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## Fire leaves gentlemen's club a total loss

By KYLE EVANS  
Staff Writer

At 11:47 p.m., on Monday, May 27th, the Sparta Area Fire District (SAFD) was paged to Barons gentlemen's club, at 3986 WI-71, at Four Corners, west of Cataract.

The fire was originally on the back side of the building and quickly spread throughout the building, according to SAFD Chief, Mike Arnold. The building was unoccupied, as the business was closed for the day. The building is likely a total loss, according to Chief Arnold.

SAFD, along with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, and the State Fire Marshall's Office, is investigating the cause and origin today, Tuesday, May 28th. Chief Arnold said, "The fire is suspicious in nature," which is why the State Fire Marshall's Office is involved.

The Sparta Area Fire District was assisted by the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, Sparta Ambulance, and Cataract First Responders. The Melrose, Fort McCoy, and Black River Falls Fire Departments provided extra water.



The back of the building, where the heaviest fire was when the Sparta Area Fire District arrived. Contributed photo.



The Sparta VFW marches in Sparta's Memorial Day parade, presenting the colors of the United States and Wisconsin. Memorial Day honors the fallen in wars and battles, who paved the way for our freedoms and a democracy that allows us to pursue freewill. Herald photo by Kyle Evans.

## Monroe County steeped in tradition for the fallen and for the future

By BENNY MAILMAN  
Editor

**Looking Back**  
Memorial Day weekend is the sacred honoring of those men and women who gave their lives in war and battle, to preserve the democracy of the United States of America. John Gessner, a retired Colonel from the United States Army, and former Wisconsin

American Legion Chaplain, told the Herald, "It is the most expensive holiday ever, having been paid for with the lives of brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers and friends. Freedom is a debt we owe to others. Every hotdog, spin around a lake, or drink with a friend, is a debt owed."

Gessner continued, "Memorial Day honors those whose moms never saw them again; whose dads wept in private; whose wives raised kids alone. This is a day to remember that others paid for

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Graduates from Sparta Senior High are seen here, having already received their diplomas, or about to receive them. Graduations represent the hope for a strong future. Herald photo by Benny Mailman.

# Tomah Reginal Rodeo continues building legacy

## Local rodeo youth shine bright on big stage

By JAYME BAHL  
Staff Writer

The Tomah 11th Annual Reginal High School Rodeo and Junior High Rodeo took place at the Monroe County Fairgrounds, located at 1625 Butts Avenue, in Tomah, over the May 17th-19th, 2024, weekend. Performances began on Friday night, with a warm-up jackpot and exhibition barrels. The first round of events began on Saturday, at 10 a.m. The second round began on Sunday, at 9 a.m. The average from the two rounds was used to score the contestants in each category,

and then there was a final all-around winner for each division: High School (HS,) Junior High (JH,) and JH Reserves.

HS Tomah contestants included: Caylee Check, Kyan Nelson, Brady Breitspecher, and Jayden Johnson. Tomah JH division included: Aislynn Nelson, Calynn Ollendick, Riley Breitspecher, Jacey Breitspecher, and Jocey Johnson.

HS Sparta contestants were Nattie Olson and Taylor Donskey and JH contestants were Lanie Brooks and Quinn Donskey.

These local cowboys and cowgirls compete in eight State Final Reginal Rodeos, where their two days of scores are averaged, accumulated, and then taken to the State Finals. JH finals finished up over this past weekend, May 24th - 26th, 2024, in Arcadia,

Wisconsin. HS finals will take place on the June 14th - 16th, 2024 weekend, in Richland Center, Wisconsin.

At the end of State Finals, the average scores are calculated and there are four top winners in each division. Those winners head on to Nationals. JH nationals will be held the weekend of June 23rd - 29th, 2024, at Iowa State Fairgrounds, in Des Moines, Iowa. HS nationals will be on the weekend of July 14th - 20th, 2024, at Sweetwater Events Complex, in Rock Springs, Wyoming.

The Herald spoke with Toni Henry, Wisconsin High School Rodeo Association committee member and founder of the Tomah Rodeo. "It's been beautiful weather," Henry said merrily. "The grounds are



Tomah Senior Caylee Check racing in Sunday's Barrels. Check did well in barrels over the weekend, placing 2nd overall. Herald Photo by Jayme Bahl.

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# Amtrak's Borealis bursts onto the scene in Wisconsin

## New route runs twice daily between Chicago and Saint Paul

By **BENNY MAILMAN**  
Editor  
By **JOHN GESSNER**  
Staff Writer

On May 21st, 2024, Amtrak sent their newest route runner, the Borealis, on its inaugural run, from Saint Paul, Minnesota to Chicago, Illinois. The Borealis follows the same route as Amtrak's current Empire Builder but has added a couple of more stops along the way, to include Sturtevant, Wisconsin, and the Milwaukee Airport (MKA).

In all, Wisconsin has the lion's share of the Borealis stops, at eight, with Minnesota destinations set at three and Illinois garnering two pick-up and drop-off points. Coach fares start at \$41 each way, between Saint Paul and Chicago, with everyday discounts for children ages 2-12, students, seniors, veterans, military personnel and families, and others.

On May 21st, while waiting for the Governor of Wisconsin, Tony Evers, to show up on the Borealis, the Herald sat in the Tomah Amtrak station with Mac Cartee, a Vietnam Veteran and the station's attendant for 32 years. "When I started here, there were double tracks, which are no longer," Cartee informed the Herald. "Three-sided-metal sheds used to be the waiting room here [Tomah, Wisconsin]."

Cartee also spoke to memorable moments during his 32 years at the station. "One time, I returned from the Tomah Tractor Pull, during high winds, and all the windows had been blown out of the station," Cartee said. "We have had a lot of medical events over the years. When they happen on the train, they will radio ahead, in order to have an ambulance waiting here, at the station, when they arrive." Cartee also said that inebriated and disorderly folks would be met at the station by police officers, who would get them off the train, to ensure the safety of the other passengers.

The Herald pressed Cartee on the extra waters, soft drinks, and boxes of snacks

stacked up on the bench. "The Amtrak lady called me and said that there are a lot of people on that train today. They needed more supplies, so another train dropped all of this off for them."

### There and Back

With the train running a bit behind schedule, the Herald had a chance to interview Paul and Cindy Wolf, two frequent travelers on Amtrak. The Wolfs' hop on one train, going East, and deboard at the Wisconsin Dells depot, where they will walk a few blocks and have dinner. After a few hours, they will catch a West-bound train, to return home. "Tonight, we are going to look at Monk's Bar and Grill and The Keg," Paul Wolf stated. "We have a bit of time to walk around, then we hop back on the train to come home." The Wolf's said that their cost, for a roundtrip ticket was only \$17.

### Governor Walk-by

As the Borealis came to a halt, several passengers stepped off the train, as others waited for permission to board. One of the people whose ride had concluded at the Tomah stop, was Governor Tony Evers. Standing by to greet the governor was Tina Thompson and Berta Downs, from the Tomah Chamber of Commerce. While they and several media were hoping to get a few words with Governor Evers, a healthy exchange from high office to constituent was not to take place.

The governor and his crew all jumped into black SUVs, and were escorted away by the Wisconsin State Patrol.

### Tomah Chamber on Impact of Borealis

Tina Thompson, President and CEO of the Tomah Chamber, spoke to the Herald on what the Borealis means to the city of Tomah. "We are excited to kickoff National Tourism week with the inaugural trip of the Borealis Amtrak train line," Thompson stated. "This will mean more visitors to the Tomah area, which we are always excited to have. More tourism means more spending, locally, in our



Paul and Cindy Wolf take a selfie with Amtrak's new Borealis train in the background, as it pulls into Tomah, for its inaugural run, on Tuesday, May 21st, shortly after 3 p.m. The Wolfs hop a train to Wisconsin Dells, have dinner, walk a bit, then hop on a west-bound train to come back home, a few hours later. Herald photo by Benny Mailman.



Governor Tony Evers steps off the Borealis, where he is met by the Wisconsin State Patrol, and escorted to his vehicle, along with his aides. The governor did not take questions from media or passersby. Herald photo by Vicheka Oum.

community."

Both Coach and Business Class Borealis trains offer passengers wide reclining seats, with ample legroom and no middle seats. There is free Wi-Fi and views of the

Mississippi River, between St. Paul and La Crosse. The trains' cafe cars feature regional dining and beverages, including food and drink options from each of the partner states.

### New St. Paul – Chicago Amtrak Schedules: Effective May 21, 2024

#### Eastbound and Westbound

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# OBITUARIES AND DEATH NOTICES

**KEITH G. DAVISON**  
May 23, 2024

SPARTA-Keith G. Davison, 97, of Sparta, passed away on Thursday, May 23, 2024 at Dove Healthcare, Lodi.  
A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 31, 2024 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Sparta, with Reverend Josh Buzbee officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.  
Friends and family are invited for a visitation from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. on Friday, at the church. Online condolences may be offered at [www.schanhoferfh.com](http://www.schanhoferfh.com)  
Lanham-Schanhofer Funeral Home and Cremation, Sparta, is assisting the family with funeral arrangements.  
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**RICHARD N. JOHNSON**  
June 29, 2023

SPARTA-Richard N. Johnson, 80, of Sparta, died Thursday, June 29, 2023 at his home.  
A graveside memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 1, 2024 in Cataract Cemetery. Online condolences may be offered at [www.schanhoferfh.com](http://www.schanhoferfh.com)  
Lanham-Schanhofer Funeral Home and Cremation, Sparta, is assisting the family with arrangements.  
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**JANET DAWN OLSON**  
May 23, 2024

SPARTA-Janet Dawn Olson, 90, of Sparta, WI passed away on Thursday, May 23, 2024 at her home.  
A Memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 8, 2024 at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, with Reverend Micah Schoeneck officiating. Burial will be at St. John's Cemetery, Sparta; with a luncheon to follow, at the church.  
Family and friends are invited for a visitation from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. on Saturday, at the church.  
Online condolences may be offered at [www.schanhoferfh.com](http://www.schanhoferfh.com)  
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**GLORIA JEAN SHUTTER (BETTHAUSER)**  
May 24, 2024

TOMAH- Gloria Jean Shutter (Betthausser) of Tomah, WI, passed away on Friday, May 24, 2024, at the age of 77. Gloria married Gary Shutter on January 22, 1966, at St. Paul Lutheran Church.



Gloria Shutter

She worked at Steele's Rexall Drugstore, Tomah Area School District, and the Telephone Company in Tomah where she retired from in 1998. Gloria loved following her children and grandchildren in their various sports and musical activities. She and Gary were always avid Tomah sports fans, and she loved watching the Badgers, Brewers, and the Packers. Gloria has been an amazing person all her life, and truly - to know her was to love her. She was a devoted daughter to Alan and Arlene (Waege) Betthausser of Tomah; a loving Wife to Gary Shutter of Tomah for 58 years; a wonderful Mother to Tracey Sullivan (Kevin) of Green Bay and Pat Shutter (Lisa) of Tomah; a caring Grandmother to Matt Hockenberry (friend Lynn), Taylor Sullivan (Hannah) and Nick Sullivan all of Green Bay, to Kayleigh Ingenthron (Jared) of Onalaska; Trenton Shutter of Chippewa Falls and Trevor Shutter (Chloe) of Sparta; and a very Special GiGi to Elsie and Cora Hockenberry, Denver and Vaughn Sullivan, Jack, Logan and Charlie Ingenthron and Elliot Shutter; and the best Sister anyone could ever have to Glen Betthausser (friend Mary Groothuis) of Reedsburg, Gerald "Boomer" Betthausser (Karen) of Tomah, Judi DeWitt of Tomah, Mike Betthausser (Kim) of Lyndon Station, Greg Betthausser (Carol) of Tomah, Cindy Abendschein (Brian) of Chippewa Falls, Wendy Wright (Todd) of Millston, John Shutter and Dorothy (Thompson) Shutter both of Tomah. She was dearly loved by her numerous nieces, nephews, and other family members.

right - she's been the rock, the glue of her family. She was the FIRST to be called when anyone had good news to share and the FIRST to be called when it was sad or difficult news, and she was there to laugh or cry or just listen each time. She led the way for the rest of her family by being the FIRST for many things. Glen and Boomer are older than Gloria but she was the FIRST girl born to Arlene and Alan; she was the FIRST Granddaughter of John & Laura Betthausser; she was the FIRST to fall in love with Gary and then the rest of her family did; she was the FIRST in her family to get married; she was the FIRST to have children; she was the FIRST to have Grandchildren; she was the FIRST to have Great-Grandchildren - who call her GiGi. And now she's the FIRST to be reunited with other family members that have gone to heaven before her - her parents Alan and Arlene Betthausser, her Waege Grandparents and her Betthausser Grandparents, her brother-in-law Doug DeWitt, her nephews Bryan Betthausser and Eric Betthausser, her great-niece Hailey Betthausser, her nephew-in-law Pete Kowal, her in-laws Harold and Leila (Reekie) Shutter, her brother-in-law Howard Shutter, her sister-in-law Reggie (Trem) Shutter, her niece Lorrie Shutter and many Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and Friends.

So, to Gloria - have a safe Journey - we Love You, we'll Miss You and we'll see you again someday. LOL (Lots of Love) Gloria J. Shutter, 77, of Tomah, died on Friday, May 24, 2024, at the Serenity House in Tomah.

A Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, May 29, at 11:00 AM at St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, 525 Superior Avenue, Tomah. Pastor Robert Gerke and Pastor Corey Van Kampen will officiate. Burial will be at Greenfield Cemetery in Tunnel City. Relatives and friends are invited for a time of visitation on Tuesday, May 28, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Sonnenburg Family Funeral Home, 801 E. Monowau St, and at church Wednesday, from 10:00 AM until the start of the service. The Sonnenburg Family Funeral Home is assisting with the arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to [www.sonnenburgfamilyfh.com](http://www.sonnenburgfamilyfh.com)

**Sonnenburg Family Funeral Home**

**DONNA MAE SHERIN**  
February 12th, 2024

SPARTA- Donna Mae Sherin passed away peacefully, surrounded by loving family, on Monday February 12th, 2024.  
Memorial services will be held at Lanham-Schanhofer Funeral Home and Cremation, in Sparta, at 11am, Saturday, June 1st, 2024 with Pastor David Leistekow officiating.  
A visitation will be from 10am - 11am. A private family burial will follow the service. Memorials can be given to La Crosse Public Library—North Branch or Rolling Hills Activity Program. Online condolences may be offered at [www.schanhoferfh.com](http://www.schanhoferfh.com)  
Lanham-Schanhofer Funeral Home and Cremation, Sparta, is assisting the family with arrangements.  
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**STEVEN JAMES SOWLE**  
January 18, 1946 — May 24, 2024

TOMAH- Steven James Sowle, age 78, of Tomah,



Steven Sowle

passed away surrounded by his family on Friday, May 24, 2024, at the Serenity House. He was born January 18, 1946, to Harvey "Buster" and Carol (Brown) Sowle. Throughout his childhood, Steve acted as big brother to not only Brian, but to his cousins and close neighborhood kids with his guidance and gentle, teachable moments. He loved playing football and basketball and he loved being a Tomah Indian. Steve was incredibly proud of his small-town roots and the many roles he had within the Tomah community.

After high school, Steve's educational path continued at UW-River Falls, after which he proudly served in the National Guard. When he came back to Tomah, he and his uncle, William Brown, managed The Tomah Greenhouse, a family endeavor started by his grandmother, Louise (Storkel) Brown. Running the greenhouse and delivering the flowers brought Steve immense joy. He was known to even dress up in costumes around the holidays and that brought an extra smile to people's faces when the delivery van pulled up.

Steve's professional life was as diverse as it was impactful. For 27 years, he served as a volunteer firefighter, demonstrating courage and selflessness. The fire department was a second family and he gained many lasting friendships. Steve found joy working at Hilliker's Tree Farm, where even in retirement, he continued to offer his help during their busiest season. He enjoyed welcoming the shoppers, providing knowledge of trees, and running the bailer.

In 2009, he retired from his cherished role as a rural mail carrier, a job he often referred to as "the best job I ever had," thanks to the many personal connections he made along his route. His route was more than a journey through the countryside; it was a series of friendships, each mailbox a chapter in his story.

At home, Steve was a "girl dad" and enjoyed every minute, even polishing tiny fingernails and combing ponytails. He enjoyed backyard pool parties and BBQ's, music rocking from his juke box, building his

model trains, and sharing countless stories of times passed. Steve was a true do-it-yourselfer. He would always say, "Let's try it and find out." He just had a zest for life.

Steve was a devoted husband to Annette with whom he shared a love and strong partnership with. He loved camping and traveling with Annette in their motorhome, experiences that introduced them to many wonderful people. Steve was incredibly proud of his private pilot license and enjoyed flying any chance he could get. He liked taking people on rides to give them a new experience. Yet, above all, it was his family that brought him the most happiness. His grandchildren were the light of his life, and he was there for them in any way he could be, whether at sporting events, family functions, or just to check in.

Steve's legacy is one of a generous and kind spirit, a man who gave freely of himself to his family, his friends, and his community. He will be missed, but his memory will continue to inspire all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Annette (Vitcenda); his daughter, Emily (Steve) Ewers and their children, Madeline, Ruby, Rachel, and Henry; and his daughter, Erica (Travis) Champlin and their children, Laney, Blake and Bodey; his brother, Brian (Bryan) Sowle of Ajijic, Mexico; and his niece, Anna (Derek) Humphrey of Riverside, California. He is further survived by many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his grandmother, Louise Brown, and his uncle, William Brown.

Steve's family would like to thank the staff at the Serenity House, and his in-home caretakers, Terri and Deena, for the wonderful care they provided for him in his final days.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday, May 31, 2024, 11:00 a.m. at the Bible Evangelical Free Church in Tomah. Pastor Tim Erickson will officiate. Family and friends are invited for visitation on Friday from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service at the church. Burial will be held at the Oak Grove Cemetery on Friday at 2:00 p.m. The Torkelson Funeral Home in Tomah is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be offered at [www.torkelsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.torkelsonfuneralhome.com)

**Torkelson Funeral Home**

**VICKI LYNN PLEIN**  
June 7, 1953 — May 16, 2023

SPARTA- Vicki Lynn Plein, 70 of Sparta, WI, passed away Thursday, May 16, 2023, at Rolling Hills in Sparta. Vicki was born June 7, 1953, to Paul and Olive (Haugen) Koessler. She grew up on the family farm and graduated from Cashton High School.

Vicki married her best friend, Royce "Roy" Plein and together they had two children. She spent many years working at the Morrow Home, where she was the sunshine in many of the residents' lives when she came in to help tidy up their rooms.

Vicki will be remembered for her kind and caring heart. She always had a positive attitude and looked on the bright side of life. She was always looking to make you laugh. Her infectious giggles and laughter were contagious, and she will be missed by all who knew her.

Vicki is survived by her husband Royce; daughter,

Melissa (Tim) Arnold; grandchildren, Mikayla, and Turner Arnold; sisters, Shirley (Mike) Nelson and Debra (Paul Koessler-Wieman); along with nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Vicki was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Olive Koessler; a son, Todd Mancl; and her sister, Jean Koessler.

Funeral Services will be held Saturday, June 1, 2024, 11:00 a.m. at the Torkelson Funeral Home, 1132 Angelo Road, Sparta, WI. Pastor Bob Streeter will officiate. Family and friends are invited for visitation Saturday, June 1, from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home.

The Torkelson Funeral Home of Sparta is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be offered at [www.torkelsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.torkelsonfuneralhome.com).

**Torkelson Funeral Home**

**SUZI BETH PERRON**  
April 30, 1959 — May 12, 2024

SPARTA-Suzi Beth Perron age 65 died May 12, 2024, in her home surrounded by loved ones. Suzi was born April 30, 1959, to Richard and Eunice (Karbon) Vaughan in Manitowoc WI. She was the third of seven kids.



Suzi Perron

Suzi grew up in Fond du lac, WI where she met and married Michael Perron in July of 1988. Suzi and Mike had two sons, Joshua and Brandon. She worked many jobs, most of which were for the federal government at Fort McCoy, WI. Her most impactful job was working for the Sparta Area School District as a teacher's aide. This is where she connected with so many people in the community from kids to adults, most of which still remember her to this day.

Suzi's hobbies were spending time with her grandkids. Anything they did, such as sports and hobbies, she was there cheering them on. It didn't matter how loud the gym, arena, or rink was, you would hear Suzi over the noise. She had a passion and a purpose to support her kids, grandkids, and any others

that she adopted as her own. She had a big heart and was willing to give it to as many as would take a piece.

Suzi is survived by her two sons, Josh Perron of Stevens Point and Brandon (Jade) Perron of Sparta; grandkids, Jaelyn, Caleah, Liam, Harper, and Eliana; brothers, Gary (Sharon) Vaughn of Kimberly and Gordy (Julie) Vaughan of Fond Du Lac; sisters, Holly Vaughan of Wausau, Vernali (John) Vaughan of Appleton, Jeni Vaughan of Appleton, and Jami Vaughan of Rhinelander; as well as many nieces and nephews spanning many generations.

She was preceded in death by her father Richard Vaughan and mother Eunice (Karbon) Vaughan.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 from 4-6pm at Lanham-Schanhofer Funeral Home and Cremation, Sparta. Burial to be done at a later date. Online condolences may be offered at [www.schanhoferfh.com](http://www.schanhoferfh.com)

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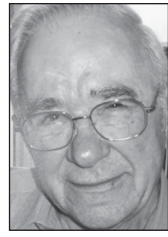
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## RONALD L. TRALMER

August 17, 1932 — May 21, 2024



TOMAH- Ronald L. Tralmer, age 91, of Tomah, Wisconsin, passed away on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at the Tomah VA Medical Center. He was born on August 17, 1932, to Oscar and Lela (Snider) Tralmer in Mauston, Wisconsin. Ron was a graduate of Tomah High School in 1950, and he proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps.

