floor we were having four people and now, as you know, we have six people.”

The second and third floor of the Orrin King building are currently occupied by about 30 employees of the district attorney’s office. The corporation counsel’s office, on the first floor, includes three attorneys and three paralegals.

Winnebago County Executive Mark Harris said he would support locating the Justice Support Services on the lower level of the Orrin King building.

“I would prefer the program to initially start in the empty space in the lower level of the O’Connor building,” he said.

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had two previous generations of his family employed there. “This is their startup company for Rockwell International.”

Retired after a total of 46 years with the company, Sendenhaf has been helping with anniversary activities to celebrate the impact “The Axle” has had on the community.

“I started out in the shop sweeping the floor and was the manufacturing manager when I retired,” he said.

A United Auto Workers union plant through much of its history, AxleTech’s 6,000 square feet of building space now holds fewer than 100 employees after topping 2,000 in 1995 while the company navigated through an evolving industry and ownership focus.

“Everything used to be vertically integrated,” said Jason Whitt, facilities and manufacturing engineering manager. “You would buy castings and forgings maybe, but every bit of machining and heat treating or anything made from bar stock was all done here.”

He said that in recent decades those raw materials are purchased from sister plants and other sources as the manufacturing industry moved toward specialization.

“We used to really have our arms around everything,” Whitt said. “We would bring in 10,000-pound bundles of steel bar — and axles go out the door. Now you’re buying complicated machine parts from all over the world.”

As Meritor, the company’s current focus on core competencies such as intricate assembly and support services still operates within a language of industry standards such as Rockwell hardness or Lubrite processes that originated here.

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School district unveils new website design

An updated Oshkosh Area School District website (www.oskosh.k12.wi.us) was launched last week that offers a more mobile-friendly and accessible design for users.

A website evaluation last fall included a district-wide survey and continued with feedback solicited from a project committee of staff, parents and board members. Data and feedback from the existing website also was reviewed to learn what was popular and what needed attention.

Some features of the new website:
- A mobile-first mindset that uses a 100 percent responsive design, meaning it shifts to accommodate any size screen to make fonts readable and images clearly visible on all devices. Web pages are accessible to all, including those with disabilities.
- Each school webpage has its own curriculum and includes a homepage specific to the school. Features include school-specific photos, branding and upcoming events.
- A school’s staff directory is on each school page and use the search tool in the upper right-hand corner of a page to search within the school site. For district resources, navigate to the district home page and use the search tool in the upper right-hand corner.
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Among the facility discussions has been the potential merging of Webster Stanley and Merrill middle schools. The original Merrill building is 119 years old and district schools on average are 78 years old. Two bids for the sale of the former Smith Elementary School, originally built in the late 19th century and deemed unsafe without extensive updates, were opened during a special board meeting Oct. 23 and are being reviewed.

Vienna Properties offered $450,000 and Invista Analytics entered a bid for $358,000 for the Smith building at 1745 Oregon St. that was closed after last school year. Another bid submitted via email was being evaluated by legal counsel.

The school district has 13 elementary schools: Carl Traeza, Emmeline Cook, Franklin, Jefferson, Lakeside, Merrill, Oaklawn, Oakes, Read, Roosevelt, Jacob Shapiro, Washington and Webster Stanley; five middle schools (grades 6-8): Carl Traeza, Merrill, Webster Stanley, South Park and Perry Tipler, and North and West high schools. The district also has administration, maintenance and recreation buildings, pre-kindergarten programs and multiple charter schools that altogether serve nearly 10,000 students.

Sunday, Nov. 3
African Violet Show and Sale, 11 a.m., St. Jude, 1025 W. 5th Ave.

Monday, Nov. 4
Toastersmasters Water City Speakers, 5:30 p.m., Fox Valley Technical College, 3601 Oregon St.

Thursday, Nov. 7
Foot Care Clinic, 1 p.m., Downtown Oshkosh YMCA, 324 Washington Ave.
The Perfect Pair beer pairing event, 5 p.m., Brightton Acres, 4057 Fisk Ave.
EAA Aviation Museum Movie Night, 6:30 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum, 3000 Poberezny Road
Independent Racket Night; 7-30 p.m., Peabody’s Ale House, 544 N. Main St.
Stand Up Comedy, 8 p.m., Bare Bones Brewery, 4362 County S
Oshkosh Garden Club, 6:30 p.m., Evengreens’ Rowland Room, 1130 Westfield St.

