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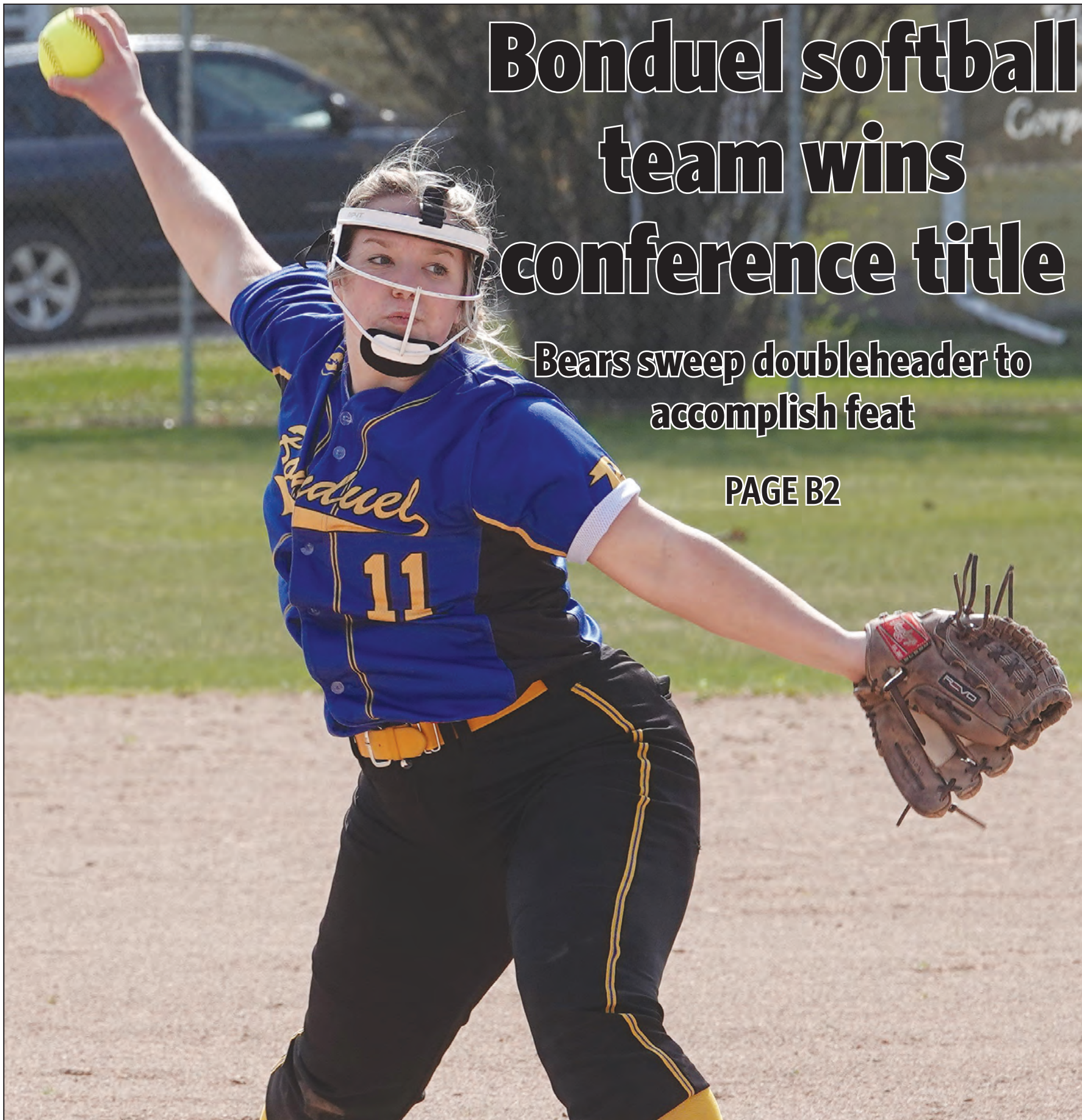
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Bonduel softball team wins conference title

Bears sweep doubleheader to
accomplish feat

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Bonduel's Claire Gehm pitches during the team's CWC-East games against Weyauwega-Fremont on May 9 in Bonduel.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Bonduel wins 2 to take CWC-East crown

Gehm, Henning toss shutouts to lead Bears

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Bonduel High School softball team's magical season continued May 9 when the team earned 2-0 and 5-0 wins over Weyauwega-Fremont on an extremely windy May 9 afternoon in Bonduel to secure the Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division title.