He was united in marriage to Darlene Butterfuss on September 13, 1952, in San Clemente, California. Ron left for Korea the next day. He was involved in the "Battle of the Hook", often referred to as the "Bloody Hook". After 3 days/nights of fighting with no sleep, his company was ordered to take the Hill back from the Chinese on October 27th. Grenades were being thrown down the hill by the Chinese into the trenches. Ron's company had to be in a prone position to avoid getting hit. A grenade landed onto his back (he had a flak jacket on) and exploded. Unable to see, he was picked up by his Point Man and carried down the hill. He was flown to the USS Constellation in Inchon, where he was operated on. It was nine days before he could see. Shrapnel was removed from his back, shoulders, head, and neck; he still had shrapnel in his head and shoulder. Ron acknowledged that the Lord and his Point Man saved his life! Ron helped organize many Marine dinners, which included Marines from Wisconsin. Once a Marine, always a Marine!

Upon his return from the service, he began working with his family at Tralmer's Sales and Service as a plumber, the best Master Plumber ever! The business was ended in 2004. Then Ron became a true social butterfly. He met with his buddies every morning at the old Badger, then Greenwoods. There were many who received a good old back rub from him! And his stories were many and quite entertaining. Ron was always willing to help anyone, anytime. His work ethic was above and beyond what was needed, and he worked very hard to make sure a job was done right. He

designed two of the family homes and the Mega Storage rental units, and he drew blueprints as one of his jobs at Tralmers store. He also took part in the building, and, of course, the plumbing, for many jobs.

Ron loved music, and he loved to dance (that's putting it mildly). He and Butter were great dancers. He was not afraid to dance alone if he had to; he loved entertaining and laughing, and occasionally flirting with the ladies. He was a gentleman. Many know his favorite song was "Tiny Bubbles", but the Branson Bus Tour folks may also remember "Baby Blue". He also loved bowling years ago and golfing in recent years, especially at the VA Golf Course with his daughter and son-in-law.

Ron is survived by his wife, Darlene; his daughter, Vicki (Tom) Church; grandchildren, Ryan Tralmer, Kim Tralmer, Troy (Nicole) Tralmer, Shane (Kristin) Nordstrom and Solomon Church; great grandchildren, Brennen, Mason, Trace, Tenley, and Gideon; brother, Don Tralmer; sister-in-law, Dorothy Tralmer; along with many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Lela; sons, Gary and Steve; great grandson, Chad; brothers, Howard (Alice) Tralmer and Robert Tralmer; sister-in-law, Patricia Tralmer; and twin infant sisters.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you instead donate to the Alzheimer's Association.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, May 30, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at Queen of the Apostles Catholic Parish in Tomah. Monsignor David Kunz will officiate. Burial with full military honors will follow in the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Tomah. Family and friends are invited for visitation on Wednesday, May 29, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., with a rosary beginning at 3:30 p.m. at the Torkelson Funeral Home in Tomah. Additional visitation will take place on Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of Mass at church. The Torkelson Funeral Home of Tomah is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [www.torkelsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.torkelsonfuneralhome.com)

Torkelson Funeral Home

# Van Orden backs 2024 Farm Bill, champions provisions for Wisconsin's farmers

On May 23rd, Congressman Derrick Van Orden (WI-03) voted in support of the House Committee on Agriculture's advancement of the *Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2024*, commonly known as the Farm Bill. Following its passage out of committee, Congressman Van Orden stated, "For the first time in over a decade, Wisconsin had a seat at the table in building the Farm Bill. We are America's Dairyland and one of the leading states in the country for soybean, corn, and potato production, so this is one of the most important bills we have completed this Congress that directly impacts the people in my district. America's farmers and agricultural producers provide not just for our nation, but also for the world, and this year's Farm Bill delivers for those who keep us fed, fueled, and clothed."

Representative Van Orden further stated, "Dairy farmers work incredibly hard, and they need to know Congress has their backs. We are bringing their products back to our schools, through the *Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act*, so kids can get the nutrients they need to be healthy. I also cosponsored the *Dairy Farm Resiliency Act*, to increase the cap on Tier I coverage for the Dairy Margin Coverage program, to six million pounds, to provide a more robust safety net for producers and ensured we maintained the Dairy Business Innovation Initiatives."

Van Orden continued, "As a Member on the Nutrition, Foreign Agriculture, and Horticulture Subcommittee, I am proud of the protections we provided for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The SNAP provisions in the 2024 Farm Bill maintain

cost-of-living adjustments, to account for inflation and prevent future administrations from bypassing Congress to make changes to SNAP, ensuring that folks who need a hand up are able to receive one. We are also making sure Americans have clean water with the inclusion of the *Healthy H2O Act*, to continue our efforts in filtering PFAS out of families' drinking water."

"A farmer's products cannot get to our tables without a strong workforce, which is why I am incredibly proud that my *Ag Vets Act* is in the Farm Bill, so farmers can meet their labor demands, while simultaneously supporting veterans entering the agriculture industry. I am proud of the work done with my Republican committee colleagues on this year's Farm Bill and look forward to it providing for Wisconsin, the nation, and the world."

Passage of this year's Farm Bill includes five policies introduced or cosponsored by Representative Van Orden, to include

- The *Ag Vets Act*, which directs the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture to award competitive grants to prepare veterans for entering the farming and ranching industries
- The *Healthy H2O Act*, which provides direct assistance to rural communities, households, and nonprofits to test their drinking water and fund filtration technology
- The *Dairy Farm Resiliency Act* to increase the cap on Tier I coverage for the Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) program to six million pounds
- The *Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act* to amend the current restrictions and permit schools to offer students whole,

reduced-fat, low-fat – flavored and unflavored milk

-Inclusion of the Hot Foods Study

The 2024 Farm Bill also includes many of Congressman Van Orden's top priorities:

- Uplifting Dairy Farmers and Producers**
  - Maintains the Dairy Business Innovation Initiatives, with a commitment to work to increase funding levels by \$16 million
  - Restores Federal Milk Marketing Orders (FMMOs) to the "higher-of" formula for the calculation of the price of Class I (fluid) milk
  - Adds a requirement to collect and publish cost-of-production data for organic milk through the Organic Production and Market Data Initiative
  - Allows farmers to voluntarily enter into forward price contracts with handlers for pooled milk used for Class II, III, or IV purposes under FMMOs and permits regulated handlers to pay farmers in accordance with the terms of a forward contract instead of paying the minimum federal order blend price for pooled milk
- Growing Markets, Research, and the Workforce**
  - Maintains mandatory funding for the Farming Opportunities Training and Outreach Program to encourage and assist socially disadvantaged veteran farmers and ranchers, as well as beginning farmers and ranchers
  - Increases funding for the Specialty Crop Research Initiative
  - Maintains mandatory funding for the Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative
  - Expands the reach and impact of the Market Access Program (MAP) and Foreign Market Development (FMD) allowing

for heightened market access and trade promotion

-Improves crop insurance by expanding premium assistance for beginning and veteran farmers, utilizes research and development programs, and enhances specific coverage options to reduce the need for unbudgeted ad hoc disaster assistance

-Provides a one-time opportunity to establish base acres for producers who (1) currently do not have base; or (2) who's average plantings from 2019-2023 exceed existing base on the farm

**Protecting Federal Nutrition Assistance**

-Maintains cost-of-living adjustments to ensure SNAP benefits continue to account for inflation

-Implements policy to prevent a future administration from bypassing Congress to unilaterally cut or expand SNAP benefits

**Supporting the Organic Industry**

-Continues to fund the Organic Certification Cost Share Program and provides the Organic Production and Market Data Initiatives

-Provides the Secretary with the authority to provide technical assistance, outreach, and education to support organic production through existing programs across various agencies within USDA

**Closing the Digital Divide**

-Develops a multifaceted approach to rural broadband that brings together all available technology in order to create a resilient, flexible, and widespread network of rural broadband capability

-Integrates the ReConnect Program into the Farm Bill Rural Broadband Program while maintaining dedicated funds for the program



**A turtle's shell is tough but not tougher than your tires. Be mindful when driving in low, wet areas where turtles may be crossing. Photo Credit: Timothy Hansel Nature Photography**

## Help protect turtles during nesting season

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) encourages the public to help nesting turtles by following a few easy actions throughout the nesting season. This time of year, turtles emerge from rivers, lakes and wetlands to find a spot for their nests. Wisconsin's 11 turtle species lay eggs in shallow, buried nests from late May through June, where they are often along roads and in residential yards. Drivers can help reduce turtle road mortality — a leading cause of turtle decline throughout Wisconsin — by being mindful when driving near swamps, lakes and rivers.

"When turtles are more active during nesting season, they face added risks," said Andrew Badje, DNR conservation biologist. "Some are run over by vehicles, while others face predation from raccoons, skunks and coyotes. Some protected species are also taken illegally from the wild and sold in the illegal pet trade. Protecting adult females and turtle nests in the wild is essential for conserving Wisconsin turtle populations." Here are some ways Wisconsinites can help turtles

- from now through July:
  - Protect nests**
    - Follow instructions and a step-by-step video on how to build a nest cage that keeps predators out and allows hatchlings to exit on their own.
  - Drive cautiously**
    - Slow down, be alert and reduce distractions, especially on roads near wet areas, lakes and rivers.
  - Share your sightings**
    - Report turtle observations, road crossings and nest sites using the DNR's Reporting Form to help us manage and conserve turtles more effectively. You can also report suspicious illegal activity associated with turtles to the DNR's Violation Hotline online or by calling or texting 800-847-9367.
  - Keep Wildlife Wild**
    - Help protect Wisconsin's native turtles by keeping wild turtles in the wild and not releasing pet turtles.
  - Donate**
    - DNR conservation efforts for endangered and threatened species wouldn't be possible without support from the Endangered Resources Fund.

## Tomah common council meeting rescheduled due to weather

By JAYME BAHL  
Staff Writer

Tomah mayor, Paul Dwyer, made the decision last Tuesday, May 21st, 2024, to postpone the common council's May meeting, due to extreme weather forecasts. The council will now meet today, Tuesday May 28th, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., in the chambers of city hall. The agenda includes public input, monthly department reports, and a consent agenda to approve liquor licenses and April minutes. New business from the committee of the whole includes two resolutions and amendments to ordinances.

**Public Input**  
Two speakers are scheduled to appear before the council on Tuesday. First, Colonel Stephen Messenger. Colonel Messenger will be communicating happenings at Fort McCoy and providing a thankful message to the community. Second, Tomah Area School District superintendent, Mike Hanson, will present a report on happenings at the school district and communicate with the council and patrons.

**Monthly Reports**  
As usual, reports will be given by city officials. First, the mayor will address the council and room. Next, the Senior Executive Team will present recent meetings attended, economic development opportunities, and other duties performed by the team. Then, public safety director and fire chief, Time Adler, will update the council on April's Tomah fire and emergency calls, facilities, vehicles, and staff. Finally, Shane Rolff, zoning administrator, will review Tomah's April building permits and code violations. Also, Irma Keller, director

of Tomah Library, and Pam Buchda, director of Senior and Disabled Services, will present an uplifting report on community events and opportunities.

**Resolutions**  
Two resolutions will be discussed at Tuesday's city council meeting. The first resolution is the standard payment of monthly bills. The bills include payroll, invoices, and transfers, amounting to \$6,378,054.

The second resolution was brought before the committee of the whole last Monday, May 20th, 2024. Tomah council is seeking the sale of \$2,640,000 in general obligation promissory notes. The loan's purpose includes the cost of facility improvements and equipment acquisition for Parks and Recreation and for two police squad cars. Facility improvements include the police station, city hall, street shop and senior center, street improvements, and park improvements, which include the Tomah Ice Center.

**Amendments**  
Two amendments to Tomah's municipal codes were recommended to the city council. The first amendment is to section 2-270 and to repeal sections 2-271 through 2-274, regarding record retention. The second amendment is fencing height restrictions.

The second amendment is to change the height restriction for fencing. Tomah's planning committee recommends that the city will allow fences up to 6 feet in height on the streetside yard of reverse corner lots, to equal the established front yard of the property on the key lot directly behind the property, to never exceed 15 feet. Fence restrictions are currently at 3 feet on the corner lots, per municipal code.

## LOOKING

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every breath you get to take." Gessner drove home the reality of our freedom — that there was an extreme price, the ultimate price, that was paid in blood spilled, hearts broken, and the heaviness of never hugging a loved one again.

We look back to honor the fallen, to say thank you, however we may choose to do so. It may be a prayer, or several. It may be with celebration in public, or a private, solemn moment. A disregard for the honoring is a disregard for one's own existence in a free country. The failure to be beholding to these men and women is a failure to acknowledge their extreme sacrifice, for everything that comes along with our freedom.

### Looking Forward

Graduation season falls

in the same timeframe as Memorial Day. In contrast to looking back, graduations represent our countries strong hope, in looking forward. For the graduates themselves, it is a freedom of choice and an endeavor to choose their own paths and journey forward, under their own freewill. Determination and positive choices will guide them along their new trail, whether college is their focus, military their aim, or the workforce their wish, it is now up to them to utilize the tools they picked up, while in school.

Today's Herald will focus on the graduations in Sparta, Tomah, Bangor, Brookwood, and Cashton. In Thursday's Herald, Memorial Day stories and photos will take precedent.

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The Wisconsin Challenge Academy, based out of Fort McCoy, joined forces with the Monroe County Invasive Species Working Group (MCISWG) to help root out invasive plants, specifically the Eurasian Honeysuckle. Arriving at 9 a.m., the busload of cadets were of great assistance to the other volunteers, in destroying nonnative plants, so that native plants may once again thrive, in their natural habitat. Herald photo by Jennifer Rodriguez Moran.

# Challenge Academy joins forces with MCISWG

## Destroying invasive plants at forefront of habitat restoration

By **JENNIFER RODRIGUEZ MORAN**  
Contributing writer

In 2024, the Monroe County Invasive Species Working Group (MCISWG) continues to remain busy, restoring habitat, educating the community, and providing interactive field days for landowners and other conservation-minded people in Monroe County. Earlier this spring, MCISWG had a workday, with the Fort McCoy-based Wisconsin Challenge Academy joining forces with them, which provided impressive results. They are hoping to keep the momentum going, with an upcoming event at the West Salem School Forest, in Sparta, with additional events on the horizon for this summer.

The public is welcome to attend these events, which aim to educate people about how ornamental landscaping can lead to the uncontrolled spread of plants from other countries, even in unexpected wild areas, due to the ease of growth and spread of seeds by wind, wildlife, and other means of transport.

When plants, such as invasive honeysuckle, multi flora rose, buckthorn, amur maple, garlic mustard, Japanese knotweed, and purple loosestrife become established in an area, native wildflowers, trees, and shrubs simply can't compete. Monroe County residents are encouraged to RSVP, and join the effort to restore our precious habitat, so that we can all continue to enjoy our unique plants, animals, and landscape. Following is information about upcoming meetings, how to join MCISWG, and an exclusive report on the recent outing with Ft McCoy's Challenge Academy.

### Challenge Academy and Volunteers make a Difference

Mic Armstrong, of the MCISWG, shared that earlier this spring, the Challenge Academy, based out of Fort McCoy, helped tackle invasive honeysuckle, at The Elroy Sparta Bike Trail. MCISWG needed help cutting one remaining species of invasive plant, after having spent several years cutting out Amur Maple and Buckthorn from a large area in the campground of the Elroy Sparta State Trail.

This time, the target plant was Eurasian Honeysuckle (*Lonicera* species), a nonnative, exotic plant, sold for many years as an ornamental plant. Although it does have pretty flowers and was very popular in personal-home landscapes, when it escapes into natural areas it outcompetes the native shrubs in woodland understories. Once established, it can take moisture away from native

plants and slow down growth of forest trees. Birds that nest in them are more prone to predators than birds that nest in native shrubs. Birds will also eat the berries and spread seed to new areas, where it can form impenetrable thickets.

A bus full of eager cadets arrived at 9 a.m. and proceeded to the parking lot of the campground off Igloo Road, in Sparta. They quickly lined up in two formations, in front of two leaders. Cadets were dressed for the outdoors, outfitted in heavy camo uniforms, all of them donning their signature red hats. They were greeted by volunteers from the MCISWG. They were attentive, as some safety precautions, about working in woodland were explained.

Next, the cadets did their best to learn a little twig identification, from United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Biologist, Luke Romance. Amur Maple, buckthorn, and honeysuckle twigs were passed around. Knowing that such a crash course would be tricky, volunteers had flagged hundreds of honeysuckles with little pieces of pink ribbon, to make things easier in the plant identification portion of the project.

On signals from their leaders, they trooped into the campground with several coolers filled with the day's provisions, as well as a heavy tote of bow saws and loppers, on loan, through the Natural Resources Department, at Fort McCoy. Volunteers worked with the cadets, to make sure every stem of the honeysuckle shrubs were cut close to the ground, before moving on to another plant. By lunchtime, volunteers needed to flag more plants. Cadets took the time to collect every piece of trash they could find and placed it all in trash bags, which volunteers disposed of at the end of the day.

In the afternoon, while one troop worked, the other was led on a hike down the bike trail. While the second troop hiked, the newly invigorated cadets lined up along the trail and on a signal, they spread out through an area of thick brush, cutting honeysuckle like professionals. Meanwhile, experienced and certified volunteers zigzagged with herbicide application devices. One such device was a modified paint roller. They treated each cut stump with a small amount of an oil-mixed herbicide, which should stop the invasives from resprouting.

Next winter MCISWG volunteers will tackle new areas of the roughly 100 acres, in and around the campground, which is infested with invasive amur maple, buckthorn and honeysuckle. The group is hoping for another strong showing by the Challenge Academy and the dedicated and hard-working cadets, who are helping in

the process of restoring these woods to their natural state, where oaks, black cherry, and native shrubs - such as hazel, winterberry and elderberry will flourish again, without the impediment of invasive plant thickets.

### Interested Community Members

If you would like to learn more about invasive species or help with invasive species work, contact Clint Gilman, DNR Forester at the Tomah Ranger Station, at (608)- 387-0782. You may also go to [www.co.monroe.wi.us/departments/land-conservation/invasive-species-workinggroup](http://www.co.monroe.wi.us/departments/land-conservation/invasive-species-workinggroup)

On Thursday, May 30th, from 11a.m. to 4 p.m., the next MCISWG meeting will be held at the West Salem Outdoor Education Center. Clint Gilman, Forester/Ranger - Division of Forestry Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources explains, "The Outdoor Education Center is located on the end of

Harvest Avenue, just off of the Sparta Highway 16 Interstate exit. There will be a walking tour of invasive species and recent timber harvest locations at 11 a.m., then lunch will be provided. Our in-person meeting will be from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Finally, an optional walking tour of the tall white pines and spring seeps will take place afterward."