Friday, Nov. 8
Marine Corps League Bingo, 5:30 p.m., Marine Corps League, 4715 Sherman Road
Art of Parenting, 6:30 p.m., Goodwill, 1585 S. Oakwood Rd, Oshkosh

Saturday, Nov. 9
Holiday Wonders Shopping Expo and Craft Fair, 10 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center
Fifth Ward Brewing Co. 2nd Anniversary, noon, 1009 S. Main St.
“Raiders of the Lost Ark,” 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.
Barracuda: The Ultimate Tribute to Heart, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.
Comedy Improv Show, 9 p.m., Backlot Comedy House, 424 N. Main St.

Sunday, Nov. 10
Oshkosh Youth Symphony Fall Concert, 2 p.m., Alberto Kimball Auditorium, 375 N. Eagle St.
Oshkosh Empty Bowls Soup Sampler, 4 p.m., Beckett’s, 2 Jackson St.

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

Wednesday, Oct. 30
Downtown Oshkosh Trick-or-Treat, 4 p.m., 100-700 W. Main St.

Thursday, Oct. 31
Is the Oshkosh Public Museum Haunted? 6 p.m., Oshkosh Public Museum, 1331 Algoma Blvd.
Fall Family Harvest Party, 5 p.m., Faith Christian Center, 939 Bowen St.

Friday, Nov. 1
Alzheimer’s Awareness Event, 12 p.m., Downtown Oshkosh YMCA

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Lourdes dominates Hillsboro in playoff win

By Dan Kohn
Herald contributor

A highly motivated Oshkosh Lourdes football team left little doubt it is one of the best Division 7 teams in the state.

The Knights (10-0), champions of the Trailways Conference-Small, scored early and often and rolled to a 64-7 WIAA Level 1 playoff win over Hillsboro (5-5) Friday night at Titan Stadium.

Junior quarterback Joshua Bauer led the onslaught by rushing for one score and throwing for three others. In all, eight different Knights found the end zone.

Bauer finished the night, completing 15 of 17 passes for 154 yards and rushing twice for 37 yards.

“I don’t know if I would say I expected that,” Lourdes coach Kevin Wopat said. “The way they play double tight, a style we don’t see a lot, I thought they might give us a little more trouble at times, and they did.”

“We knew we had the better team. I thought we might have been a speed and type of team they haven’t seen. I don’t know if they’ve even seen a spread offense this year. With our platooning – we only had three guys going both ways – and we wore them down pretty quick.”

After Bauer opened the scoring on a 1-yard run with 7:52 left in the first, the Knights forced a punt and were at it again when Bauer found Jake Huizenga for a 37-yard TD pass at the 4:07 mark.

“The key for the whole week was just be us and not beat ourselves,” Bauer said. “We had a great game plan going in. Our coachs do a great job of doing that. The whole week our team was committed to the whole game plan. That’s kind of the key, having everyone buying in to what we want to do. We all kind of feed off each other, being ourselves and being confident.”

Moments later, it was the Lourdes defense that took over. Hillsboro running back Rey Mora was stripped around midfield and Knights linebacker Caden Chier picked the ball up and weaved his way 55 yards for the score. After another Tigers fumble, Tyler Johnsen found the end zone 34 seconds later and the rout was on.

“I think the two turnovers, including the first one, came out on top of their sails,” Wopat said.

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Lewan finished off the Knights’ scoring with a 4-yard touchdown run late in the third quarter.

Hillsboro’s Noah Feala broke loose for a 54-yard score with two seconds left in the third as the Tigers avoided the shutout.

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The UW-La Crosse football team got off to a hot start Saturday, scoring three times on its first four possessions in a 31-3 win over the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh in a Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference game played in La Crosse.

The Eagles totaled 473 yards of offense, while holding the Titans (5-2, 3-1) to just 201 yards.

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Chris Hess was the leading rusher with 51 yards on five carries.

Peter Maccudden added 49 yards on 10 carries.