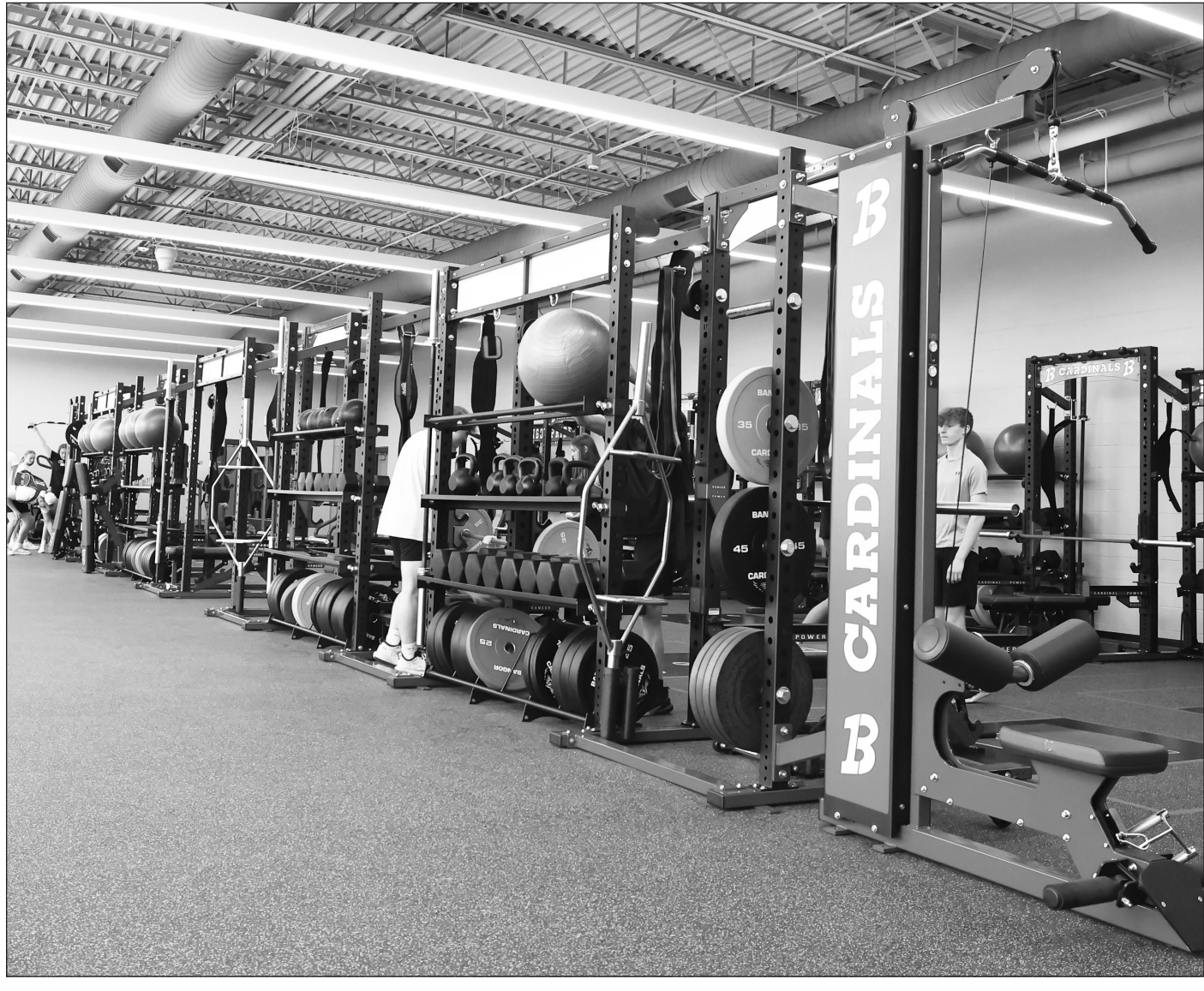
Please RSVP by sending an email to [Clint.Gilman@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Clint.Gilman@wisconsin.gov)

### Following is the agenda for the 5/30/24 meeting

May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
**Field trip and Meeting Location:**  
West Salem School Forest Outdoor Education Center, 11782 Harvest Avenue, Sparta, WI 54656  
**Tour 11.00 a.m. -12.30 p.m.**  
**12.30 p.m.** Lunch provided  
**1p.m. - 2.30 p.m.** Meeting  
**2.30 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.** Walking tour- special areas in

the school forest  
**Agenda:**  
-introductions/New Faces  
**Gilman**  
-Agenda Additions  
-Outreach Media **Weedman**  
-Annual Meeting 02/29/2024 recap and 2024 Plan  
**Armstrong**  
-CISMA/NR40 update  
**Armstrong**  
**Action Updates**  
-Monroe County Cost-share Applications for Private Land Invasive Species Management  
- **Michel/Lefebvre**  
-Community Garden  
- **Esterline/Rodriguez Moran**  
-Farmers Market - **Esterline/Senderhauf**  
-Purple loosestrife - **Esterline**  
-Phragmites- **Tomah Senderhauf**  
-Play Clean Go signs with Scrushers - **Michel/Lefebvre**  
-Annual Garlic Mustard Pull - **June 1st Johnston**  
-Mapping Elroy Sparta Bike Trail - **Armstrong**

-June 13th Field Day at Pine View Campground review - **All**  
-August 8th Field Day at Cranberry Research Center - **All**  
-Fort McCoy Updates - **Ratsch**  
-Updates from the front line - **All**  
**Agenda Items for next meeting** -July 25<sup>th</sup>, Field trip to Firefly Farms followed by a meeting at Jefferson Town Hall, in Cashton  
-Future Field Day ideas - Target township training.  
-Set future meeting dates -Adjourn  
**For more information please visit:**  
-Monroe County Invasive Species Working Group: <https://www.co.monroe.wi.us/departments/land-conservation/invasive-species-working-group>  
-Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources: [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov)



Bangor High School opened their new weight room/ fitness center on Thursday May 23. It was put to use immediately. This new area stemmed from the 2022 facilities referendum in the Bangor School District. Herald photos by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

**2024**  
*ButterFest* *Car Show*

**Saturday June 8th 11am**  
726 East Montgomery Street Sparta WI.



# RODEO

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perfect, and the atmosphere is rocking.”

Henry explained a bit about what makes the rodeo unique from other sports. “Rodeo is a whole different sport when it comes to competition,” Henry explained. “You must condition your horse year-round and get yourself in sync with your equine partner, and once you click – it’s game on.”

### Weekend Rodeo Results

According to Henry, the rodeo was a success, and so were the local contestants. “All the kids did a great job and should be proud of themselves, even if it didn’t go the way they wanted,” Henry told the Herald. “But just like anything else, you dust your boots off, get back into the saddle and keep moving forward.”

Tomah High School senior, Caylee Check, placed 4th in HS pole bending. Sparta’s Laine Brooks placed 3rd in JH girls pole bending. Pole bending is where the mounted rider weaves the horse through a path of six poles, without knocking them over.

Tomah’s Check placed 2nd in HS breakaway. In JH breakaway, two Tomah students placed in the top 4. Riley Breitsprecher placed 1st among boys and Jocey Johnson placed 4th among girls. Breakaway is where one mounted rider attempts to rope a calf running down a narrow run.

### Goat Tying

Tomah’s JH girls dominated the goat tying category, placing 3 out of 4 in the top four. Calynn Ollendick placed 1st, while Aislynn Nelson placed 2nd, and Jocey Johnson placed 3rd. Goat tying is where a rider races to a tethered goat, dismounts, and catches, throws, and ties three of the goat’s legs together. It is a timed event.

### Barrel Event

Sparta’s JH girls dominated the barrel event. Both girls fought one another for the

number one spot, but Lanie Brooks prevailed for 1st and Quinn Donskey placed an honorable 2nd. Tomah’s Check placed 2nd in HS barrels. Barrel racing is where the mounted rider weaves between three upright barrels, in a cloverleaf pattern, without knocking over the barrels.

### Ribbon Roping

Tomah’s Ollendick teamed up with Ronnie Ragatz for JH ribbon roping. They placed 1st in the event. Ribbon roping is where a mounted rider races to rope a calf, with several loops around the horns. The teammate is then able to grab the ribbon on the calf’s tail and race on foot, back to the start.

### Team Roping

Tomah’s Brady Breitsprecher teamed up with Treyton Carlson, to take 1st in HS team roping, and Riley Breitsprecher teamed up with Ronnie Ragatz, to place 1st in JH team roping. Team roping is when two mounted riders work together, one at the head and one at the heel, to catch a calf by the horn or neck and the other around a foot.

For the rodeo shooting component, Tomah’s JH Ollendick placed 3rd for small bore, small caliber rifle.

### All Around Winners

Tomah’s Laine Brooks was awarded the JH Reserve All-Around title in the girls’ division. Her score was 48. To help put it into perspective, she was 1 point behind the 49 score that the HS and JH All-Around earned. Brooks will be one to watch at the State Finals and as she continues her rodeo journey.

Henry wishes luck to the contestants, and to “reach for the stars” as they compete at the State Finals and potentially Nationals.

For more information on the Wisconsin HS/JH Rodeo events or to sneak a peek at the State JH score, visit [WHSRA.org](http://WHSRA.org). To learn more about Nationals, visit [NHSRA.com](http://NHSRA.com).



To ensure no goats were harmed in the process, there was a change of the goats after every 6 or so successful goat ties during Tomah’s Regional High School Rodeo. Goat tying is where a goat is tethered onto a 10-foot rope and the rider must dismount, catch, and tie three of the goat’s legs for 6 seconds. Herald Photo by Jayme Bahl.



Tomah’s Jocey Johnson carefully dismounts from her horse at the Regional High School Rodeo the weekend of May 17th-19th, 2024. Her aim was to corral the tethered goat in the tying competition. Herald Photo by Jayme Bahl.



Sparta senior Natalie Olson racing her horse during barrels on Sunday, May 19th, 2024, at the Tomah Regional High School Rodeo. The Monroe County fairgrounds were filled with contestants looking to increase their state competition average and place in Tomah’s event. Herald Photo by Jayme Bahl.



Tomah’s Jocey Johnson flips her goat on its back, so she can tie three legs as fast as she can in the goat tying competition. The 11th annual Tomah Regional High School Rodeo was held at the fairgrounds on the weekend of May 17th-19th, 2024. Herald Photo by Jayme Bahl.

# Wisconsin Legends and Lore: World War 3 Averted

By JOHN GESSNER  
Staff Writer

The time frame was October 1962, and the world was teetering on the brink of a Nuclear War. The Russians were

placing nuclear missiles in Cuba, 90 miles off the coast of Florida — within striking range of the continental United States. The US had nuclear missiles based in Turkey, within striking distance of the

Soviet Union. To prevent Russia from delivering their full complement of nuclear missiles to Cuba, a naval blockade was placed around the island, preventing the Soviets from sending more nuclear

missiles. This may have been the closest the world has ever come to full-scale nuclear war. Fortunately, cooler heads prevailed, but even the threat of responding to and preventing a nuclear attack must be swift

and accurate.

There were several strategic nuclear response bases in Minnesota and Wisconsin, fearing the Russians may launch a nuclear bomber strike over the north pole. The two largest air bases were in Duluth and right here at Volk Field. The two bases were tied together with an immediate warning system that put both bases on alert. Volk had at least two aircraft always loaded with nuclear weapons, so they could be deployed at moment’s notice.

The United States believed that prior to a Russian attack, they would attempt to use special forces troops to disrupt and disable our nuclear response - so security was tight and on edge. This was when a black bear entered the picture, nearly triggering World War 3.

On the evening of October 25th, 1962, there was an intrusion at the Duluth air base. At the time, Duluth had 130 nuclear weapons in its weapons storage bunkers. A security guard saw a shadowy figure in a fur coat attempting to climb the perimeter fence. He fired

at the figure and sounded the sabotage alarm. The guard investigated and determined that the infiltrator was not a Russian in a fur coat, but actually a black bear — the alarm was cancelled.

However, the alarm in turn notified Volk Field, where interceptor aircraft were scrambled, and within minutes of moving to the runway. The F-106 aircraft were armed with nuclear-tipped missiles, capable of wiping out an entire squadron of Soviet bombers. As a precaution, the duty officer at Volk Field called Duluth to verify the alarm and found out the real story. Planes at Volk Field were already taxiing down the field. A jeep had to be sent out with lights flashing to prevent the aircraft from taking off. And that’s the story of the bear that almost triggered World War 3.



An F-106 Delta Dart Interceptor that would have been alerted the night of October 25, 1962, to respond to a suspected Russian nuclear bomber strike. Contributed photo.

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## Beautiful Bird's-eye Primrose

### Natural Connections

By Emily Stone  
Naturalist and Education Director at Cable Natural History Museum



Giddy with delight, I darted from anemones to bell heathers to avens, taking photos of delightful tundra wildflowers I'd never seen before. The late-June sky was overcast, as it was during much of that trip to Alaska in the summer of 2018, but the blossoms were plenty radiant on their own. That wildflower-lined walk up Flattop Mountain – an extremely popular hiking trail right in Anchorage – is one of my favorite memories of the summer.

When I uploaded photos of one particularly flashy hot pink flower with a sunny yellow center, I discovered that Bird's-eye Primrose (*Primula mistassinica*) is a Species of Special Concern in Wisconsin, and also occurs along the shores of Lake Superior in Minnesota. Since one of my favorite things is finding old friends in a new place – or new friends in a familiar place – I added "see Bird's-eye Primrose near home" to my mental bucket list.

Well, life's been busy since I returned from Alaska, especially during the May-June window when Bird's-eye Primrose blooms in the Upper Midwest. At the Museum, we

dive straight from exhibit construction headlong into school field trip season, and then get the summer started by hosting a Wisconsin Master Naturalist Training. Plus, as far as I can tell, you need a boat to see this flower in northern Wisconsin, since they cling to sandstone cliffs on the Bayfield Peninsula and in the Apostle Islands.

But last week, with evening sunshine glinting off the rifled waters of Lake Superior's North Shore, and a surprisingly warm breeze wafting over the spit of wave-washed bedrock, a flower once again caught my eye. Rock-hopping over, I discovered the pink petals and yellow centers I'd been looking for. Notches in each of the five petals gave them a lovely heart shape. At the base of the flower's wiry stem was a little rosette of bright green leaves with wavy edges.

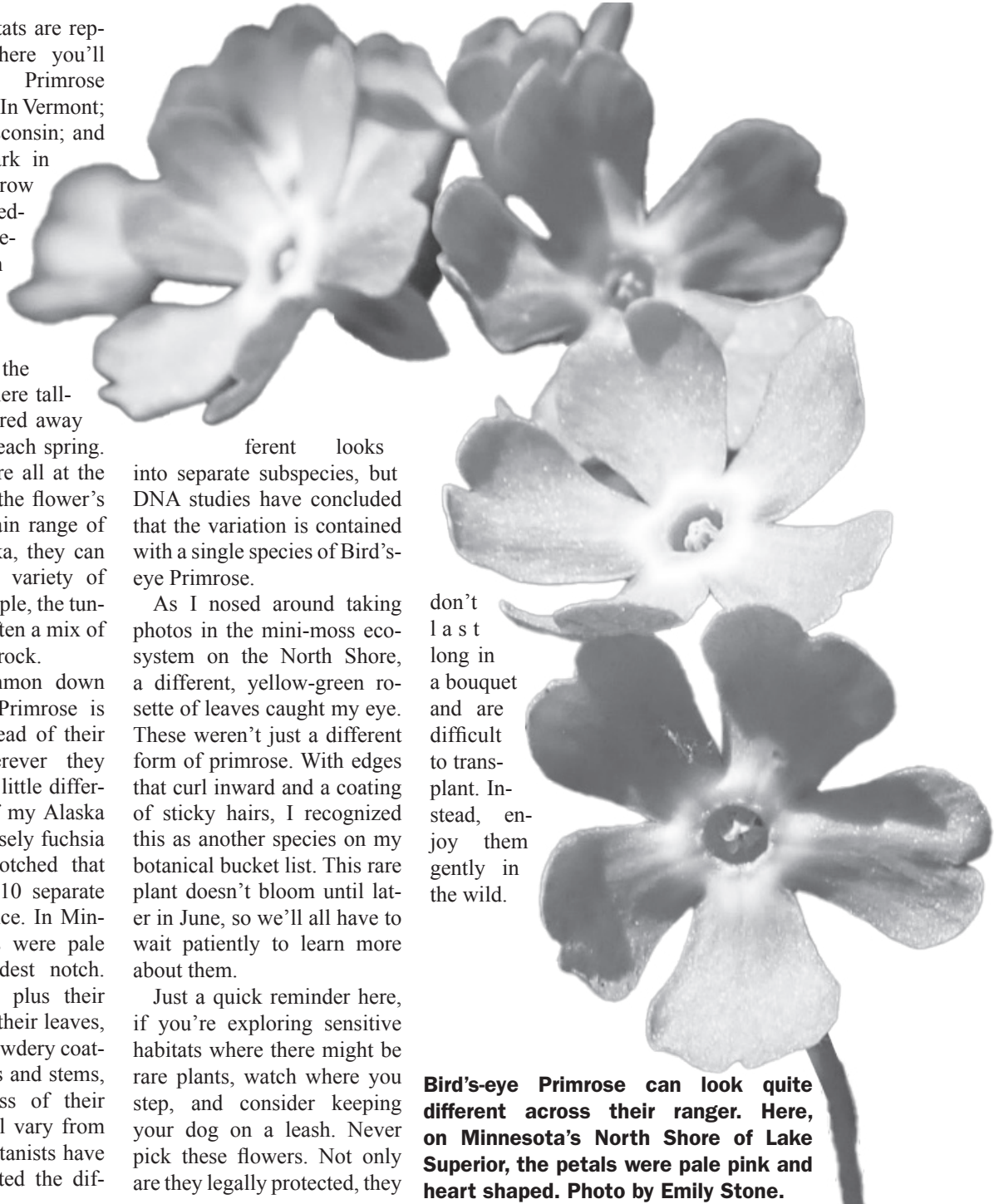
This flower was one of dozens all sprouting from the cushion of moss in a little bedrock nook. Besides the Bird's-eye Primrose, quite a diversity of plants crowded together in this island of habitat surrounded by a sea of bedrock.

Looking up and across the shore, I was delighted to discover a haze of pink covering a much larger area than I'd first realized. A gravelly rock bar hidden behind a breakwater hosted many clusters of primrose tucked up against protective bushes and finding footholds in water-loving moss.

These two habitats are representative of where you'll find Bird's-eye Primrose across their range. In Vermont; Door County, Wisconsin; and Banning State Park in Minnesota, they grow on cool, damp bedrock ledges, especially those with lots of calcium.

In Maine, they are common on the gravel bars of the St. John River where taller plants are scoured away by a flood of ice each spring. These locations are all at the southern edge of the flower's range. In their main range of Canada and Alaska, they can grow in a wider variety of habitats. For example, the tundra of Alaska is often a mix of moss, gravel, and rock.

While not common down here, Bird's-eye Primrose is the most widespread of their genus, and wherever they grow, they look a little different. The petals of my Alaska friends were intensely fuchsia and so deeply notched that they looked like 10 separate petals at first glance. In Minnesota, the petals were pale pink with a modest notch. These characters, plus their size, the shape of their leaves, the amount of a powdery coating on their leaves and stems, and the brightness of their yellow eye can all vary from place to place. Botanists have sometimes separated the dif-



ferent looks into separate subspecies, but DNA studies have concluded that the variation is contained with a single species of Bird's-eye Primrose.

As I nosed around taking photos in the mini-moss ecosystem on the North Shore, a different, yellow-green rosette of leaves caught my eye. These weren't just a different form of primrose. With edges that curl inward and a coating of sticky hairs, I recognized this as another species on my botanical bucket list. This rare plant doesn't bloom until later in June, so we'll all have to wait patiently to learn more about them.

Just a quick reminder here, if you're exploring sensitive habitats where there might be rare plants, watch where you step, and consider keeping your dog on a leash. Never pick these flowers. Not only are they legally protected, they

don't last long in a bouquet and are difficult to transplant. Instead, enjoy them gently in the wild.

Bird's-eye Primrose can look quite different across their range. Here, on Minnesota's North Shore of Lake Superior, the petals were pale pink and heart shaped. Photo by Emily Stone.

## COHO AT PORT WASHINGTON



An Outdoorsman's Journal  
By Mark Walters

Hello friends,

I am currently in what could be termed as an overscheduled time in my life. Fortunately what is on my schedule is all good, such as hobby farming, pond building, volunteering, a litter of pups and in just a few days, my daughter Selina is coming home from Missoula, Montana for a wedding. The crazy stuff will end or slow down after the 4th of July.

This week's column is about paddle trolling

out of my canoe on Lake Michigan at Port Washington for coho salmon. This spring the coho fishing has been incredible on Lake Michigan and I thought it would be fun to see if I could catch one out of my canoe and live to tell about it.

Friday, May 24th  
High 67, low 47

One of the main challenges in paddle trolling for salmon and actually catching a salmon is to be able to paddle your canoe fast enough to make your lures work to attract a salmon. Speaking of canoe fishing for salmon, how come I have never seen another person fishing for salmon out of a canoe?

Anyways here is the scoop, I put my canoe in at a beach in Port Washington and after rigging three poles, one with a spoon and two with a flasher/fly set up I was headed out to sea. In reality you have to be in at least 30 feet of water before you start to set lines and it was interesting as I worked my way east and was passed by dozens of both charter boats and private boats that were headed out to at least 100 feet of water.

The wind was minimal, and I made a goal of paddling to 100 feet and that is what I did, which took me about 90 minutes. I did not have a strike, did not see anyone else catch a fish and kept fishing until an hour after dark.

Because I did not have a lodging plan, I slept in a Walmart parking lot in the GMC Hotel.

Saturday, May 25th  
High 89, low 50

I was moving at 4:30 this morning and as soon I got out of the truck after a pretty pathetic night's sleep, I decided that I needed some calories so I chugged a nutrition drink, which I do often as it is quick, reliable calories. Very bad luck came my way when I realized that my breakfast was curdled and that was a very unpleasant experience.

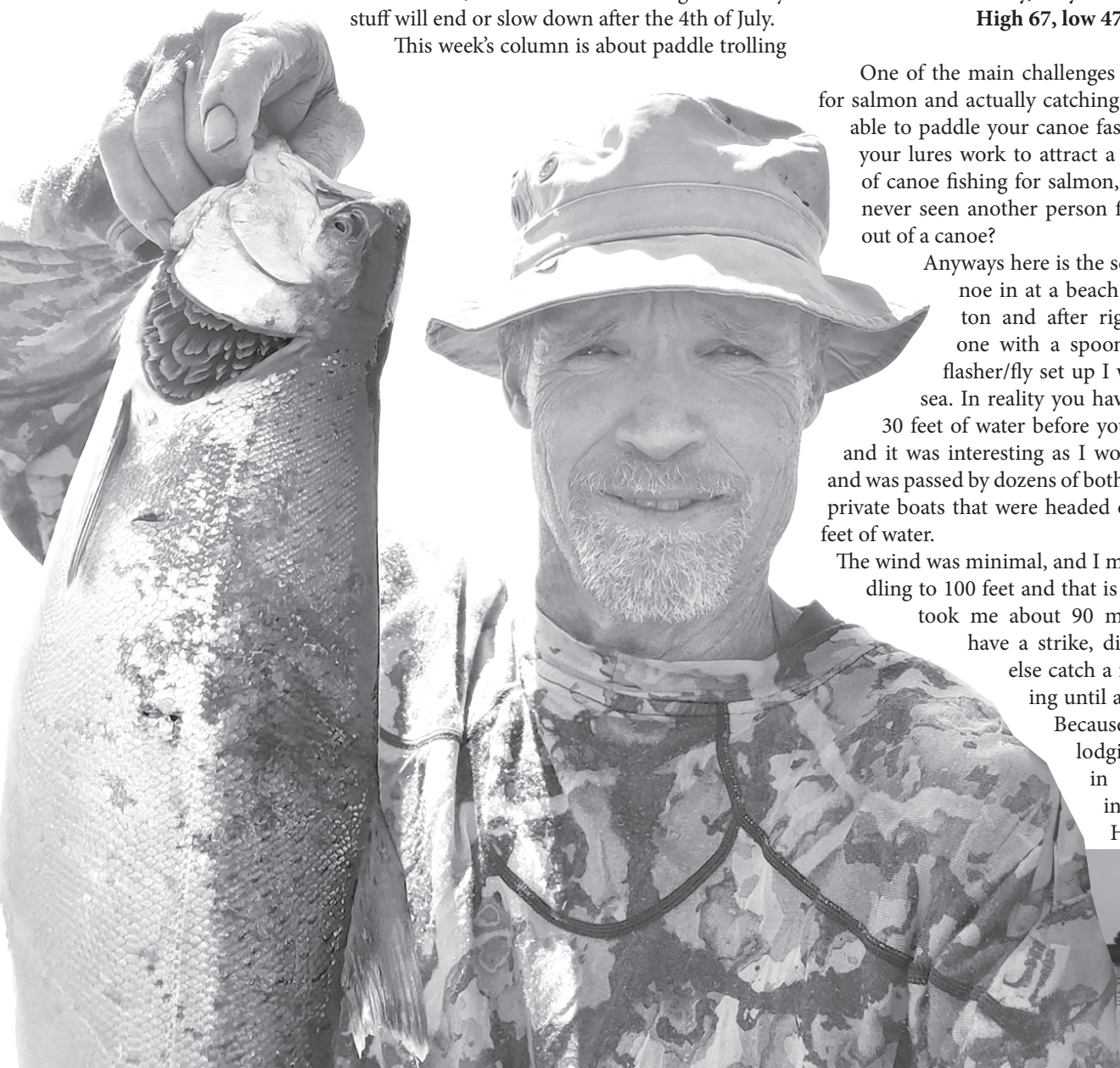
Today was going to be a big mile day as I was going to go as deep as I could and hopefully catch a coho. I headed southeast as that is the direction the wind was from, and I figured it would push me back to Port Washington. Nothing was happening for me and I paddled to where I could easily see the buildings in Milwaukee and at 184-feet of water I figured I had better start working my way back.

I had been in the canoe for 6 hours and generally, I am on my knees. Seven hours into my journey I was back to 50- feet of water and something hit a clown-colored crankbait that I was pulling. The coho jumped several times and I was one happy camper when it made it to the net. I figured I had better work this area a bit longer and within minutes had another coho hit a flasher/fly. I was about to net it and the manufactured knot came out and I watched my quarry swim away with the fly in its mouth.

After 9 hours, I hit a very crowded beach and was one happy camper, my goal of catching a salmon out my canoe had been met and physically the experience did not kick my butt.

Set goals and do your best to achieve them!

Sunset



This coho hit a crankbait Walters was pulling while paddle trolling with his canoe on Lake Michigan at Port Washington.

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Daniel L. Stoda DOD: 02-23-2024

A Petition for Formal Administration was filed.

THE COURT FINDS:

The decedent, date of birth 12-18-1946 and date of death 02-23-2024 was domiciled in Monroe County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 500 E. Veteran's Street, Bldg 403B, Tomah, WI 54660.

THE COURT ORDERS:

- The Petition be heard at the Monroe County Courthouse, 112 S. Court Street, Sparta, Branch 3, before Circuit Court Judge/Circuit Court Judge Hon. Richard Radcliffe, on 07-15-2024 at 2:15 pm.
You do not need to appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection.
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BY THE COURT:

05/15/2024 Hon. Richard Radcliffe Circuit Court Judge

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Gaile Anne Furse

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STATE OF WISCONSIN COUNTY MONROE COUNTY Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 2024 PR 46

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

Linda Lou Zimmerman

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

- An application for informal administration was filed.
The decedent, with date of birth 06/27/1957 and date of death 03/12/2024, was domiciled in Monroe County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 710 Hill St., Cashton, WI 54619.
All interested persons waived notice.

THE COURT ORDERS:

- The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 08/30/2024.
A claim may be filed at the Monroe County Courthouse, 112 S Court Street, Sparta, Wisconsin, Room 2300.

Diane Berendes Probate Registrar 05/16/2024

Kevin M. Connelly Connelly Legal Services, Inc. 201 S. Main St., Westby, WI 54667 (608) 634-3956 State Bar Number 1012500 5/20, 27, 6/3 WNAXLP

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, MONROE COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KAREN S. LITTLEFIELD DOD:: 04/21/2023

Notice Setting Time to Hear Application and Deadline for Filing Claims (Informal Administration) Case No. 24 PR 49

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

- An application for informal administration was filed.
The decedent, with date of birth 12/29/1943 and a date of death of 04/21/2023 was domiciled in Monroe County, State of Wisconsin with a mailing address of 1010 Armory Rd., Sparta, WI 54656
The application will be heard at the Monroe County Courthouse, Sparta, Wisconsin, Room 2300, before Diane Berendes, Probate Registrar on July 15, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.
You do not need to appear unless you object. The application may be granted if there is no objection.
The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is August 30, 2024
A claim may be filed at the Monroe County Courthouse, 112 S Court St., Sparta, Wisconsin, Room 2300.
This publication is notice to any persons whose names or address are unknown.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 608-269-8701 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation. Please check with person named below for exact time and date.

Form completed by: (Name) Atty Martin Anderson 403 Superior Ave., Tomah, WI 54660 608-372-5757 Bar Number (If any) 1036093

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TOMAH SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

BOARD ACADEMY MEETING

Monday, May 6, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Robert Kupper Learning Center, 1310 Townline Road, Tomah.

The meeting was called to order by Michael Gnewikow at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 6, 2024.

Present: Susan Bloom, Teresa Devine, Michael Gnewikow, Ricky Murray, James Newlun, Cathryn Rice, Spencer Stephens. Also Present: Michelle Clark, Mike Hanson, Jesse Bender, TASD Food Service Director, Teresa Devine was present virtually, and 1 spectator(s).

Motion was made to increase student breakfast cost by 10 cents per meal and student lunch cost by 5 cents per meal for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion made by James Newlun, seconded by Ricky Murray. 6 ayes, 1 nays, the motion carried.

Motion to add Oakdale Elementary School to the CEP (Community Eligibility Provision) program starting in the 2024-2025 school year. Motion made by Teresa Devine, seconded by James Newlun. All ayes, the motion carried.

Motion to approve the TASD April 2024 budget status and 2023-2024 budget adjustments as presented. Motion made by Susan Bloom, seconded by Ricky Murray. All ayes, the motion carried.

Motion to authorize the District Administrator to notice a public comment meeting for Thursday, May 9, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Robert Kupper Learning Center to review the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) 5-Year Pupil Non-Discrimination Report. Motion made by Ricky Murray, seconded by Susan Bloom. All ayes, the motion carried. Motion to accept employee resignations as presented. Motion made by Ricky Murray, seconded by Teresa Devine. All ayes, the motion carried. Motion to approve the professional teacher contracts as presented. Motion made by Teresa Devine, seconded by Susan Bloom. All ayes, the motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Motion made by Cathryn Rice, seconded by Susan Bloom. All ayes, the motion carried. 5/27 WNAXLP

TOMAH SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

BOARD REORGANIZATION MEETING

Monday, April 22, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Robert Kupper Learning Center, 1310 Townline Rd., Tomah.

The meeting was called to order by Michael Gnewikow at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 22, 2024.

Present: Susan Bloom, Teresa Devine, Michael Gnewikow, Ricky Murray, James Newlun, Cathryn Rice, Spencer Stephens. Also Present: Mike Hanson, Teresa Devine via Teams.

A motion was made by James Newlun to nominate Michael Gnewikow as President. There were no other nominations. All ayes, the motion carried.

A motion was made by James Newlun to nominate Spencer Stephens as Vice President. There were no other nominations. All ayes, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Rick Murray to nominate Sue Bloom as Treasurer. There were no other nominations. All ayes, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Catey Rice to nominate Rick Murray as Clerk. There were no other nominations. All ayes, the motion carried.

Motion by Newlun and second by Bloom to remove Human Growth and Development Representative. Motion made by James Newlun, seconded by Susan Bloom. Roll call vote: Susan Bloom - Yes; Michael Gnewikow - Yes; Ricky Murray - Yes; Spencer Stephens - Yes; James Newlun - Yes; Cathryn Rice - Yes; Teresa Devine - No. There were 6 'yes' votes and 1 'no' votes and 0 abstains, the motion carried.

Motion to rename Transportation to Study Transportation Options Due to Driver Shortage to Transportation Committee. Motion made by Teresa Devine, seconded by James Newlun. All ayes, the motion carried. Motion to accept the resignations as presented. Motion made by Spencer Stephens, seconded by Susan Bloom. All ayes, the motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Motion made by Cathryn Rice, seconded by Susan Bloom. All ayes, the motion carried. 5/27 WNAXLP

LEGAL NOTICES

TOMAH SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, April 15, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Robert Kupper Learning Center, 1310 Townline Road, Tomah.

The meeting was called to order by Michael Gnewikow at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 15, 2024.

Present: Susan Bloom, Michael Gnewikow, Aaron Lueck, Ricky Murray, James Newlun, Cathryn Rice, Spencer Stephens. Also Present: Mike Hanson, Robert Joyce, Amy King, Angela Plueger, Brad Plueger, Kara Lorenz, Joe Janusheske, Representatives from Bray Architects, Market & Johnson, and Baird. 7 Rivers Skating Club students, coaches, parents. Tomah Middle School Spelling Bee students, parents. Representatives and cadets from Wisconsin Challenge Academy, Tomah Area Montessori School Board Governance Officers, and 1 member(s) of the media.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion made by Aaron Lueck, seconded by Ricky Murray. All ayes, the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting & Closed Session March 18, 2024; Board Academy Meeting April 1, 2024

Payment of Bills: As presented in the Bill Payment Report & Treasurer's Report dated April 15, 2024.

Employee Resignations: As presented in the Resignation Report dated April 15, 2024.

Professional Teacher Contracts: As presented in the Professional Teacher Report dated April 15, 2024.

Alternative Open Enrollment Applications: Four Alternative Open Enrollment Applications to transfer out of the District were approved per the Consent Agenda.

Motion to accept gifts/donations as presented with many thanks. Motion made by Susan Bloom, seconded by Spencer Stephens. All ayes, the motion carried.

Motion to approve the 2024 Facility Planning Community Stakeholder survey for release May 2024. Motion made by Susan Bloom, seconded by Spencer Stephens. All ayes, the motion carried.

Motion to approve Varsity Lettering Sport for the 7 Rivers Figure Skating Team. Motion made by James Newlun, seconded by Cathryn Rice. All ayes, the motion carried.

Motion to approve a 2024-2025 Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Training Coordinator/Coach Position funded through the School Based Mental Health Services State Fund. Motion made by Cathryn Rice, seconded by Ricky Murray. All ayes, the motion carried.

Motion to approve the Wisconsin Association of School Boards "Board Member Roles and Responsibilities" On Site Professional Development as the only item on the June 3, 2024, Board Academy meeting agenda. Motion made by James Newlun, seconded by Ricky Murray. All ayes, the motion carried.

Motion to approve all Board Policies except for Policy 3130 Assignment and Transfer of Professional Staff (Revised). This policy will be reviewed by board attorney for further recommendation for next steps after any denial by the District Administrator. Approve Board Policies: 0100 - Definitions (Revised); 0122 - Board Powers (Revised); 0144.3 - Conflict of Interest (Revised); 0171.3 - Clerk (Revised); 2250 - Innovative and Pilot Programs (Revised); 2413 - Health Education (Revised); 2460.03 - Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) (Revised); 5517 - Student Anti-Harassment (Revised); 5610 - Suspension and Expulsion (Revised); 6325 - Procurement - Federal Grants/Funds (Revised); 6610 - Nondistrict-Supported Student Activity Accounts (Revised); 6611 - District-Supported/Sponsored Student Activity Accounts (Revised); 7440 - Facility Security (Revised); 7544 - Use of Social Media (Revised); 8120 - Volunteers (Revised); 8310 - Public Records (Revised); 8330 - Student Records (Revised); 8431 - Toxic Hazard Communications Plan (Revised); 8700 - Lactating Employees (Revised); 9140 - Citizens' Advisory Committees (Revised). Motion made by Ricky Murray, seconded by Spencer Stephens. All ayes, the motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m. Motion made by Aaron Lueck, seconded by Cathryn Rice. All ayes, the motion carried. 5/27 WNAXLP



Featured here, from left to right, Dan Wall - Technology Education Instructor, Dakota Martin, Jackson Grauel, Braxton Martinovich, and Ethan DeVito. They are standing behind their botanical creations — two healing gardens. As shown, the gardens are high enough for a wheelchair to comfortably come up to the garden for some time in the dirt and sun. Contributed photo.

Wheelchair accessible healing gardens created by Tomah High School students

By JAYME BAHL Staff Writer

Recently, Tomah High School students created a unique contribution to NASA (North American Squirrel Association.) Under the

advisement of Dan Wall, woods instructor, students created four healing gardens.

Healing gardens are designated outdoor spaces, designed to improve mental and physical well-being, for sick or elderly patients. The

gardens will be placed at area nursing home facilities and are wheelchair accessible, which is essential to allow for disabled patients to enjoy the outdoor space. Each of these gardens were sponsored in memory of loved ones, by their family.

NASA thanks Mr. Wall, all his students that contributed to the project, and the sponsors, for their donation. Thanks to them, local nursing homes will have an accommodating area to enjoy the outdoors and enhance their health and livelihood.



Speakers



# Bangor High School Graduation



On Sunday, May 26th, the Bangor class of 2024 held its commencement ceremony. The valedictorian, Nolan Langrehr (Left column – top) spoke first, traveling down memory lane and thanking teachers and classmates. Salutatorian, Emily Warsing (left column – middle), also spoke to the graduating class. Principal, Rick Muellenberg (left column – bottom) presented the Class of 2024.



A few of the students decorated their caps with designs depicting everything from where they were going to attend college, to memories from their high school career. Herald photo by Benny Mailman.



Graduates look towards the High School choir, as they sing "You Raise Me Up." Herald photo by Benny Mailman.



The Bangor High School choir sang "You Raise Me Up," just before guest speaker, Eddie Ikert III, spoke to graduates and attendees. Herald photos by Benny Mailman.



Superintendent, David Brokopp, enthusiastically shook every student's hand as they received their diploma. Brokopp would wind up for the handshake, delivering a congratulatory smile and a genuine gesture of "Congratulations and best of luck." Herald photo by Benny Mailman.



# Brookwood High School Graduation



Salutatorian, Kylie Powell (left) and Valedictorian Amelia Muellenberg (right) led the senior address at the ceremony. They shot some confetti in the air after their speech. Herald photo by Kyle Evans.



The entire Brookwood High School class of 2024. Herald photo by Kyle Evans.



# Cashton High School Graduation



Cashton's Lily Sanders addresses the crowd at Saturday's commencement ceremony. Herald photo by Logan Everson.



Cashton's Class of 2024 tosses their caps in the air at the conclusion of the commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 22. Herald photo by Logan Everson.



Cashton class president Jack Schlesner receives his diploma from school board president Sara Cook on Saturday, May 25. Herald photo by Logan Everson.



District administrator Ryan Alderson ceremoniously turns the tassel of Cashton's Henry Bueggen in Saturday's ceremony. Herald photo by Logan Everson.



The Cashton High School choir performs Bridge Over Troubled Waters. Herald photo by Logan Everson.



# Speakers



There were three student speakers at the Friday, May 24th, graduation for the Sparta High Class of 2024. From the top left going down are Christian Perez-Santiago, Kira Markuson, Maria Ribeiro Diniz, and Ms. Jill Iverson, Health teacher, who spoke on behalf of the faculty. (Above center photo) Teachers Julie Ender and Nicholas Kingeter stand between the 2024 Sparta Senior High graduates and their entrance to "Pomp and Circumstance" for their final gathering as current classmates. (Top right photo) Jade Intihar (center, National honors society chords and stole) has the look of accomplishment blending with the look of excitement for the future. Nicholas Kingeter (right), Social Studies teacher, monitors the flow of students, as they are called to the front, to receive their diplomas. Herald photos by Benny Mailman.



# Sparta High School Graduation



At the conclusion of the Sparta Senior High ceremony for the graduating Class of 2024, a wave of cheering filled the Al Ask gymnasium, as the exuberant graduates threw their caps in the air, completing the last act of being a high school student and the first act of their journey, post primary education. Herald photo by Benny Mailman.



# Tomah High School Graduation

Tomah High School (THS) held their Class of 2024 Commencement Ceremony in their gymnasium, on Saturday, May 25th. The room was packed with proud parents and supportive friends and family. There was even additional seating on the floor, but people were still seen standing along the gym walls. Yellow, white, and black decor adorned the setting, creating the Timberwolf vibes necessary to complete a spirited school ceremony.

The commencement address was given by THS associate principal, Jeffrey Adams. A welcome address came from the principal, Robert Joyce. Three graduates spoke, representing Summa Cum Laude honors: Preston Wildes, Aubrianna Cruz, and Lauren Kline. Class president, Aisha Fritsche, delivered

the final student speech. Speeches were intertwined with musical breaks from the THS Select and Treble Choirs and Wind Ensemble. The choirs sang a final senior song, "You Will Be Found," arranged by Mac Huff, that was conducted by seniors Adam Johnson and Lucas Salzwedel. The band's masterful performance of "Terracotta Warriors," by Scott Watson, had many at a loss for words. Principal Robert Joyce gave the final address, before superintendent, Mike Hanson, announced the official acceptance of the graduating class. Diplomas were conferred by Sue Bloom and Rick Murray, from the board of education. Closing the ceremony was the presentation of the class, by Mr. Joyce.



Tomah graduating seniors joined the High School Select & Treble Choirs and sang together one last musical arrangement by Mac Huff, "You Will Be Found." Senior Adam Johnson and Lucas Salzwedel led the choirs through their final performance, which also marked an ending for their HS conducting careers. Emotions were shown by all the students as they started in smiles and ended in tears. Herald Photo by Jayme Bahl.



Students who earned High Honors at Tomah High School were introduced by Dr. Jamie Nusbaum, HS associate principal, at their graduation Saturday, May 25th, 2024. When students' names were announced, they each stood to receive a small applause from the audience. It was a sea of yellow stoles as the students stood tall proving the 2024 senior class to be as hardworking as their advisors claimed them to be. Herald Photo by Jayme Bahl.

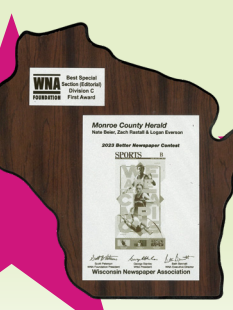


Shown here is one of many decorated hats worn and displayed by Tomah High School graduating students during their commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 25th, 2024. Herald Photo by Jayme Bahl.

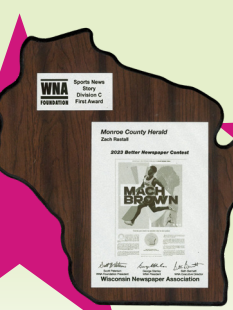


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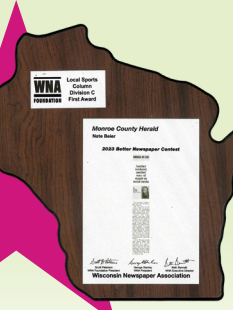
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## EDITORIAL

### THROUGH MY LENS

### Limping to the finish



By NATE BEIER  
Sports Editor

I'm burnt out. That's my lead statement for this column and I understand that any column at this point could be the last.

I've said it before and I'll say it again - the spring sports season is absolute chaos. This year, it may have done me in.

I ask certain questions regarding our spring sports every year, mostly wondering how coaches and athletic directors manage to get through this 6-8 week season. I really don't know how they do it, especially in our small schools, and live to tell the tale. The weather-related delays and postponements are a nightmare in and of themselves. Multiple weather-related cancellations and reschedules are the bane of everyone's existence this time of year.

Yet, I could argue that good weather has its downsides also.

When the weather is good and sports are firing on all cylinders, that's when we fall into problems also. The problem of too much stuff happening for anyone to grasp what's going on with any of it.

In the spring we have the titular sports of baseball and softball. We have the circus of track and field. We have girls soccer as well as boys tennis and golf. We also added lacrosse for both boys and girls, though that won't really affect this area for another year or two. By my count, that's nine sports that need fair weather in order to compete.

The first tier sports of baseball and softball, however, cause the most issues due to the fragile nature of their playing surfaces and necessity to be able to grip a sport orb for precision throwing. Track and field can get by with certain weather, but some adverse conditions make it unsafe to hold certain events. Tennis bails quickly if the courts have any bit of moisture, golf will stop for lightning. Soccer will play in nearly anything, as long as the field is okay.

That's a wide range of acceptable conditions to

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## D3 TRACK AND FIELD BANGOR SECTIONAL

# Crenshaw headlines sectional meet after cresting 16-06

By ZACH RASTALL  
Assistant Sports Editor

Bangor senior Sam Crenshaw spent most of the spring on the mend recovering from an injury. He'll end it at the state meet looking to make history.

Crenshaw, the defending Division 3 state champion in the boys' pole vault, set a new personal best by clearing the bar at 16 feet, 6 inches to win the pole vault at the Division 3 Bangor sectional meet on Thursday, May 23.

Bangor junior Gavin Meacham qualified in two events by finishing in second in the boys' triple jump with a mark of 41 feet, 2.25 inches and fourth in the long jump with a mark of 20 feet, 10.25 inches.

Senior Nolan Langrehr earned his state ticket by taking fourth in the boys' 400-meter dash with a time

of 53.45 seconds.