Evan Lewandowski had a big day for La Crosse, throwing 24-for-39 for 352 yards and two touchdowns.

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By Dustin Riese
Herald contributor

Coming off a dominating 4-1 win Thursday over NEW Lutheran, a trip to sectionals was on the line Saturday as the sixth-seeded Lourdes boys soccer team looked to continue its already special season.

Standing in their way was fellow conference rival and one of the top teams in the state, third-seeded Winnebago Lutheran with much more than bragging rights on the line.

After falling to the Vikings 1-0 earlier this season, Lourdes had revenge on its mind in the biggest game of the season. It did just that as a first-half goal from Keely Mains proved to be the difference as Lourdes took home the regional title 1-0.

“This was a great team win for us,” head coach Peter LaCourse said. “The defense played great all night and we did enough offensively to pick up the win. Give credit to Nate Barfnecht, Brock Pecore, Michael Tushar and Will Frank on defense they certainly led the way for us. Nick Thur also played outstanding in net finishing with six saves.”

In the first meeting between the two teams, goals came at a premium with the Vikings only needing one goal of their own to secure the win. That was the case again as both teams know each other so well. With neither team being able to generate much offense throughout the first 10 minutes of play, Lourdes finally started to control the tempo as they started to pressure the back line.

That led to a corner kick in the 14th minute with Lourdes looking to strike first. With the ball perfectly placed inside the penalty area, Keely Mains was able to get a touch on it burying it home for the 1-0 Lourdes lead. That score held up for the rest of the half as the Knights were 45 minutes away from a sectional appearance.

The second half remained just as intense if not more than the first as it was the Vikings in desperation mode. Despite several scoring chances during the half, Thur and the Knights defense continued to turn WLA away.

LaCourse knows how special this season has been and couldn’t be happier with this group of guys.

“I am so proud of this group of men,” he said. “I am so proud of this group of men,” he said. All season long these kids continued to battle through adversity and have made this entire program and school district proud of their efforts. Tonight was a prime example of our toughness as a team as we played together for the full 90 minutes.”

The Knights will be back in action tomorrow night when they travel to No. 2 seed Sturgeon Bay with a sectional final berth on the line. The Clippers knocked off Omro 9-0 on Saturday and have outscored their postseason opponents 14-0 in two games.

The Thursday night regional semifinal matchup had the Knights hosting 11th seeded NEW Lutheran. What appeared to be an evenly played game at some points turned into a one-sided affair as the Knights used a pair of goals in each half to cruise to the 4-1 win.

“These were great wins for us tonight and we get to extend our season a few more days,” LaCourse said. “I loved how the upperclassmen on this team played together for several seasons and worked well together. Everyone stepped up their game another level tonight so it was good to get the win.”

The first half got off to a relatively slow start as both teams used the first 10 minutes of the game as a feeling out process to what each side liked to do on offense. Once Lourdes started to take control of the tempo the shots began to follow and in the 13th minute, the Knights were able to strike first when Isaias Gutierrez took a beautiful cross from the far corner and headed it in for the 1-0 lead.

From that moment the Knights did a phenomenal job dictating the flow of the game. Despite getting several good looks on net, it wasn’t until the 30th minute when Lourdes was able to strike again. This time it was a flick by Chas Muhlbaier near midfield to Andrew McFarlane who took care of the rest.

The second half was a much different start for the Blazers as they put pressure on the Lourdes back line.

After weathering the early second-half storm, it was Lourdes breaking through again when Mains was able to put one home for a 3-0 lead. Colin Johnsen misplayed a deep free kick from the Knights that allowed Gutierrez to put it home for his second of the game and a 4-0 lead.

The Knights are shown against NEW Lutheran on Thursday where they advanced to take on Winnebago Lutheran for the regional title, which they won 1-0.
Prep sports roundup

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Lourdes advances as a team to state meet

The Lourdes girls cross country team is going back to state.

The Knights won the WIAA Division 3 sectional on Saturday as they had five top 15 finishes in a meet held in Manitowoc.

The WIAA state meet will be held Saturday at the Ridge Golf Course in Wisconsin Rapids. The Division 3 girls race is scheduled to start at 1:20 p.m.