Bangor also had a trio of relay teams advance to state: the group of senior Lucas Reed, senior Lucas Horman, Meacham and senior Cody Petersen placed third in the boys' 400-meter relay with a time of 44.45 seconds, the team of junior Traevon Delaney, Petersen, Reed and Horman came in third in the boys' 800-meter relay with a mark of 1 minute, 31.90 seconds, and the all-junior quartet of Grace Wenthold, Anna Fronk, Aubrey Langrehr and Bliss Knox placed fourth in the girls' 800-meter relay with a time of 1 minute, 48.61 seconds.

Cashton senior Jack Schlesner and junior Makayla Gooselaw are each headed back to La Crosse on the heels of sectional titles.

Schlesner cleared the bar at 6 feet, 4 inches to win the boys' high jump and

Gooselaw posted a winning time of 15.41 seconds in the girls' 100-meter hurdles. Cashton freshman Aubri Schaldach will join them at state after taking second in the girls' high jump with a mark of 5 feet, 1 inch.

Brookwood junior Marshall Doll placed second in the boys' 400-meter dash with a time of 52.40 seconds. The Falcons also had three other athletes punch state tickets: senior Wyatt Maurhoff in third in the boys' high jump (6-3.00), freshman Cooper Powell in third in the 3,200-meter run (10:09.39), and freshman Elijah John in fourth in the boys' 100-meter hurdles (16.23).

**UP NEXT**

The 2024 WIAA State Track & Field Championships are set to take place on Friday, May 31 at Saturday, June 1 on the campus of UW La Crosse.



Bangor's Sam Crenshaw reveals a look of excitement after clearing 16-06 - a new personal best - at last week's D3 sectional meet in Bangor. Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

## D1 REGIONAL SOFTBALL TOMAH 4 DEFOREST 2



# BREAKTHROUGH performance

## Timberwolves end regional title drought after holding off DeForest

By ZACH RASTALL  
Assistant Sports Editor

There were tense moments and self-inflicted mistakes that put the Tomah softball team in danger of bowing out in yet another regional final appearance. But this time, at long last, the Timberwolves had enough to get over the postseason hump and book their long-awaited return trip to sectionals.

The second-seeded Timberwolves (20-3) held off No. 7 seed DeForest (12-14) for a 4-2 victory in a WIAA Division 1 regional final clash on Thursday, May 23 in Tomah. With

that victory, Tomah captured its first regional title since 2006 — a year where the Timberwolves made it to the state tournament for the first and only time.

This marked the sixth consecutive postseason where Tomah made it to the regional finals, and the fourth straight at home. After coming close and falling short so many times, the Timberwolves weren't about to watch another team leave with the regional championship trophy in hand.

The Timberwolves were able to

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## D1 TRACK AND FIELD SAUK PRAIRIE SECTIONAL

# Joyce, Steinhoff punch tickets to state meet after winning sectional titles

By NATE BEIER  
Sports Letterlayer

Already a conference and regional champion in both hurdles races this spring, Tomah senior Lily Joyce kept the train chugging along at sectionals to plunge towards the WIAA state meet next weekend with a full head of steam.

Joyce was victorious in both hurdles races at the WIAA Division 1 Sauk Prairie sectional meet held on Thursday, May 23.

Joyce won the girls' 100-meter hurdles with a time of 15.66 seconds and the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 45.57 seconds. Those wins earned her qualification in both events at the upcoming state meet, marking the second straight year where Joyce was a state qualifier in both hurdles races.

Among her teammates, Joyce will be joined in La Crosse by a couple of fellow state returnees: junior Atlin Steinhoff and senior Eli Brown.

Steinhoff was the sectional champion in Sauk Prairie in the boys' discus throw with a top toss of 160 feet, 3 inches.

Brown is the defending Division 1 state champion in the 100-meter dash and also placed third in the 200-meter dash last year, but he will make his third and final state appearance in an entirely different event.

Brown took second in

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**WHAT to WATCH in sports**



**Tomah's Olivia Wall** rounds second during a recent game. Wall and company will host Middleton Tuesday afternoon. **Herald photo by Logan Everson/GX3 Media.**

**TUESDAY**

Area softball teams enter sectional play with hopes of keeping their dreams of playing at state alive. Tomah finally broke through to the sectional round after suffering three-straight regional final defeats since the spring of 2021. The Timberwolves play host to Middleton Tuesday afternoon.

Other local teams playing Tuesday include West Salem which is at Mt. Horeb in Division 2 action and Blair-Taylor which hosts leaue rival El-eva-Strum in D4. Hillsboro is at Ithaca in a D5 sectional semifinal.

In baseball's regional semifinal round, top-seeded Bangor hosts Alma/Pepin. Cashton goes to Ithaca, Brookwood to Royall and Tomah to Altoona.

Soccer's postseason starts with Tomah hosting the Platteville co-op and Sparta traveling to Holmen.

The first wave of sectional golf tournaments go off Tuesday morning. In Division 2, West Salem - which placed second in last week's Arcadia regional - will play at Turtleback in Rice Lake.



**Sparta's John Rice** will play in the sectional round of the golf tournament Wednesday in Madison. **Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.**

**WEDNESDAY**

Baseball teams will try to extend their seasons beyond the regional round of the WIAA tournament in Wednesday's regional championship bouts.

Sparta's John Rice will play at the D1 golf sectional hosted by Madison Memorial at Blackhawk Country Club in Madison.

**THURSDAY**

The field for the WIAA state softball tournament will be determined Thursday evening. West Salem will be the site for a Division 2 sectional final. The Panthers could get a home game if they upset Mt. Horeb Tuesday. The opponent for Thursday's game will be determined by the Jefferson/Lake Mills game Tuesday.

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**SOFTBALL REGIONAL ROUNDUP**

**Brookwood bested by Hillsboro in regional championship contest**

By **ZACH RASTALL**  
Assistant Sports Editor

**DIVISION 5 HILLSBORO 9 BROOKWOOD 1**

For a third time this season, the Brookwood softball team couldn't find a way to get the better of the Hillsboro Tigers.

The second-seeded Tigers (18-3) defeated No. 3 seed Brookwood (13-11) 8-1 in a WIAA Division 5 regional final clash between the Scenic Bluffs counterparts on Thursday, May 23 in Hillsboro. During the regular season, Hillsboro won both matchups: 2-1 at home on April 23 and 13-5 on the road on April 30.

The Tigers used a five-run rally in the bottom of the second to break things open and the Falcons never really recovered. Brookwood senior right fielder Kymber Kaiser's solo home run in the top of the fourth produced her team's lone run in the loss.

Junior shortstop Emily Cunitz doubled and both senior first baseman Bella Erickson and senior left fielder Kylie Powell singled for the Falcons in the defeat.

Hillsboro senior pitcher Jaelyn Bloor tossed seven innings in which she gave up just the one run on five hits and one walk while striking out two.

**DIVISION 5 BROOKWOOD 10 KICKAPOO 1**

The Brookwood Falcons have



**Brookwood's Kymber Kaiser** trots across home plate after belting out a solo home run in the fourth inning of last week's regional final game at Hillsboro. **Herald photo by Logan Everson/GX3 Media.**

earned themselves a second straight regional final berth thanks to a dominant win in their playoff opener.

No. 3 seed Brookwood (13-10) cruised to a 10-1 victory over No. 6 seed Kickapoo (7-7) in a WIAA Division 5 regional semifinal matchup on Wednesday, May 22 in Wilton.

The Falcons plated a steady stream of runs throughout the game, scoring in five of six innings that featured three-run rallies in both the bottom of the first and the sixth.

Brookwood senior left fielder

and No. 2 seed Hillsboro (17-3) on Thursday, May 23 at 5 p.m. in Hillsboro. These two teams met in Ontario in the regional finals last year with their seeding reversed, where the Tigers picked up a 7-3 win to move on to sectionals.

This spring, Hillsboro won both meetings in the regular season with a 2-1 victory on April 23 in Hillsboro and a 13-5 win on April 30 in Wilton.

**DIVISION 4 BLAIR-TAYLOR 17 BANGOR 7 (5)**

A lead midway through the game had Bangor primed for an upset win over Blair-Taylor in their playoff matchup. However, things came unraveled for the Cardinals, leading to a lopsided loss to start (and end) the WIAA postseason.

No. 3 seed Blair-Taylor (11-8) roared back to beat No. 6 seed Bangor (8-7) 17-7 in five innings on Wednesday, May 22 in Blair. The Cardinals held leads of 5-1 and 7-3, but the Wildcats poured on eight runs in the bottom of the fourth to leapfrog ahead and then scored an additional six runs in the fifth inning to bring about the mercy rule.

Bangor recorded a total of three hits in the season-ending loss, with sophomore center fielder Camden Lyga, senior catcher Ella Janisch and sophomore left fielder Erin Jones each collecting a single.

**D4 REGIONAL SOFTBALL CASHTON**

**BETTER LATE THAN NEVER**

Patience at the plate pays off as Eagles rally to defeat Luther in WIAA opener

By **ZACH RASTALL**  
Assistant Sports Editor

**DIVISION 5 HILLSBORO 9 BROOKWOOD 1**

The Cashton Eagles are, by their nature, an aggressive team at the plate. But to break a tie late in their playoff opener, all they needed was just a little patience.

A critical late rally allowed No. 2 seed Cashton (17-6) to escape with a 4-1 victory over No. 10 seed Onalaska Luther (4-19) in their WIAA Division 4 regional semifinal clash on Wednesday, May 22 at Cashton Village Park. The Knights were coming off a 6-4 win over No. 7 seed Whitehall (5-12) in nine innings in last Thursday's opening round.

Scoring was at a premium on Wednesday, though the Eagles did jump out to an early lead in the bottom of the first when senior shortstop Sydney Helgerson drove in freshman third baseman Peyton Brueggen with an RBI groundout.

Luther later knotted the score at 1-1 thanks to junior center fielder Karly Miller's two-out RBI single in the top of the fourth.

Going into the bottom of the sixth, the Eagles had put a runner in scoring position every inning but still had only the one run to show for it. At that point, Cashton head coach Clint Kramer thought the situation called for a more patient approach at the plate against Luther freshman pitcher Addy Palubicki and relayed that message to the team.

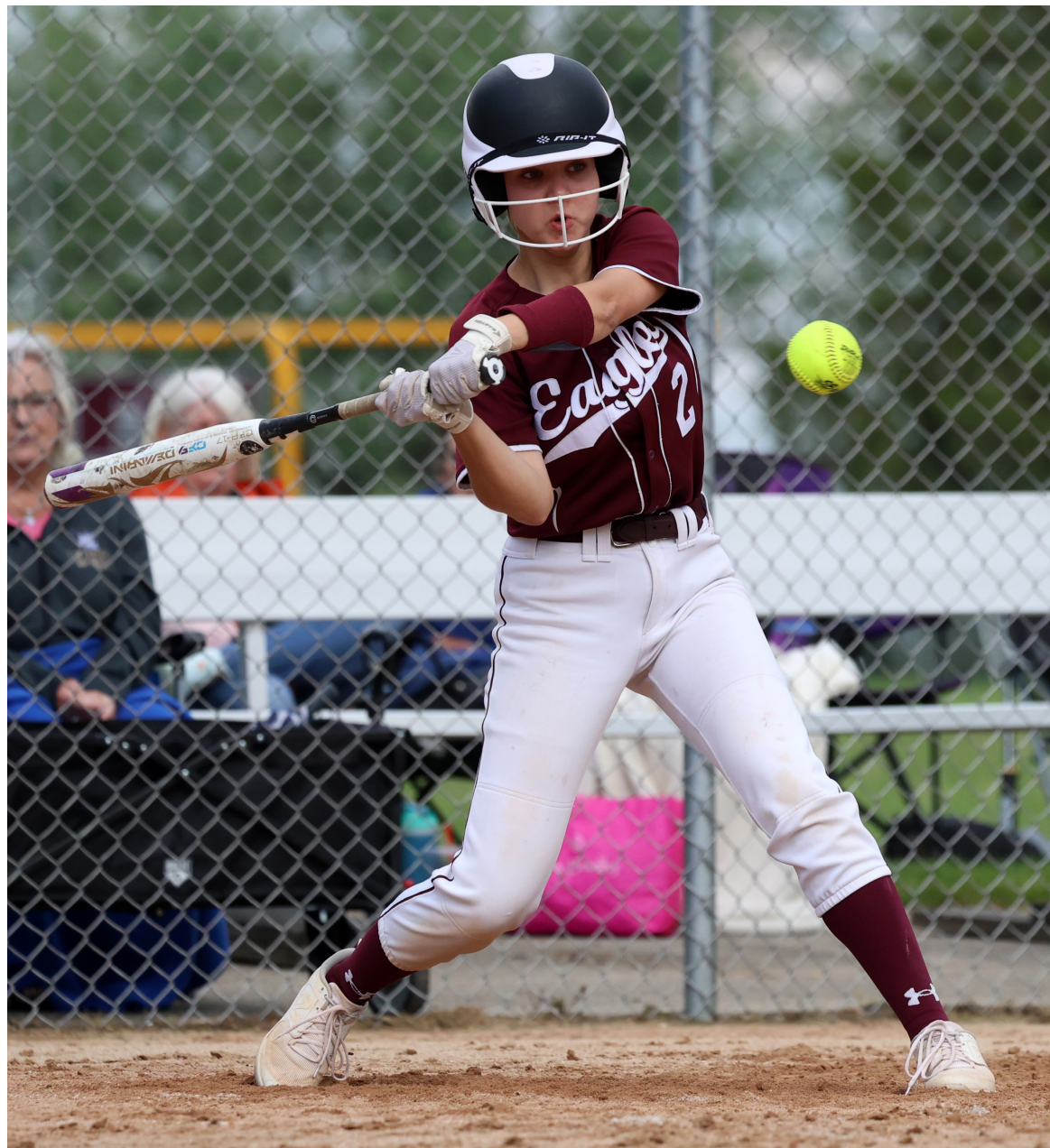
"We pulled the girls aside and told them we had to start being patient at the plate," Kramer said. "We were swinging early and swinging aggressive, but that last inning we said we need to settle down here and we need to make her throw strikes."

Following Helgerson's leadoff single in the bottom of the sixth, junior left fielder Marlee Schroeder drew Cashton's first walk of the game. With runners at first and second, junior first baseman Taylor Lindley-Schendel delivered in the clutch with an RBI single to give the Eagles the lead. Following a sacrifice bunt to advance the runners and senior center fielder Keona Mickelson's walk to load the bases, junior catcher Katie Leis gave her team a little extra cushion with a two-run single to make it 4-1.

"The nice part of that inning is we had our older girls up, our seniors and our juniors that knew how to be a little bit more patient," Kramer said.

The Knights only got one baserunner on in the top of the seventh as Cashton junior pitcher Sarah Schroeder closed the door on a playoff win to send the Eagles to the regional finals.

Leis finished 2 for 3 at the plate with two RBIs and Helgerson went 2 for 3 with an



**ABOVE Cashton's Kennedy Brown** eyes a pitch during the Division 4 regional semifinal contest with Luther on Wednesday, May 22.

**BELOW Cashton's Sydney Helgerson** pops up, smiling, after scoring a run in Wednesday's regional game with Luther. **Herald photos by Logan Everson/GX3 Media.**

RBI and a run scored. Schroeder allowed only one run on two hits and four walks while striking out 14 in seven innings of work.

As for Luther, singles by Miller and senior shortstop Jenna Harrington were the team's only hits. Palubicki surrendered four runs on eight hits and two walks to go along with six strikeouts in six innings.

**DIVISION 4 REGIONAL FINAL BLAIR-TAYLOR 7 CASHTON 5**

The Cashton softball team already solidified a second straight Scenic Bluffs championship and were hoping to double their number of trophies with a regional title to go along with it.

That dream was dashed in tightly-contested fashion.

No. 3 seed Blair-Taylor (12-8) held off the second-seeded Eagles (17-7) for a 7-5 win in their WIAA Division 4 matchup on Thursday, May 23 in Cashton.

After falling behind 2-0, Cashton knotted things up with a



pair of runs in the bottom of the fourth that included an RBI single by junior catcher Katie Leis.

The Wildcats kept the pressure on with three runs in the top of the fifth to jump back ahead 5-2. Senior center fielder Keona Mickelson's RBI single in the bottom of the sixth trimmed the deficit by one, but Blair-Taylor responded with two more runs in the top of the seventh to make it

7-3. The Eagles sliced that lead in half thanks to sacrifice flys by both senior left fielder Marlee Schroeder and junior first baseman Taylor Lindley-Schendel in the bottom of the seventh, but that's as far as the comeback bid went.

Cashton junior pitcher Sarah Schroeder went 2 for 4 with a run scored in the loss.



D1 REGIONAL BASEBALL TOMAH 2 ONALASKA 1



Tomah head coach Ryan Brookman guided his Timberwolves past Onalaska in the first round of the WIAA tournament last week. Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

# Brookman's bombers bounce Onalaska in regional

By ZACH RASTALL  
Assistant Sports Editor

Within the same week earlier this month, the Onalaska Hilltoppers had little issue in beating Tomah twice to complete a regular season sweep. In the playoff rematch, the Timberwolves flipped the script to pull off a surprising first-round upset.

No. 12 seed Tomah (6-20) stunned the fifth-seeded Hilltoppers (12-8) with a 3-1 victory in their WIAA Division 2 regional quarterfinal matchup on Thursday, May 23 in Onalaska. It was a major reversal from the two previous meetings, which Onalaska won 7-2 at home on May 13 and 10-1 in Tomah on May 16.

The Timberwolves laid down the gauntlet with two runs in the top of the first on junior shortstop/pitcher Jackson Steffel's RBI double and sophomore pitcher/right fielder Breckin

Sheldon's RBI single. Onalaska senior first baseman Caden Pierzina cut the deficit in half with an RBI single in the bottom of the third, but Tomah junior second baseman Tucker Frandsen got the run back with an RBI single in the top of the fifth to make it 3-1.

The Hilltoppers failed to score again over the final three innings as Tomah completed the upset.

At the plate for the Timberwolves, junior designated hitter Aidan Klema finished 3 for 4 with a double, an RBI and a run scored, while Sheldon went 2 for 3 with an RBI.

Sheldon got the start at the win on the mound by striking out seven and allowing only one run on three hits, six walks and a hit batter in five innings. Steffel earned a two-inning save in which he gave up one walk and notched two strikeouts.

# COOL UNDER FIRE: Sophomore pitcher settles in to guide THS to sectional round of WIAA tournament

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take some pressure off themselves right from the beginning in the bottom of the first. After senior second baseman Olivia Wall drew a one-out walk, senior third baseman Maddie Johnson blasted a two-run home run to give her team the early 2-0 advantage.

Wall and Johnson later both singled to start the bottom of the third, then freshman first baseman Avery Brohmer delivered with an RBI single to extend the lead to 3-0.

Some defensive miscues helped open the door for the Norskies in the top of the fourth, and they took advantage with sophomore catcher Emony Hardiman's RBI groundout and freshman first baseman Haylin Arnold's RBI single.

Now just leading by one with the bases still loaded and only one away, Tomah sophomore pitcher Anna Wall worked out of the jam with a strikeout and a groundout to end the threat with the lead still intact.

Johnson's power gave the Timberwolves the advantage right out of the gate, but she used a lighter touch to add an insurance run in the bottom of the sixth with an RBI groundout that scored Olivia Wall to make it 4-2 in favor of Tomah.

"Honestly, even with any at-bat in general and not just that one specifically, I'm always just trying to get the ball in play," Johnson said. "I wasn't even trying to hit that home run. I was like 'I'm going to get this ball in play, we're going to get scoring right away' and that's literally it."

Anna Wall kept the drama at a minimum in the top of the seventh by inducing three consecutive groundouts to put DeForest down in order and seal the deal on a cathartic regional final triumph.

At the plate, Johnson went 2 for 3 with a home run, a walk and three RBIs and Olivia Wall finished 2 for 2 with a triple, a walk and three runs scored.

Anna Wall was brilliant in the circle, surrendering just one earned run (two runs total) on one hit and two walks while striking out four. Four of the

...as the game went on, I just kind of eased myself like 'hey, I know my team is going to make plays for me and I know we're going to get hits and score runs.' So probably after the first or second inning after I got out there, I was like 'OK, I've got this.'

- Anna Wall  
Tomah sophomore



Tomah's Anna Wall struck out just four in the Timberwolves' 4-2 win over DeForest, but allowed just one earned run. Herald photo by Logan Everson/GX3 Media.

Norskies' seven baserunners reached via errors — creating more pressure situations than there should have been — but Wall was up to the challenge in such a high-stakes game.

"I feel really happy. I think coming into the game, I was really nervous, and I put a lot of pressure on myself because this could be my last time playing with my sister (Olivia) and my friends," Wall said. "But as the game went on, I just kind of eased myself like 'hey, I know my team is going to make plays for me and I know we're going to get hits and score runs.' So probably after the first or second inning after I got out there, I was like 'OK, I've got this.'"

It wasn't their strongest effort of the season, but it was enough for the Timberwolves to keep their season moving along into sectionals and solidify their spot in program lore.

"I'm just happy for (the players). Plaque's going to be there with their names on it for a long time," said Tomah head coach Dan Wall, whose daughters Olivia and Anna are both on the team.

"I don't get worked up in that kind of stuff. At least I don't try to. When I get worked up about it, it's about those kids. Of course, having daughters on the team makes it a little more special. Olivia and Maddie, those two have been on varsity for the last four years. They had to watch that thing leave our park in a bus the last three years. So, this is just validity for their careers."

UP NEXT

The Timberwolves look to get one step closer to state when they host No. 3 seed Middleton (17-9) on Tuesday, May 28 at 5 p.m. in Tomah. The winner is into the sectional final to face either No. 1 seed Sun Prairie East (21-3) or No. 4 seed Verona (15-9) on Thursday, May 30.