Ellen Moore led with a second-place finish as the senior ran her race in 19:53.9. Molly Moore was sixth with a 20:17.6. Mary Husman was ninth. Guido ran her race in 19:54.2.

VC's Patterson on to state

In the WIAA Division 3 girls sectional at Wisconsin Rapids, the Division 4 race begins at 2:35 p.m.

The top two teams advance along with the top five individuals from the non-qualifying teams. The WIAA State Meet is Saturday at the Ridge Golf Course in Wisconsin Rapids and the Division 4 race will begin at about 12:40 p.m.

West's Guido advances

Oshkosh West's Taylor Guido will represent the Wildcats at the state meet after she finished third overall in the WIAA Division 3 Sectional, which was held in Manitowoc on Saturday.

Oshkosh West senior Morgan Yenter reached 2,000 career assists Saturday in the WIAA Division 3 regional final as the Wildcats lost the match 3-2 against West Bend West. In the team's win Thursday over West Bend East, Yenter had 31 assists.

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Spartan, Wildcat runners advance to state meet

Oshkosh North and Oshkosh West participated in the WIAA Division 1 sectional in Manitowoc on Saturday and both Jack Scherrer and John Thill advanced to the WIAA state tournament. The top two teams advance along with the top five individuals from non-qualifying teams.

Last Tuesday, the Knights picked up a 3-1 (25-14, 25-22, 20-25, 25-24) win over third-seeded Crivitz on Saturday, earning the WIAA Division 4 regional semifinal.

Kane advances for Knights to state meet

Peyton Kane will represent the Lourdes boys cross-country team at the state tournament after the junior finished fourth overall in the WIAA Division 3 Sectional, which was held in Manitowoc on Saturday.

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Last Tuesday, Valley Christian won its opener against No. 11 Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah 3-1 (25-13, 13-25, 25-15, 25-19). In that win, Harvey had 25 kills and 14 digs. Dunn had 23 digs and five aces while Hass had 28 assists.

Knights wins regional championship game

The second-seeded Lourdes volleyball team picked up a 3-1 (25-14, 25-22, 20-25, 25-24) win over third-seeded Crivitz on Saturday, earning the WIAA Division 4 regional semifinal.

Chier had 30 assists and seven blocks in the win for the Knights, who will face top seed Oconto on Thursday night in Oconto.

Last Tuesday, the Knights picked up a 3-1 win (22-25, 25-14, 25-13, 25-23) over No. 15 Menominee Indian and then topped No. 7 Amherst 3-0 (25-11, 25-16, 25-21) in the regional semis Thursday. In the win over Menominee, Rachael Russo led Lourdes with 21 kills and seven blocks.

See Prep roundup on Page 17.
Defending WIAC women’s basketball champion University of Wisconsin Oshkosh opens its season with an exhibition game at NCAA Division I UW-Green Bay today at the Kress Center.

Last season the Titans (26-4 in 2018-19) won its league-record 13th Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference regular season title and advanced to the third round of the NCAA Division III Championship. The Titans have won at least 20 games in each of the past seven seasons, posting a 165-37 record under head coach Brad Fischer.

The regular season schedule starts at home against Saint Mary’s University (Minn.) Nov. 11, the first of nine home games. UW-Oshkosh also hosts Lawrence University on Dec. 1 before welcoming conference rivals UW-Stout on Jan. 11.

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Oshkosh to host fireworks convention

Oshkosh will be host to the 52nd annual Pyrotechnics Guild International (PGI) Convention set for Aug. 14–20, 2021, at Sunnyview Expo Center. The weeklong convention, last held in the state in 2010 on the Wisconsin International Raceway grounds in Kaukauna, includes seminars, workshops, training, vending, socializing and nightly fireworks. The public is invited to attend three community nights that will feature multiple firework displays.

PGI was founded in 1969 and is currently supported by more than 1,000 firework enthusiasts around the world with firework displays.

Learning in Retirement

The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

More information on joining is at uwosh.edu/learninginretirement.

November schedule:


- “Music City Oshkosh” Oshkosh’s rich history of music groups and interesting musical instruments in the museum’s collection will be highlighted. Presenter: Karina Achilli, assistant curator, Oshkosh Public Museum. Nov. 6.