BASEBALL WIAA TOURNAMENT

# B'wood's Cunitz, DeWitt drive in runs to shrug off La Farge

By ZACH RASTALL  
Assistant Sports Editor

**DIVISION 4  
LA FARGE 1**

No. 7 seed Brookwood (10-11) managed to squeak past No. 10 seed La Farge/Youth Initiative (4-14) 2-1 in a WIAA Division 4 regional quarterfinal clash on Thursday, May 23 in Wilton.

All the scoring came in the third inning, where the Wildcats scored in the top of the frame and the Falcons answered with two runs in the bottom half on sophomore catcher Jackson Cunitz's RBI double and senior first baseman Tim DeWitt's RBI single.

Brookwood sophomore pitcher Owen Wang was superb in his seven innings of work, allowing only one unearned run on three hits while striking out 14.

The Falcons now move on for a third meeting with SBC runner-up, Royall on Tuesday, May 28.

**CASHTON 12  
HILLSBORO 3**

Following a regular season sweep, No. 8 seed Cashton (11-11) beat No. 9 seed Hillsboro (4-14) for the third time this year with a 12-3 win in the Division 4 regional quarterfinals last Thursday at Cashton Village Park.

Brady Hemmersbach, Drew Butzler, Henry Brueggen, Gavn Wuerzberger and Ethan Klinkner each had two hits for the Eagles in the victory.

**DIVISION 2  
ALTOONA 4 SPARTA 1**

The fourth-seeded Altoona Railroaders (17-6) ended the 2024 season for No. 13 seed Sparta (3-16) with a 4-1 win over the Spartans in their Division 2 regional quarterfinal clash this past Thursday in Altoona.

Sparta's Landon Connelly, Owen Berendes, Gus Tripp and Brayden Schreier each hit a single in the season-ending defeat.

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deal with.

I've chased teams through all of it and it's taken its toll.

I'm burnt out.

For my job - not this one, but the GX3 Media affair I continue to play with - I can't afford to get burnt out. That sort of brain-fried-zombi-isms aren't going to help me produce content at a level that's reflective of my ability and there lies the problem surrounding so, so many of my problems - I'm spread pretty thin and maybe so much so that the creativity I need for idea plucking, has nearly evaporated.

What's the solution? Well, isn't that the million dollar question? Something has to give, though, or else the pressure I've been under is going to get me to pop.

There's a want, a desire, to get to several pet projects of mine. I think those types of design builds - things that are more for fun than just for commercial exploitation are crucial to my mental well being. If I'm not doing something creative, if I'm not making something, I'm suffering. Sure, most people would call that sort of

thing a hobby, and this job I do has many elements of a hobby, but I've twisted those constraints and remolded the idea of 'hobby' into 'job.' Can the two co-exist? I've always believed they could.

The biggest issue I have to contend with is maintaining the level of quality of work while trying to juggle all the parts I'm juggling. Have I been able to maintain what I consider a high standard when it comes to photography and design? I think that answer is 'yes,' but I know there have been many, many compromises along the way and cutting corners just to get the job done in a quick fashion isn't really in my vocabulary - especially when my name appears along side it.

I think that's the real crux of my dilemma - and I thank anyone that's read through this long-winded, whiney mini-manifesto I've concocted here - and coming to terms with the facts that I maybe have compromised too much is something very real, but maybe something only I can determine.

Let's fact it, no one's going to come out and tell me that I'm doing a bad job at anything even though I with they would if they feel that way. I mean, I had a client call me out on a project earlier this spring that gave me a bit of a jolt, even if the way they

went about it was one of the rudest ways possible. That situation made me think about what I was doing, though, which led me to look inward and ask if I really gave the right effort for their projects. On the one hand, I did. I worked within my time constraints, which limited what I could do on the design side. The client wasn't happy, though, but they failed to express that until items were about to be delivered.

I solved the problem by going back to the drawing board on certain parts and re-doing things. I was happier with the second attempt, but truly wished they'd have said something earlier. We could have found a solution then.

If you go to a restaurant, order food only to get the wrong items delivered and you don't say anything, then you deserve to have the wrong things. People don't know there's a problem unless you tell them there's an issue.

Each of those types of situations has added dents in me this spring, though. That's why I know I'm burnt out at this point, which is why I'm saying there's definitely a problem.

The finish line is close, I know, but limping across may be worse than not finishing this marathon at all.

BASEBALL BANGOR 10 MAUSTON 8

# Horstman, Bangor push past South Central champs in final tune-up contest

By ZACH RASTALL  
Assistant Sports Editor

With a top seed and a first-round bye, the Bangor Cardinals (17-0) got one final tune-up for the playoffs and completed a perfect regular season by defeating the Mauston Golden Eagles (16-6) 10-8 in non-conference play

on Thursday, May 23 in Mauston.

Bangor senior pitcher/third baseman Chase Horstman finished 3 for 4 with a double, a walk, three RBIs and a run scored.

The No. 1 seed Cardinals begin their postseason push by hosting No. 8 seed Pepin/Alma (10-9) on Tuesday, May 28 at 5 p.m. in Bangor.

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# IN PHOTOS: LET'S GO TO STATE DIVISION 3 TRAC/FIELD SECTIONAL (BANGOR)

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**CLOCKWISE FROM RIGHT**  
**Bangor's Sam Crenshaw** races towards the pit as dozens watch the defending state champ attempt to clear 17-00 in the pole vault.  
**Brookwood's Marshall Doll** closes in on the halfway point in the 400 meter run.  
**Bangor's Trayvon Delaney** steadies himself in his blocks before the 800 meter relay  
**Brookwood's Eli John** checks the live results to see he qualified for the state meet with a fourth place finish in the 110 hurdle race.  
**Cashton's Makayla Gooselaw** is all smiles after winning the 100 meter hurdle race at the Bangor sectional and moving on to next week's WIAA state meet.



## TRACK AND FIELD RESULTS

### D1 Regional (Sauk Prairie) 05-20-24 GIRLS

**Top 4 Finishers/Sectional Qualifiers**  
**GIRLS**  
**Track**  
**100M:** 1 Lydia Lazarescu Holmen 11.91, 2 Jenna Richgels Onalaska 12.23, 3 MariElla Viola Sauk Prairie 12.50, 4 Tayan Kaufman Baraboo 12.52  
**200M:** 1 Lydia Lazarescu Holmen 25.14, 2 MariElla Viola Sauk Prairie 26.01, 3 Tayan Kaufman Baraboo 27.36, 4 Aisha Fritsche Tomah 28.28  
**400M:** 1 Isabella Malecek Onalaska 59.57, 2 Cadence Scholze Tomah 1:00.79, 3 Eva Dwyer Onalaska 1:00.88, 4 Evelyn Bahe Sauk Prairie 1:02.65  
**800M:** 1 Bailey Sommerville Holmen 2:27.53, 2 Naomi Wedan Holmen 2:27.55, 3 Charlotte Gregg Sauk Prairie 2:29.20, 4 Sydney Dobush Baraboo 2:30.77  
**1600M:** 1 Sabrina Lechnir Holmen 5:23.98, 2 Aaliyah Bermudo Sauk Prairie 5:37.40, 3 Shenyl Wang Holmen 5:43.05, 4 Lainey Dillon Sauk Prairie 5:44.27  
**3200M:** 1 Sabrina Lechnir Holmen 11:50.66, 2 Anabella Filipis Holmen 12:19.32, 3 Madilyn Gilbert Baraboo 12:28.32, 4 Lainey Dillon Sauk Prairie 13:00.25  
**100M Hurdles:** 1 Lily Joyce Tomah 15.62, 2 Alivia Wickstrom Holmen 16.80, 3 Kaelyn Gelschmann Riedel Baraboo 17.18, 4 Emma Rudie Onalaska 17.21  
**300M Hurdles:** 1 Lily Joyce Tomah 46.13, 2 Alivia Wickstrom Holmen 48.99, 3 Kaelyn Gelschmann Riedel Baraboo 51.11, 4 Ruby Joyce Tomah 51.85  
**Relays**  
**400M Relay:** 1 Ella Stevens, Jenna Richgels, Eliana Mascotti, Makena McGarry Onalaska 49.23, 2 Avery Arms, Molly McBride, Josie Alesch, Abry Rolyer Holmen 51.26, 3 Laurel Erickson, Sierra Fried, Celia Christopherson, Chaigoziem Nduka La Crosse Central 51.49, 4 Allyson McClure, Kendall Heath Reedsburg 1:50.49, 4 Ella Ballmer, Laural Deckner, Rachel Young, Aspen Walther Onalaska 1:52.43  
**800M Relay:** 1 Ayla Sorg, MariElla Viola, Ella Weigel, Lexi Been Sauk Prairie 1:46.55, 2 Sierra Fried, Celia Christopherson, Lily Christopherson, Chaigoziem Nduka La Crosse Central 1:49.92, 3 Allyson McClure, Leah Mathews, Mallorie Eberle, Kendall Heath Reedsburg 1:50.49, 4 Ella Ballmer, Laural Deckner, Rachel Young, Aspen Walther Onalaska 1:52.43  
**1600M Relay:** 1 Jenna Richgels, Makena McGarry, Eva Dwyer, Isabella Malecek Onalaska 4:06.65, 2 Lily Joyce, Aisha Fritsche, Zandra Mason, Cadence Scholze Tomah 4:16.26, 3 Naomi Wedan, Delilah Heacock, Bailey Sommerville, Maya Amundson Holmen 4:17.29, 4 Jaina Sorg, Evelyn Bahe, Charlotte Gregg, Lexi Been Sauk Prairie 4:18.03  
**3200M Relay:** 1 Anabella Filipis, Bailey Sommerville, Sydney Valiska, Naomi Wedan Holmen 10:01.82, 2 Charlotte Gregg, Evelyn Bahe, Aaliyah Bermudo, Claryssa Brndl Sauk Prairie 10:11.66, 3 Sienna Lutz, Eivonia Mayer, Madilyn Gilbert, Sydney Dobush Baraboo 10:28.78, 4 Leah Modjeski, Kallie Modjeski, Kate Gilbertson, Evelyn Tripp Sparta 10:40.16  
**Field**  
**Pole Vault:** 1 Olivia Peterson Onalaska 9-6, 2 Kendall Kozlowski Holmen 8-6, 3 Josie Bailey Tomah 8-3, 4 Reagan Chrysler Sauk Prairie 7-9  
**High Jump:** 1 Michael Blau Sauk Prairie 6-0, 2 Ethan Kroeger Reedsburg 6-0, 3 James Siegel Onalaska 6-0, 4 Aaron Poelma La Crosse Central 6-0  
**Long Jump:** 1 Peyton Strittmater La Crosse Central 21-10.75, 2 Allen Stupinean Reedsburg 21-12.5, 3 Elijah Brown Tomah 21-0.5, 4 Gabe Mauss Onalaska 20-10.5  
**Triple Jump:** 1 Max Erdmann Onalaska 45-11.25, 2 Elijah Brown Tomah 44-3, 3 Elliott Romberg Baraboo 43-6.5, 4 Gabe Mauss Onalaska 43-4.5  
**Shot Put:** 1 Weston Blazek Sparta 47-9.25, 2 Jayden Brieske Tomah 46-10.25, 3 Iszak Elder Reedsburg 44-6, 4 Ethan Horkan Reedsburg 43-10.25  
**Discus Throw:** 1 Allin Steinhoff Tomah 160-3, 2 Ethan Horkan Reedsburg 154-0, 3 Westin Blazek Sparta 144-4, 4 Colin Mosser Holmen 143-7  
**Team Scores**  
 1 Holmen 131, 2 Onalaska 129.5, 3 Reedsburg 112.25, 4 La Crosse Central 109.5, 5 Tomah 71, 6 Sparta 56.5, 7 Baraboo 50, 8 Sauk Prairie 40.25, 9 La Crosse Central 43.5, 8 Sparta 25

### D3 Regional (Luther) 05-20-24 GIRLS

**Top 4 Finishers/Sectional Qualifiers**  
**GIRLS**  
**Track**  
**100M:** 1 Felicity Frey Alma Center Lincoln 13.09, 2 Cecelia Dilttrich Cochrane-Fountain City 13.22, 3 Bristol Coats Melrose-Mindoro 13.52, 4 Bliss Knox Bangor 13.56  
**200M:** 1 Lauren Wickus Luther 26.94, 2 Felicity Frey Alma Center Lincoln 27.24, 3 Finley Noll Alma/Pepin 27.77, 4 Mylee Ward Cochrane-Fountain City 28.07  
**400M:** 1 Lauren Wickus Luther 59.23, 2 Bristol Coats Melrose-Mindoro 1:05.31, 3 Annelyse Preston Eleva-Strum 1:05.34, 4 Tabitha Larson Luther 1:06.26  
**800M:** 1 Claire Becker Melrose-Mindoro 2:27.50, 2 Macy Stewart Alma/Pepin 2:29.54, 3 Anna Frank Bangor 2:32.71, 4 Ashlyn Earmey Cochrane-Fountain City 2:36.25  
**1600M:** 1 Addy Duellman Cochrane-Fountain City 5:33.58, 2 Taylor Sylla Independence-Gilmanston 5:33.95, 3 Courtney Stadler Mondovi 5:40.34, 4 Claire Becker Melrose-Mindoro 5:43.93  
**3200M:** 1 Addy Duellman Cochrane-Fountain City 12:26.91, 2 Courtney Stadler Mondovi 12:27.93, 3 Taylor Sylla Independence-Gilmanston 12:34.41, 4 Caitlyn Stadler Mondovi 13:35.63  
**100M Hurdles:** 1 Finley Noll Alma/Pepin 16.06, 2 Ava Gray Mondovi 16.14, 3 Addy Gray Mondovi 17.68, 4 Trinity Aasen Whitehall 18.09  
**300M Hurdles:** 1 Finley Noll Alma/Pepin 47.81, 2 Ava Gray Mondovi 51.14, 3 Addy Gray Mondovi 52.23, 4 Paige Kelly Blair-Taylor 52.43  
**Relays**  
**400M Relay:** 1 Grace Wentholt, Marin Gasper, Aubrey Langrehr, Bliss Knox Bangor 52.81, 2 Ali Butler, Amelia Weiss, Shaelee Dewitt, Aisya Snyder Mondovi 54.19, 3 Ryleigh Holmgreen, Daisy Hunger, Mylee Ward, Cecelia Dilttrich Cochrane-Fountain City 1:51.88, 4 Aryana Ausderau, Sophie Edge, Trinity Aasen, Alexis Correa Whitehall 1:55.96  
**800M Relay:** 1 Jacee Erickson, Payton Holub, Isabella Mueller, Lauren Wickus Luther 1:50.92, 2 Grace Wentholt, Anna Frank, Aubrey Langrehr, Bristol Coats Melrose-Mindoro 1:59.52, 3 Allison Howie, Mylee Ward, Cecelia Dilttrich Cochrane-Fountain City 1:51.88, 4 Aryana Ausderau, Sophie Edge, Trinity Aasen, Alexis Correa Whitehall 1:55.96  
**1600M Relay:** 1 Alivia Arneson, Macy Hunger, Addy Duellman, Cecelia Dilttrich Cochrane-Fountain City 4:18.72, 2 Ali Butler, Addy Gray, Ava Gray, Courtney Stadler Mondovi 4:26.84, 3 Anabel Howie, Annika Skoug, Ella McConnell, Annelyse Preston Eleva-Strum 4:27.86, 4 Anna Radcliffe, Emma Rozek, Sheila Johnson, Claire Becker Melrose-Mindoro 4:35.37  
**3200M Relay:** 1 Sophia Kampa, Anna Kent, Angie Martinez, Taylor Sylla Independence-Gilmanston 10:42.05, 2 Ashlyn Earmey, Samathia Bork, Bailey Pronschinske, Ana Knecht Cochrane-Fountain City 10:59.49, 3 Amalia Dyar, Anabel Howie, Annelyse Preston, Clara Christ Eleva-Strum 11:04.54, 4 Amelia Weiss, Aiden Flaherty, Caitlyn Stadler, Shaelee Dewitt Mondovi 11:15.78  
**Field**  
**Pole Vault:** 1 Isabella Huber Alma Center Lincoln 8-6, 2 Aisya Snyder Mondovi 8-6, 3 Jacee Erickson Luther 8-6, 4 Isabella Libke Melrose-Mindoro 8-3  
**High Jump:** 1 Liza Kulig Eleva-Strum 4-10, 2 Sheila Johnson Melrose-Mindoro 4-10, 3 Caitlyn Crenshaw Bangor 4-8, 4 Nora Schank Independence-Gilmanston 4-8  
**Long Jump:** 1 Lauren Wickus Luther 17-6.75, 2 Cecelia Dilttrich Cochrane-Fountain City 16-0.75, 3 Bristol Coats Melrose-Mindoro 15-9, 4 Felicity Frey Alma Center Lincoln 14-10.75  
**Triple Jump:** 1 Aisya Snyder Mondovi 31-7.25, 2 Ella Halverson Blair-Taylor 31-0, 3 Avery Jostad Luther 30-8.75, 4 Alexis Correa Whitehall 30-7  
**Shot Put:** 1 Emily Van Ripper Mondovi 34-2, 2 Kellee Hangartner Melrose-Mindoro 31-5, 3 Amber Lund Mondovi 31-4.75, 4 Jordan Sackmaster Bangor 31-0  
**Discus Throw:** 1 Kenzy King Eleva-Strum 100-8, 2 Sophie Kasserer Bangor 98-5, 3 Emily Van Ripper Mondovi 97-2, 4 Paige Kelly Blair-Taylor 95-2  
**Team Scores**  
 1 Mondovi 114.25, 2 Cochrane-Fountain City 88.25, 3 Melrose-Mindoro 87, 4 Luther 72.25, 5 Eleva-Strum 70, 6 Bangor 63.25, 7 Alma Center Lincoln 58, 8 Independence-Gilmanston 40, 9 Alma/Pepin 34, 10 Whitehall 28, 11 Blair-Taylor 26, 12 Osseo-Fairchild 11, 13 Providence Academy 3

### D3 Regional (Luther) 05-20-24 BOYS

**Top 4 Finishers/Sectional Qualifiers**  
**BOYS**  
**Track**  
**100M:** 1 1 Elijah Hoppe Luther 11.45, 2 Lucas Reed Bangor 11.51, 3 DaVonne Turner Blair-Taylor 11.64, 4 Connor Kruse Blair-Taylor 11.81  
**200M:** 1 Elijah Hoppe Luther 23.27, 2 Lucas Horman Bangor 23.41, 3 Connor Kruse Blair-Taylor 23.72, 4 Caydan Johnston Whitehall 23.78  
**400M:** 1 Trayvon Delaney Bangor 52.38, 2 Nolan Langrehr Bangor 53.40, 3 Jack Preston Eleva-Strum 54.02, 4 Trajan McRoberts Melrose-Mindoro 54.81  
**800M:** 1 Cole Arens Alma/Pepin 2:03.68, 2 Ashton Hanson Whitehall 2:10.94, 3 Weston Berndt Alma Center Lincoln 2:11.69, 4 Johnathan Panzo Alma-Pepin 2:12.04  
**1600M:** 1 Landon Clark Mondovi 5:04.34, 2 Cian Buchholz Bangor 5:08.27, 3 Carson Hass Mondovi 5:08.65, 4 Benedict Althoff Providence Academy 5:09.09  
**3200M:** 1 Cole Arens Alma/Pepin 10:15.51, 2 Landon Clark Mondovi 11:09.56, 3 Jack Laufenberg Melrose-Mindoro 11:21.65, 4 Carson Hass Mondovi 11:21.77  
**100M Hurdles:** 1 Sawyer Herrick Whitehall 17.05, 2 Nathan Dobberstein Luther 17.13, 3 Micah Schiebel Luther 17.15, 4 Evan Bauer Mondovi 17.98  
**300M Hurdles:** 1 Micah Schiebel Luther 44.78, 2 Evan Bauer Mondovi 45.38, 3 Nathan Dobberstein Luther 45.47, 4 Kaiden Gilbertson Bangor 45.54  
**Relays**  
**400M Relay:** 1 Lucas Reed, Lucas Horman, Gavin Meacham, Cody Petersen Bangor 44.73, 2 Jackson Nelson, Grayden Barum, Isaiah Schloegel, Peyton Nelson Cochrane-Fountain City 1:34.30, 3 Jack Schmeling, Micah Schiebel, Nathan Christianson, Carson Zeman Melrose-Mindoro 1:34.85, 4 Reece Brown, Brennan Hamner, Ryan Julson, Luis Itehua Eleva-Strum 1:35.21  
**800M Relay:** 1 Trayvon Delaney, Cody Petersen, Lucas Reed, Lucas Horman Bangor 1:32.60, 2 Jackson Nelson, Grayden Barum, Isaiah Schloegel, Peyton Nelson Cochrane-Fountain City 1:34.30, 3 Jack Schmeling, Micah Schiebel, Nathan Christianson, Carson Zeman Melrose-Mindoro 1:34.85, 4 Reece Brown, Brennan Hamner, Ryan Julson, Luis Itehua Eleva-Strum 1:35.21  
**1600M Relay:** 1 Jackson Nelson, Grayden Barum, Peyton Nelson, Isaiah Schloegel Cochrane-Fountain City 3:36.40, 2 Jackson Boese, Trajan McRoberts, Aeron Hanson, Jack Laufenberg, Melrose-Mindoro 3:36.50, 3 Jared Bohn, Jack Preston, Axel Young, Russell Hulett Eleva-Strum 3:44.20, 4 Devin Hutsell, Aydan Semb, Ashton Hanson, Caydan Johnston Whitehall 3:48.24  
**3200M Relay:** 1 Nolan Langrehr, Alex Felch, Evan Buchholz, Cian Buchholz Bangor 8:49.92, 2 Justin Bergmann Alma/Pepin 12-0, 3 Collin Christianson Melrose-Mindoro 11-6, 4 Asa Harter Luther 11-6  
**High Jump:** 1 Nolan Michch Bangor 6-3, 2 Jack Schmeling Luther 6-3, 3 Grayden Barum Cochrane-Fountain City 5-8, 4 Jackson Nelson Cochrane-Fountain City 5-7  
**Long Jump:** 1 Gavin Meacham Bangor 19-9.5, 2 Ryan Julson Eleva-Strum 13-1, 3 Isaiah Erickson Melrose-Mindoro 12-4, 4 Kayden VanLoon Luther 12-0  
**Triple Jump:** 1 Jack Schmeling Luther 40-6, 2 Gavin Meacham Bangor 39-8.5, 3 Devin Hutsell Whitehall 39-7.75, 4 Caydan Johnston Whitehall 38-7.75  
**Shot Put:** 1 Kayden VanLoon Luther 44-5, 2 Andrew Bragger Independence 39-1, 3 Zach Miller Mondovi 38-9.5, 4 Jaxon Rindal Eleva-Strum 38-2.5  
**Discus Throw:** 1 Jack Schmeling Luther 133-9, 2 Ryan Julson Eleva-Strum 133-1, 3 Isaiah Erickson Melrose-Mindoro 124-9, 4 Kayden VanLoon Luther 120-11  
**Team Scores**  
 1 Luther 147, 2 Bangor 139, 3 Mondovi 73.5, 4 Melrose-Mindoro 73, 5 Eleva-Strum 56, 6 Whitehall 51.5, 7 Blair-Taylor 43, 8 Cochrane-Fountain City 41, 9 Alma-Pepin 33, 10 Independence-Gilmanston 21, 11 Alma Center Lincoln 7, 12 Providence Academy 5