- “Profiling President Trump’s Possible Challengers” Major challengers and the unique opportunities each face is discussed. Presenter: Tony Palmeri, professor, UWO Communications Department.

Dementia assistance classes offered

The ADRC of Winnebago County’s Active Minds Community provides engaging activities in a social setting for seniors with early to mild stages of dementia. The classes provide multiple hands-on activities combined with stimulating conversations in a group setting.

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‘Godspell Jr.’ to be presented on Valley Christian’s new stage

The Valley Christian High School Theatre Department will present the musical “Godspell Jr.” Nov. 7-9 on its new high school stage. Performances will be at 7 p.m. nightly.

“Godspell Jr.” uses a variety of games, storytelling techniques, riddles, parables, and songs from pop to vaudeville, to help Jesus Christ tell different parables. A blend of songs, from pop to vaudeville, is employed to enhance the tone of each parable.

Guest speaker Col. Eric Repella. All former, active and reserve Marines, as well as FMFM Corpman and their guests, are invited. For further information contact 920-235-2222 or winnebagocl@gmail.com.

Fire detector checks find lack of protection

The Oshkosh Fire Department inspected installing 130 detectors and 35 batteries at south-side residences as part of its Detector Trek program during National Fire Prevention Week earlier this month.

Firefighters found that 44 percent of the homes visited needed detectors installed.

Marine Corps League to mark Corps birthday

Marine Corps League will be holding its Annual Birthday Ball on Saturday to celebrate the 244th birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps at 4715 Sherman Road.

There will be a dinner and dance with national social convention, school theatrical classes, student learn theater basics, advanced techniques and rehearse during class time. Techni-

ical theater students learn about lighting, sound, staging, theatrical terms, stage management and production.

‘Godspell Jr.’ will debut the school’s new lighting system, microphones, speakers and track system, all on a new stage.

Curtain times are 7 p.m. Nov. 7 and 8, and at 2 p.m. Nov. 9.

General admission tickets can be purchased at the high school office in advance or at the door beginning an hour before performances. For more information email Jim Hart at hartj@vanescohk.com.

Community conversation seeks input on transportation

Fox Valley Thrives and ESTHER are hosting an event Tuesday for the community to learn about transportation access and hear from residents who have faced challenges.

The event will be held at Fox Valley Technical College in room 133 at 4:05 p.m. and end no later than 5:25 to accommodate those taking the GO Transit Route 3. Questions can be directed to edieringer@co.winnebago.wi.us.
Día de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, is a holiday celebrated throughout Latin America. While it is called the Day of the Dead, the holiday actually lasts three days, October 31st, November 1st and 2nd.

Even though this holiday is about death, it is not sad. The festival is full of life, happiness, color, food, family and fun. Its purpose is to "welcome" the souls of the dead, who are thought to return briefly during those days to visit with their living loved ones.

Families celebrate by creating ofrendas or offerings to the dead. An ofrenda is a gathering of things that a deceased loved one enjoyed in life: favorite food and drink, clothing, photographs and other objects. The idea is to laugh in the face of death.

Find the two sugar skulls that are the same.

Calaveras de Azúcar

Skulls (calaveras) made of sugar (azúcar) are a popular holiday treat. While some may think skulls are scary, the Día de los Muertos skulls are bright and colorful!

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Halloween

On Halloween night, my sister and I, along with friends, went trick-or-treating in our neighborhood. We knocked on every door but no one answered. A figure appeared on the sidewalk in front of us. My sister began to scream. "No!" was not welcome here!"

"Hey! We live here!" said my sister. She pointed at our ___________ . We helped him find his way home to his ___________ . We were inside his home and invited us. My sister began to ___________. But no one answered. A ___________ appeared on the sidewalk in front of us. My sister began to ___________.

"_____________ !" said the figure. "I am so sorry! I must be lost!"

We helped him find his way home to his ___________. Then he began to ___________. We visited again. His pet ___________ followed us a few blocks, before turning into a very ___________.

Halloween Humor

Share with a friend your favorite Halloween jokes and riddles.

Students Links: Language Arts. Use context, figurative language and schemes of writing to understand this story. 

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