### D3 Regional (Cashton) 05-20-24 GIRLS

**Top 4 Finishers/Sectional Qualifiers**  
**GIRLS**  
**Track**  
**100M:** 1 Bella Thomas Assumption 12.43, 2 Reagan Abel Pacelli 13.08, Autumn Moon Assumption 13.55, Aubri Schaldach Cashton 13.73  
**200M:** 1 Bella Thomas Assumption 25.1, 2 Casey Vaughn Pacelli 25.75, 3 Emma Reincke Pacelli 26.72, 4 Reese Grimm Pittsville 27.52  
**400M:** 1 Emma Reincke Pacelli 59.65, 2 Bella Thomas Assumption 59.93, 3 Reese Grimm Pittsville 1:00.58, 4 Miranda Arndt Brookwood 1:03.81  
**800M:** 1 Annie Vaughn Pacelli 2:30.17, 2 Reese Grimm Pittsville 2:31.29, 3 Brooklyn Schoenick Assumption 2:31.73, 4 Maggie Stenerson Brookwood 2:43.39  
**1600M:** 1 Brooklyn Schoenick Assumption 5:38.82, 2 Katie Field Wonevoc-Center 6:04.44, 3 Callie Schoenick Assumption 6:04.72, 4 Kaita Gronemus Cashton 6:28.73  
**3200M:** 1 Katie Field Wonevoc-Center 12:06.35, 2 Delilah Hedden Necedah 12:10.15, 3 Marah Gruen Royall 12:33.03, 4 Stephanie Silva Brookwood 13:20.76  
**100M Hurdles:** 1 Makayla Gooselaw Cashton 16.23, 2 Gabby Hyatt Cashton 17.84, 3 Ava Gruen Brookwood 18.03, 4 Emily O'Rourke Brookwood 18.90  
**300M Hurdles:** 1 Makayla Gooselaw Cashton 49.38, 2 Ava Gruen Brookwood 51.15, 3 Gabby Hyatt Cashton 51.16, 4 Isabell Korn Cashton 53.50  
**Relays**  
**400M Relay:** 1 Casey Vaughn, Malaina Cashin, Natalie Cooper, Reagan Abel Pacelli 4:09.93, 2 Ruby Muehlenkamp, Miranda Arndt, Calista Zimmerman, Amelia Muelenberg Brookwood 4:23.21, 3 Chloe Pfaff, Claire Haske, Heidi Mathes, Alivia Bailey New Lisbon 4:34.35, 4 Isabell Korn, Maddie Klunker, Kate Gronemus, Aubri Schaldach Cashton 4:38.24  
**800M Relay:** 1 Ruby Muehlenkamp, Amelia Muelenberg, Kinsley Holmquist, Calista Zimmerman Brookwood 53.16, 3 Heidi Baker, Macey Berndt, Addison Benish, Bridget Totzke Wonevoc-Center 11:37.54, 4 Kate Gronemus, Julia Boisen, Isabell Korn, Aubrey Peterson Cashton 11:42.91  
**1600M Relay:** 1 Annie Vaughn, Regan Abel, Casey Vaughn, Emma Reincke Pacelli 4:09.93, 2 Ruby Muehlenkamp, Miranda Arndt, Calista Zimmerman, Amelia Muelenberg Brookwood 4:23.21, 3 Chloe Pfaff, Claire Haske, Heidi Mathes, Alivia Bailey New Lisbon 4:34.35, 4 Isabell Korn, Maddie Klunker, Kate Gronemus, Aubri Schaldach Cashton 4:38.24  
**3200M Relay:** 1 Stephanie Silva, Brynn Thurston, Annabelle Brandau, Maggie Stenerson Brookwood 11:24.86, 2 Alivia Bailey, Eliza Curtis, Klarissa Earhart, Claire Haske New Lisbon 11:36.10, 3 Heidi Baker, Macey Berndt, Addison Benish, Bridget Totzke Wonevoc-Center 11:37.54, 4 Kate Gronemus, Julia Boisen, Isabell Korn, Aubrey Peterson Cashton 11:42.91  
**Field**  
**Pole Vault:** 1 CeCe Merritt Pittsville 6-6, 2 Sadie Eichsteadt Pittsville 6-6, 3 Rebecca Rodriguez 6-3  
**High Jump:** 1 Aubri Schaldach Cashton 5-2, 2 Calista Zimmerman Brookwood 4-10, 3 Brooklyn Love New Lisbon 4-9, 4 Donna Harter Cashton 4-8  
**Long Jump:** 1 Casey Vaughn Cashton 16-7.75, 2 Heidi Mathes New Lisbon 14-11.75, 3 Evelyn Weber Cashton 14-11, 4 Jayden Glaza Assumption 14-0.5  
**Triple Jump:** 1 Sophie Teynor Brookwood 31-6.5, 2 Landon Windsor Melrose-Mindoro 31-0, 3 Ryan McCoy Hillboro 31-1, 3 Isabell Korn Cashton 31-0, 4 Abby Christensen Necedah 29-11.5  
**Shot Put:** 1 Ky Harter Cashton 42-6, 2 Emma McGraw Hillboro 30-3.25, 3 Leah Fenske Pacelli 30-0, 4 Kate Gronemus Cashton 29-6.25  
**Discus Throw:** 1 Leah Fenske Pacelli 106-0, 2 Isabelle Field Wonevoc-Center 91-2, 3 Ky Harter Cashton 88-8, 4 Lexus Mortimer 85-6  
**Team Scores**  
 1 Cashton 141, 2 Brookwood 110, 3 Pacelli 86, 4 Assumption 69, 5 Pittsville 65, 6 New Lisbon 57, 7 Wonevoc-Center 44, 8 Hillboro 24, 9 Nekossa 22, 10 Royall 11, 11 Necedah 15

### D3 Regional (Cashton) 05-20-24 BOYS

**Top 4 Finishers/Sectional Qualifiers**  
**BOYS**  
**Track**  
**100M:** 1 Daniel Roehling Wonevoc-Center 11.39, 2 Joseph Johnson Assumption 11.52, 3 Hartley Swan Pittsville 11.78, 4 Carson Welter New Lisbon 11.83  
**200M:** 1 Daniel Roehling Wonevoc-Center 22.81, 2 Mason Kubis Assumption 23.26, 3 Kaden Schiller Pittsville 23.30, 4 Owen Hagan Assumption 23.95  
**400M:** 1 Marshall Doll Brookwood 52.50, 2 Joey Burch Pacelli 53.11, 3 Hartley Swan Pittsville 54.07, 4 Jovan Chism John Edwards 54.68  
**800M:** 1 Luke Eiden Pacelli 2:04.91, 2 Jacob Hite Necedah 2:08.57, 3 Kellen Gatsinger Pittsville 2:09.37, 4 Gavin Havik Brookwood 2:12.46  
**1600M:** 1 Luke Eiden Pacelli 4:50.23, 2 Vladislav Grigorev Wonevoc-Center 4:51.09, 3 Charlie Kuhn Assumption 4:52.11, 4 Kellen Gatsinger Pittsville 4:58.98  
**3200M:** 1 Sam Carpenter Pacelli 10:21.78, 2 Cooper Powell Brookwood 10:28.01, Vladislav Grigorev Wonevoc-Center 10:51.31, 4 August Rueckheim Brookwood 10:58.81  
**110M Hurdles:** 1 Jameson Barker New Lisbon 17.29, 2 Finlei Krcmar Nekossa 17.33, 3 Elijah John Brookwood 17.75, 4 Alik Grigorev Wonevoc-Center 18.49  
**300M Hurdles:** 1 Jameson Barker New Lisbon 41.62, 2 Kaden Schiller Brookwood 44.50, 3 Elijah John Brookwood 45.36, 4 Finlei Krcmar Nekossa 45.92  
**Relays**  
**400M Relay:** 1 Max Grabiec, Camden Schurk, Braeden Flaker, Ethan Cowart Pacelli 44.79, 2 Joseph Johnson, Owen Hagan, Manny Schultz, Mason Kubis Assumption 1:34.38, 3 Jacob Cox, Jameson Pfaff, Jameson Barker, Carson Welter New Lisbon 1:38.62, 4 Rylee Duckart, Brynden Beck, Josh Tranel, Nolan Bastien John Edwards 1:39.11  
**800M Relay:** 1 Max Grabiec, Ethan Cowart, Braeden Flaker, Camden Schurk Pacelli 1:31.39, 2 Joseph Johnson, Owen Hagan, Manny Schultz, Mason Kubis Assumption 1:34.38, 3 Jacob Cox, Jameson Pfaff, Jameson Barker, Carson Welter New Lisbon 1:38.62, 4 Rylee Duckart, Brynden Beck, Josh Tranel, Nolan Bastien John Edwards 1:39.11  
**1600M Relay:** 1 Ethan Cowart, Luke Edien, Braeden Flaker, Camden Schurk 3:34.55, 2 Hartley Swan, Christian Matthews, Kaden Schiller, Kellen Gatsinger Pittsville 3:42.49, 3 Brynden Beck, Rylee Duckart, Timothy Pillsbury, Josh Tranel John Edwards 3:51.36, 4 Aiden Sasse, Isaac Thye, Sawyer Postel, Zach Bell Hillsboro 3:56.39  
**3200M Relay:** 1 Jack Henrich Necedah 10:40-5, 2 Jeremiah Dye Nekossa 10:40-5, 3 Elijah John Brookwood 38-5, 4 Jude Keltner New Lisbon 38-1.25  
**Shot Put:** 1 Blake Smith New Lisbon 48-0, 2 Tre Bailey New Lisbon 40-11.5, 3 Ryan McCoy Hillboro 39-9.75, 4 Kaden Ferris-Falkner Nekossa 38-4.5  
**Discus Throw:** 1 Tre Bailey New Lisbon 128-8, 2 Kaden Ferris-Falkner Nekossa 109-6, 3 Ryan McCoy Hillboro 115-2, 4 Landon Wilhorn Nekossa 109-6  
**Team Scores**  
 1 New Lisbon 119, 2 Nekossa 89, 3 Pacelli 86, 4 Assumption 69, 5 Pittsville 65, 6 Brookwood 65, 7 Wonevoc-Center 45, 8 Necedah 39, 9 Cashton 36, 10 Hillsboro 34, 11 John Edwards 30, 12 Royall 11





Cashion's Aubri Schaldach (high jump)

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200M: 1 Bella Thomas Assumption 25.28, 2 Casey Vaughan Pacelli 25.82, 3 Brooklyn Ritchie Fenimore 26.49, 4 Katie Randow Kickapoo/La Farge 26.72

400M: 1 Emma Reincke Pacelli 58.99, 2 Bella Thomas Assumption 59.02, 3 Lauren Wickus Luther 59.08, 4 Reese Grimm Pittsville 59.57

800M: 1 Kaylee Peterson Ithaca/Weston 2:20.97, 2 Claire Becker Melrose-Mindoro 2:22.55, 3 Nora Jillson Boscobel 2:23.84, 4 Reese Grimm Pittsville 2:26.90

1600M: 1 Addy Duellman Cochrane-Fountain City 5:09.67, 2 Courtney Stadter Mondovi 5:12.91, 3 Aleya Kliesner Boscobel 5:19.18, 4 Brooklyn Schoenick Assumption 5:23.84

3200M: 1 Courtney Stadter Mondovi 11:20.28, 2 Addy Duellman Cochrane-Fountain City 11:25.71, 3 Aleya Kliesner Boscobel 11:30.74, 4 Katie Field Wonevoc-Center 11:32.75

100M Hurdles: 1 Makayla Gooselaw Cashion 15.41, 2 Ava Gray Mondovi 15.54, 3 Lily Noll Alma/Pepin 16.24, 4 Anna Tisch Argyle/Pecatonia 16.33

300M Hurdles: 1 Anna Tisch Argyle/Pecatonia 45.81, 2 Finley Noll Alma/Pepin 46.90, 3 Hannah Bergand Southwestern 46.90, 4 Loretta Tisch Argyle/Pecatonia 48.14

800M Relay: 1 Jilian Adam, Bryce Nelson, Rosalie Grisel, Brooklyn Ritchie Fenimore 1:46.29, 2 Josie Hoffman, Sophia Burr, Macie Galle, Mallory Olmstead Lancaster 1:46.83, 3 Jewel Kline, Kylie Olmstead Lancaster 1:46.83, 4 Jacev Kleinasser, Ayvah Young, Morgan Wiltanen, Kayden Randow Kickapoo/La Farge 1:47.70, 4 Grace Wentholt, Anna Frank, Aubrey Langrehr, Bliss Knox Bangor 1:48.61

1600M Relay: 1 Annie Vaughan, Reagan Abel, Casey Vaughan, Emma Reincke Pacelli 4:03.19, 2 Adalee Bergt, Abby Solverson, Alyza Johnson, Raquel Reuter, Darlington 4:06.34, 3 Sophia Burr, Annie Martin, Mallory Olmstead, Kylie Olmstead Lancaster 4:07.63, 4 Katie Randow, Morgan Wiltanen, Autumn Jacks, Jadence Nagel Kickapoo/La Farge 4:08.55

3200M Relay: 1 Nora Jillson, Madi Kinnett, Aubrey Seep, Aleya Kliesner Boscobel 9:45.24, 2 Raquel Reuter, Brianna Vazquez, Clara Solverson, Adalee Bergt, Darlington 9:54.60, 3 Mallory Olmstead, Sara McWilliams, Annie Martin, Kylie Olmstead Lancaster 10:02.74, 4 Vanessa Vosberg, Maddie Davis, Paisley Williams, Hanna Martensen Benton-Scales Mound-Shullsburg 10:11.10

Field..... Pole Vault: 1 Macie Galle Lancaster 11-6, 2 French Fenimore 10-0, 3 Cayley Carter Riverdale 10-0, 4 Brooklyn Lull Fenimore 9-6

High Jump: 1 Kaylee Miller Ithaca/Weston 5-1, 2 Aubri Schaldach Cassion 5-1, 3 Sophia Burr Lancaster 5-0, 4 Izzy Bender Fenimore 5-0

Long Jump: 1 Lauren Wickus Luther 18-5.25, 2 Bryce Nelson Fenimore 17-6.5, 3 Casey Vaughan Pacelli 17-5, 4 Megan Kreul Lancaster 17-3

Triple Jump: 1 Megan Kreul Lancaster 36-10, 2 Brielle Fishnick Cassville/Potosi 34-2.25, 3 Brooke Wellnitz Argyle/Pecatonia 34-2, 4 Izzy Bender Fenimore 33-7

Shot Put: 1 Shayna Graf River Ridge 38-4.5, 2 Rachel Schauer Fenimore 38-2.25, 3 Alexis Alt Benton-Scales Mound-Shullsburg 36-11.25, 4 Josie Meister Darlington 36-5.25

Discus Throw: 1 Rachel Schauer Fenimore 119-8, 2 Lily Fick Cuba City 118-4, 3 Shayna Graf River Ridge 114-1, 4 Ella Gruetzmacher Lancaster 112-9

Team Scores..... 1 Fenimore 94, 2 Lancaster 65, 3 Pacelli 65, 4 Assumption 35, 5 Mondovi 33, 6 Darlington 32, 7 Boscobel 31, 8 Argyle/Pecatonia 30, 1-9 Cochrane-Fountain City 29, 1-9 Ithaca/Weston 29, 11 Kickapoo/La Farge 28, 1-12 Cashion 23, 1-12 Luther 23, 1-14 Cassville/Potosi 18, 1-14 Alma-Pepin 18, 16 Riverdale 17, 17 River Ridge 16, 1-18 Cuba City 15, 1-18 Bangor 15, 1-20 Southwestern 13.25, 1-20 Melrose-Mindoro 13.25, 22 Pittsville 12, 23 Benton-Scales Mound-Shullsburg 11.25, 24 Alma Center Lincoln 9, 25 Independence-Gilmanston 6, 1-26 Brookwood 5, 1-26 Wonevoc-Center 5, 1-28 Necedah 4, 1-28 Albany 4, 1-30 Eleva-Strum 3, 1-30 Wauzeka-Steuken 3, 32 New Lisbon 2.25, 1-33 Monticello 2, 1-33 North Crawford 2, 35 Royall 1

D1 Sectional (Sauk Prairie) 05-23-24 BOYS Top 4 Finishers/Sectional Qualifiers Track..... 100M: 1 Tim Bailey Riverdale 10.95, 2 Braden Fishnick Cassville/Potosi 11.21, 3 Daniel Roehling Wonevoc-Center 11.22, 4 Elijah Hoppe Luther 11.28

200M: 1 Tim Bailey Riverdale 22.29, 2 Braden Fishnick Cassville/Potosi 22.68, 3 Elijah Hoppe Luther 22.87, 4 Daniel Roehling Wonevoc-Center 22.91

400M: 1 Aidric Egge Kickapoo/La Farge 51.42, 2 Marshall Doll Brookwood 52.40, 3 Arlon Walter Kickapoo/La Farge 52.89, 4 Nolan Langrehr Bangor 53.45

800M: 1 Cole Arens Alma-Pepin 1:57.64, 2 Isaac Henkel Fenimore 1:60.00, 3 Luke Eiden Pacelli 2:00.68, 4 Gabe Davis Boscobel 2:01.37

1600M: 1 Luke Eiden Pacelli 4:35.52, 2 Bret Connolly Iowa-Grant 4:35.88, 3 Clayton Lee Ithaca/Weston 4:35.96, 4 Landon Clark Mondovi 4:36.35

3200M: 1 Cole Arens Alma-Pepin 10:03.04, 2 Landon Clark Mondovi 10:07.68, 3 Cooper Powell Brookwood 10:09.39, 4 Sam Carpenter Pacelli 10:17.20

100M Hurdles: 1 Lucius Cooley Wauzeka-Steuken 14.81, 2 Oliver Post Cassville/Potosi 15.93, 3 Lane Marty Black Hawk 15.99, 4 Elijah John Brookwood 16.23

300M Hurdles: 1 Lucius Cooley Wauzeka-Steuken 40.38, 2 Tucker Stuka Seneca 41.51, 3 James Barker New Lisbon 42.16, 4 Andrew Figi Black Hawk 42.46

800M Relay: 1 Brennan Gildersleeve, Peyton Hale, Semaj Venson, Max Bedward Lancaster 4:35.9, 2 Joseph Johnson, Owen Hagan, Manny Schultz, Mason Kubis Assumption 44.19, 3 Lucas Reed, Lucas Horman, Gavin Meacham, Cody Petersen Bangor 44.45, 4 Max Grabiec, Camden Schurk, Braden Flaker, Ethan Cowart Pacelli 44.89

1600M Relay: 1 Brennan Gildersleeve, Peyton Hale, Semaj Venson, Max Bedward Lancaster 1:29.90, 2 Max Grabiec, Ethan Cowart, Braden Flaker, Camden Schurk Pacelli 1:31.11, 3 Treveon Delaney, Cody Petersen, Lucas Reed, Lucas Horman Bangor 1:31.90, 4 Joseph Johnson, Owen Hagan, Manny Schultz, Mason Kubis Assumption 1:32.66

3200M Relay: 1 Carter Bunn, Riley Forey, Nick Ncedah, Isaac Henkel Fenimore 9:27.36, 2 Ethan Cowart, Luke Eiden, Braden Flaker, Camden Schurk Pacelli 9:27.61, 3 Michael Murphy, Quinton Ploessl, Pol Fernandez, Peyton Hale Lancaster 9:29.29, 4 Aidric Egge, Jeff Olsen, Theo Parr, Arlon Walter Kickapoo/La Farge 9:30.14

Field..... Pole Vault: 1 Sam Crenshaw 12 Bangor 16-6, 2 Jackson VanNatta Lancaster 13-0, 3 Landon Budworth Lancaster 12-6, 4 Cameron Hogan Boscobel

High Jump: 1 Jack Schlesner Cashton 6-4, 2 Lucius Cooley Wauzeka-Steuken 6-3, 3 Wyatt Maunhoff Brookwood 6-2, 4 Bryce Hughes Albany 6-1

Long Jump: 1 Bryce Hughes Albany 21-7.5, 2 Jeremiah Dye Nekoska 21-3, 2 Lucius Cooley Wauzeka-Steuken 21-3, 4 Gavin Meacham Bangor 20-10.25

Triple Jump: 1 Jack Schmelung Luther 43-1.5, 2 Gavin Meacham Bangor 41-2.25, 3 Carter Emiler North Crawford 41-1.5, 4 Jack Herried Necedah 40-11.75

Shot Put: 1 Blake Smith New Lisbon 51-4, 2 Caleb Smith Albany 49-5.25, 3 Gavin Taming North Crawford 48-1, 4 C.J. Milliren De Soto 46-0.75

Discus Throw: 1 Madden Crubel Fenimore 155-7, 2 C.J. Milliren De Soto 149-5, 3 Alex Morga North Crawford 147-8, 4 Jack Schmelung 11 Luther 147-4

Team Scores..... 1 Lancaster 62, 2 Fenimore 50.5, 3 Bangor 49, 4 Pacelli 45, 5 Wauzeka-Steuken 35, 6 Luther 33, 7 Cassville/Potosi 30, 8 Kickapoo/La Farge 27, 1-9 Brookwood 26, 1-9 Albany 26, 1-11 Alma-Pepin 24, 1-11 Riverdale 24, 13 North Crawford 22, 14 New Lisbon 21, 15 De Soto 19, 16 Boscobel 18, 17 Assumption 16, 1-18 Black Hawk 15, 1-18 Mondovi 15, 1-20 Nekoska 13, 1-20 Wonevoc-Center 13, 21 Cuba City 13, 23 Iowa-Grant 12, 24 River Ridge 11.5, 1-25 Cashion 10, 1-25 Seneca 10, 1-27 Necedah 9, 1-27 Darlington 9, 28 Ithaca/Weston 9, 1-30 Belmont 8, 1-30 Cochrane-Fountain City 8, 32 Pittsville 6, 1-33 Melrose-Mindoro 5, 1-33 Blair-Taylor 5, 35 Southwestern 2, 35 Whitehall 2

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the boys' triple jump with a leap of 43 feet, 8.25 inches to punch his state ticket.

In addition to that trio of upperclassmen, the Timberwolves are also sending a pair of underclassmen who will be making their state debuts in La Crosse this week: sophomores Brody Habelman and Jaxon Ruland.

Habelman placed third in the boys' 200-meter dash with a time of 22.65 seconds and Ruland was also third in the 400-meter dash with a time of 50.89 seconds.

UP NEXT 2024 WIAA State Track & Field Championships are set to take place on Friday, May 31 at Saturday, June 1 at the Veterans Memorial Stadium Complex in La Crosse.

The Division I portion of Friday's prelims are in the first session of the day, which starts at 9:30 a.m. Boys discuss, which will feature Tomah's Steinhoff, will go off at the start of Friday's session.

For a complete list of events for the WIAA state meet, visit wiaa.org and click on either the boys or girls track and field tabs.

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Top 4 Finishers/Sectional Qualifiers Track..... 100M: 1 Lydia Lazarescu Holmen 12.12, 2 Lilly Wepping Verona 12.35, 3 Jenna Richgels Onalaska 12.36, 4 MariElla Viola Sauk Prairie 12.54

200M: 1 Lydia Lazarescu Holmen 25.32, 2 Nicole Repka Verona 25.60, 3 MariElla Viola Sauk Prairie 25.78, 4 Dani Witte Monona Grove 26.20

400M: 1 Nicole Repka Verona 56.59, 2 Dani Witte Monona Grove 57.93, 3 Isabella Malecek Onalaska 59.14, 4 Cadence Scholze Tomah 1:00.69

800M: 1 Abigail Sadler Mount Horeb 2:12.18, 2 Emily Berger Waunakee 2:20.11, 3 Emma Larson Verona 2:20.96, 4 Julia Straka Mount Horeb 2:27.18

1600M: 1 Abigail Sadler Mount Horeb 5:02.35, 2 Cianna Wipperfurth Waunakee 5:14.67, 3 Daphne Cooper Madison East 5:15.57, 4 Sabrina Lechnir Holmen 5:17.97

3200M: 1 Olivia Chellefeld Middleton 11:24.30, 2 Cianna Wipperfurth Waunakee 11:40.14, 3 Sabrina Lechnir Holmen 11:44.84, 4 Allie Hrodey Monona Grove 11:56.76

100M Hurdles: 1 Lily Joyce Tomah 15.66, 2 Kara Grudzinski Verona 16.56, 3 Emma Raemisch Waunakee 16.76, 4 Meredith Fitz Waunakee 16.79

300M Hurdles: 1 Lily Joyce Tomah 45.57, 2 Isabel Munoz Mount Horeb 47.58, 3 Emma Raemisch Waunakee 47.76, 4 Alivia Wickstrom Holmen 47.96

800M Relay: 1 Marijn Codde, Kara Grudzinski, Annika Rufenacht, Lilly Wepping Verona 1:44.45, 2 Summer Grigg, Sadie Grabarski, Lydia Reis, Reese Hurley Waunakee 1:44.74, 3 Samara Bradtke, Haley Jodlowski, Noel Neuser, Kara Meeteer Middleton 1:45.19, 4 Ayla Sorg, MariElla Viola, Ella Weigel, Lexi Been Sauk Prairie 1:46.02

1600M Relay: 1 Jenna Richgels, Makena McGarry, Eva Dreyer, Isabella Malecek Onalaska 3:59.96, 2 Sophie Petta, Nicole Repka, Annika Rufenacht, Emma Larson Verona 4:00.07, 3 Lea Gancova, Avery Tiller, Kara Meeteer, Haley Jodlowski, Zandrea Amon, Cadence Scholze Tomah 4:08.64

3200M Relay: 1 Katherine Straka, Julia Straka, Abigail Sadler, Emmy Bennin Mount Horeb 9:33.42, 2 Carla Schwitters, Rachel Gregorich, Emily Berger, Cianna Wipperfurth Waunakee 9:36.41, 3 Liz den Daas, Lexi Remiker, Sophie Petta, Emma Larson Verona 9:36.56, 4 Anabella Folsch, Bailey Sommerville, Sydney Valiska, Naomi Wedan Holmen 9:50.16

Field..... Pole Vault: 1 Lilian Reiner Madison East 12-3, 2 Liz den Daas Verona 10-0, Payton Vant Verona 9-9, 4 Olivia Peterson Onalaska 9-9

High Jump: 1 Emerson Myers Madison Memorial 5-3, 2 Lainey Chancellor Waunakee 5-2, 3 Isabella Malecek Onalaska 5-2, 4 Alexa Szak Holmen 5-2

Long Jump: 1 Kara Meeteer Middleton 18-4, 2 Makena McGarry Onalaska 18-1, 3 Emerson Myers Madison Memorial 17-4.5, 4 Ella Stevens Onalaska 17-1.75

Triple Jump: 1 Jenna Richgels Onalaska 38-5, 2 Emerson Myers Madison Memorial 37-8, 3 Princess Nwachuku Madison Memorial 36-7.5, 4 Lilian Reiner Madison East 36-1.25

Shot Put: 1 Lily Rogers Baraboo 42-5.75, 2 Jady Roden Holmen 40-8.5, 3 Brenna Schmidt Holmen 39-7, 4 Anneka Cassel Waunakee 37-9.25

Discus Throw: 1 Lily Rogers Baraboo 137-1, 2 Anneka Cassel Waunakee 136-1, 3 Jady Roden Holmen 129-1, 4 Makayla Mittelstaedt Reedsburg 114-8

Team Scores..... 1 Waunakee 96, 2 Holmen 95, 3 Verona 87, 4 Onalaska 79, 5 Mount Horeb 56, 6 Madison Memorial 53, 7 Middleton 48, 8 Baraboo 41, 9 Tomah 35, 10 Sauk Prairie 33, 11 Monona Grove 27, 12 Madison East 22, 13 La Crosse Central 11, 1-14 Madison West 9, 1-14 Reedsburg 9, 16 Sparta 1

D1 Sectional (Sauk Prairie) 05-23-24 BOYS

Top 4 Finishers/Sectional Qualifiers Track..... 100M: 1 Owen Preimesberger Mount Horeb 11.20, 2 Cade Larson La Crosse Central 11.21, 3 Janel Jackson Holmen 11.22, 4 Martin Lindholm Reedsburg 11.24

200M: 1 Martin Lindholm Reedsburg 22.49, 2 Ryland Eichhoff Holmen 22.64, 3 Brody Habelman Tomah 22.65, 4 Kayden Baumgart Mount Horeb 23.18

400M: 1 Dante Pasello Middleton 49.62, 2 Kasey Barth Onalaska 50.02, 3 Jaxon Ruland Tomah 50.89, 4 Jack Barth Holmen 51.24

800M: 1 Blake Burnstad Onalaska 1:56.85, 2 Noah Kundert Verona 1:56.95, 3 Mason Brosious Madison West 1:58.00, 4 Peter Negru Madison West 2:00.41

1600M: 1 Blake Burnstad Onalaska 4:23.98, 2 Manny Putz Onalaska 4:24.07, 3 Mason Bieri Madison East 4:25.82, 4 Cole Bremner Verona 4:35.30

3200M: 1 Manny Putz Onalaska 9:39.54, 2 Finnian Stinger Madison East 9:44.37, 3 Zach Temple Madison West 9:45.05, 4 Mason Bieri Madison East 9:47.57

110M Hurdles: 1 Aaron Poelma La Crosse Central 14.51, 2 Jakai Ayeed Holmen 15.22, 3 Ario Rice Madison East 15.23, 4 Elliott Romberg Baraboo 15.65

300M Hurdles: 1 Aaron Poelma La Crosse Central 39.07, 2 Maxwell Hunter Middleton 39.51, 3 Carson Jolly, La Crosse Central 39.53, 4 Jakai Ayeed Holmen 39.63

800M Relay: 1 Jamaron Moore, Jordan Elliott, Elias Howlett, Max Spanos Madison Memorial 4:26.56, 2 Javon Davis, Leo Orlowski, Peyton Strittmatter, Cade Larson La Crosse Central 4:27.3, 3 Christopher Kiel, Owen Preimesberger, Landon Ellestad, Kayden Baumgart Mount Horeb 4:29.47, 4 Nico Lindert Olwencia, Henry Hogan, Zachary Cadogan, Calen Wentholt Monona Grove 4:32.00

1600M Relay: 1 Jamaron Moore, Jordan Elliott, Elias Howlett, Max Spanos Madison Memorial 1:28.99, 2 Martin Lindholm, Trayvin Miller, Will Mikonowicz, Adam Wilhelm Reedsburg 1:29.81, 3 Matthew Comins, Jack Blitz, William Garcia-Heinrich, Aiden Meinholz Waunakee 1:29.92, 4 Kayden Baumgart, Nick Vorwald, Kyle Frischmann, Owen Aeschlimann Mount Horeb 1:30.14

3200M Relay: 1 Jesse Ward, Amir Trabelsi, Brennan Sullivan, Noah Kundert Verona 3:21.61, 2 Maxwell Hunter, Matthew Arnold, Tyler Montag, Dante Pasello Middleton 3:22.58, 3 Jamaron Moore, Grafton Lyons, Elias Howlett, Max Spanos Madison Memorial 3:22.99, 4 Drew Symons, Brendan Chenault, Gabe Mauss, Kasey Barth Onalaska 3:23.20

Field..... Pole Vault: 1 Alex Wagner La Crosse Central 14-0, 2 Isaiiah Wedan Holmen 13-9, 3 Owen Kuhne Madison Memorial 13-6, 4 Jackson Rosentock Waunakee 13-6

High Jump: 1 James Siegel Onalaska 6-2, 2 Mbaye Sarr Madison East 6-1, 3 Aaron Poelma La Crosse Central 6-0, 4 Lincoln Myers Madison Memorial 5-10

Long Jump: 1 Michael Valitchka 12 Verona 22-5, 2 Allen Stupinean Reedsburg 21-11.5, 3 Peyton Strittmatter La Crosse Central 21-10, 4 Elijah Brown Tomah 21-7.5

Triple Jump: 1 Max Erdmann Onalaska 46-6, 2 Elijah Brown Tomah 43-8.25, 3 Elliott Romberg Baraboo 42-10, 4 Gabe Mauss Onalaska 42-4

Shot Put: 1 K.J. Peterson Middleton 54-1, 2 Wesley Briquette Verona 51-3.5, 3 Will Lenoch Waunakee 48-10, 4 Jayden Brieske Tomah 47-2.75

Discus Throw: 1 Atlin Steinhoff Tomah 166-3, 2 Colin Mosser Holmen 154-8, 3 Tim Strebel Waunakee 152-4, 4 Westin Blazek Sparta 150-7

Team Scores..... 1 Onalaska 93, 2 La Crosse Central 69, 3 Holmen 68, 4 Verona 61.5, 5 Madison Memorial 55.5, 6 Middleton 52, 7 Tomah 46, 8 Reedsburg 45.9, Madison East 41, 10 Waunakee 38, 11 Madison West 31, 12 Mount Horeb 29, 13 Monona Grove 28, 14 Sparta 19, 15 Baraboo 14, 16 Sauk Prairie 6

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**SOCCER MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CONFERENCE**

# Ritter, Armstrong lead Tomah; Riley, Von Ruden pace Sparta in MVC championships

By NATE BEIER  
Sports Letterlayer

Goals were abundant for both the Sparta and Tomah squads as the pair faced off on the penultimate night of the Mississippi Valley Conference season on Wednesday, May 22 in Tomah.

Tomah (9-6-1, 8-4) continued its perfect romp through the bottom half of the MVC pod with a 9-4 win over Sparta (5-10-0, 3-8).

Sparta, however, did start with the upper hand.

Maddi Schauf drilled a shot into the back of the net in the fourth minute to give Sparta an early 1-0 lead. Brenna Johnson added another goal about five minutes later to give SHS a 2-0 advantage.

Tomah's retaliatory remarks changed the trajectory of the game. The Timberwolves scored six-straight goals to take the lead for good.

Gracie Betcher led Tomah's charge with the first goal in the 14th minute. Aubrianna Cruz tied the game with her goal three minutes later. The

strike from Avery Hagen three minutes after that gave THS a lead it wouldn't relinquish.

Betcher added another score in the 24th minute for the final goal of the first half, but not the final goal of her own night. Betcher led off the second half with a pair of goals in the first 12 minutes of play to put Tomah up 6-2.

Schauf scored for Sparta again in the 54th minute, but that was all the closer the visitors would get.

Tomah's Cruz scored a second time, Emma Miller and

Ally Ritter a first each.

Amelia Russ's goal for the Spartans was the final strike of the night.

**SPARTA 2 LA CROSSE LOGAN 0**

Sparta won its regular season finale on Thursday, May 23 after dispatching La Crosse Logan 2-0.

Elle Erickson and Aaliyah Pastick each scored a goal in the win.

**TOMAH 3 AQUINAS 1**

Tomah faced a 1-0 deficit at the halfway point in its regular season finale with Aquinas on

Thursday, May 23.

That deficit would be erased shortly after the start of the second half.

Gracie Betcher and Aubrianna Cruz combined for three scoring strikes in the second half as the Timberwolves earned a second win against Aquinas.

Kirsten Schmidt recorded three saves in goal.

**WIAA TOURNAMENT**

Tomah will host the Platteville/Lancaster co-op on Tuesday, May 28 when the WIAA postseason kicks off.

Sparta will travel to face Holmen the same day. Both games are at 4 p.m.

Onalaska, which won this year's MVC championship after defeating La Crosse Central 4-1 on May 23, is the top seeded team in the grouping. Onalaska hosts Reedsburg on Tuesday, May 28 and, should they win, will entertain the winner of Tomah/Platteville on Saturday, June 1 for a chance to win a regional title. La Crosse Central is the second seed in the grouping.

**WIAA GOLF DIVISION 1**

# Sparta's Rice wins playoff to move on to sectional round

By NATE BEIER  
Sports Editor

A six-way tie created a unique situation at the conclusion of the Division 1 regional golf tournament at Drugan's Castle Mound in Holmen on Wednesday afternoon, May 22.

A singular individual qualifier spot was up for grabs after the field of golfers finished their 18 hole round on a sunny, but windy day. Of the six players in question, two were taken out of the mix as they were part of teams that had qualified for this week's sectional competition at Blackhawk Country Club in Madison.

Sparta's John Rice and a trio of La Crosse players - Sid Hooyman, Harper Kendle and Zach Weis - were set to play off for the final bid to the sectional round.

The quartet went to work playing holes 10 and 18 in a circuit to determine which would remain in the WIAA tournament for another week.

Kendle was eliminated first after falling behind on hole 10. His teammates fell by the wayside one hole later as Rice held on to advance to the next round of the postseason.

Rice shot an 87 in the regular round of play, leading the Spartans in the first leg of the WIAA tournament.

The senior had to overcome a slow start, however. Rice was one over after the first hole and then triple bogeyed the second to fall four strokes behind par. Over the final five holes on the front nine, though, the Spartans' fourth flight player made par twice and finished with nothing more than a single bogey.

John Schanhofer followed after scoring an 89. Schanhofer made par on three of his first five holes, but only played even on two links on the back nine. Alec Von Ruden was just one stroke behind for third place among the SHS squad.

Ryder Erickson followed with a 99 and Milo Everson-Riley ended with a 102.

Sparta tallied a team score of 365 to take seventh among the eight participating teams.

**TOMAH**

After a dismal fourth place finish at the MVC championships a week earlier, the Tomah boys golf team showed its resiliency by bouncing back for a second place finish at the Division 1 regional at Holmen.

That final placing catapults Tomah into the sectional round of the WIAA tournament as a team, giving each golfer one more round and a shot to play at the state tournament.

Landon Pierce paced THS with a 79 in Wednesday's regional. Pierce was tied with Wisconsin Rapids' Carter Morrison for second place at the meet.

Pierce landed a birdie on the par three hole four and also on the par five hole 11 before making par on three of the final five links.

Collin Ritter also seemed to be in prime postseason form by playing to a sixth place tie with Holmen's Owen Hoehn as the pair finished with matching scores of 82 on the par 70 course.

Ritter played the first nine just five stroke over par, never tallying more than a single bogey on a hole.

That streak continued through the back nine until the senior double bogeyed hole 16. The final tally was just 12 strokes over par.

Mason Amberg was part of a three-way tie for 11 with a score of 85. Amberg had a birdie on hole 11.

Easton Armstrong placed 22 with a score of 88. Armstrong was just behind the six-pack of players that ended with matching scores of 87.

Josiah Garrels shot a 95 and placed 32 overall.

**ROUNDUP**

Holmen won the regional meet with a score of 325 - just nine strokes better than Tomah's mark of 334.

The Vikings' Luke Taebel continued his winning ways by edging the field with a score of 78 to earn medalist



**ABOVE** Sparta's John Rice lines up hit first shot on the 16th green during the Division 1 regional at Drugan's Castle Mound.

**BELOW** Tomah's Landon Pierce chips his way to the green on hole 16 during Wednesday's D1 regional in Holmen. Pierce finished tied for second overall with a score of 79. **Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.**



honors.

Wisconsin Rapids (336) and Onalaska (347) also move on as a team after finishing third and fourth at Wednesday's regional competition.

In Division 2, West Salem played runner-up to Bloomer in the Arcadia regional. Westby's Brooks Hoffland, this year's Coulee Conference champion, advanced from the Prairie du Chien regional.

In Division 3, Durand-Arkansaw won the Cochrane-Fountain City regional at Trempealeau Mountain. The Wonewoc-Center/Hillsboro team won a team playoff after three holes of action at the Randolph regional to advance to the sectional round which will be played at Markesan on Wednesday, May 29.

**TENNIS ROUNDUP**

# Tomah's doubles team fall in sectional round

By NATE BEIER  
Sports Editor

**SECTIONALS**

Tomah's first flight doubles team of Ashton Steele and Brodie Robertson were dealt a swift exit from the sectional round of the WIAA tournament on Wednesday, May 22 at Madison Memorial.

Steele and Robertson fell to Middleton's Ilya Rice and Bodi Russo 6-2, 6-0.

**SUB-SECTIONAL**

Steele and Robertson secured a spot in the sectional round of the WIAA tournament after knocking off Holmen's duo of Shawn De Ruyter and Danny Ott 6-3, 6-1 at the La Crosse Central sub-sectional on Monday, May 20. The meet, which was scheduled to be played at Green Island tennis complex was moved to La Crosse Central as weather had postponed Aquinas' D3 sub-sectional at the same location earlier in the day.

Tomah's Boe Rewey and Wyatt Scheerer claimed a 7-5, 6-3 win in the first round of play, but fell 6-3, 3-6, 12-10 in the next, just missing the chance to move on to the sectional.

Daniel Jungmeyer and Lucas Salzwedel won 6-1, 6-2 in the first round and lost a 3-6, 6-2, 10-7 decision in the next in the third flight of doubles.

Sparta's Landon Burkhardt defeated Tomah's Collin Branch 6-2, 6-5 in the first round of the WIAA tournament, but then lost to Holmen's Brandon McCormick 6-1, 6-1 in the ensuing match.

Brennan Brown earned Tomah's only singles bracket win with a 6-4, 6-2 win over Onalaska's Gavin Sommerfield before succumbing 6-1, 6-2 to Baraboo's Dan Olson.

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