"It means a lot. We really put in a lot of practice," said Bonduel's Macy Niles of winning the conference. "Last year wasn't our greatest, and this year we've just been more confident and worked harder. We play hard."

Bonduel, which was undefeated and still had two conference games remaining in the regular season, has won in all kinds of ways this spring. Against Weyauwega-Fremont, the Bears used strong pitching from Claire Gehm and Nakiyah Henning mixed with strong defense and timely offense to come out on top.

In the 2-0 win in game one, Gehm worked a gem. She pitched all seven innings, striking out 10 batters to work around four hits and two walks.

"I just knew coming into the game that we didn't really know where we stood, and this game really determined that. All I knew is that I could do as best as I could do, go out there and play and pitch like I can and my defense can back me up," said Gehm. "They did that for sure, and I'm so thankful for every diving and windy high pop they got."

Bonduel found a way to support Gehm by scratching across a run in the third and fifth innings.

Abby Stoltenow reached base in the third on a hit to right field. She later moved to third on a sacrifice bunt from Tatum Sporisky and then scored on a passed ball.

Audrey Weier walked to start the fifth frame and moved to second on a sac bunt from Niles. Another bunt from Stoltenow moved Weier to third. Bonduel's next batter struck out, but as Weyauwega-Fremont



Bonduel's Abby Stoltenow slides safely into home during the team's CWC-East doubleheader against Weyauwega-Fremont on May 9 in Bonduel.

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threw to first to secure the out, Weier sprinted home for the team's second run.

From there, Gehm took care of business, tossing two more zeros on the scoreboard to complete the win.

"It honestly gets me teary-eyed," said Gehm on winning the CWC-East title as a senior. "I never thought it was going to happen. This has been the best team I've played with, but I still never expected it. As we continued to win each week, I said, 'I definitely see something, and I want us to keep going with it.'"

Game two was nearly a carbon copy of the first, but with Henning in the circle for the Bears. In her seven innings, she struck out six batters while working around seven baserunners.

Henning also had some strong de-

fensive play behind her. Ironically, one of the few misplays by the Bears on the day worked in the team's favor, as a dropped popup turned into a game-ending double play.

"It says a lot (about the team winning with its pitching and defense), especially after last year where we didn't have that strong defense," said Henning. "Defense wins games. If I didn't have them, we wouldn't be where we are now. You can't have errors, and our defense has just been really good this year and it's a great feeling."

Serving as the visitors, Bonduel gave Henning early run support with a single tally in the first.

Sporisky singled to open the game and worked her way around the bases before scoring as the visitors secured another strikeout at

first base.

Ella Hischke singled to open the second and later scored on a Niles safety squeeze bunt.

Bonduel added two runs in the fifth frame, doing all the damage with two outs. Lila Pleshek was hit by a pitch and then stole second before scoring on Hailee Thompson's single. Thompson also stole second and then scored on a Hailey Zernicke single.

The host's final run came in the sixth. Niles scored the run on a Sporisky single.

"I think that we've had really good heads-up baserunning," said Niles. "We really want to win this year, so we've just been having more drive to get places on the bases."

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Marion's Stuhr tosses perfect game against Manawa

Lefty pitcher struck out last 14 batters he faced

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Marion High School's Jaden Stuhr nearly took the term "perfect game" to a new level May 12 during the baseball team's 11-0 victory over Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division foe Manawa in Marion.

The team's pitcher faced just 15 batters over five innings, and only one of the outs was in the field of play. The first batter of the game popped out to third base before Stuhr struck out the next 14 batters.

"I just came out and wanted to perform at my best. I knew it was going to be hot. I knew they were a good team, so I just went after it," said Stuhr. "I controlled the zone I felt, and I just threw strikes. I put it in spots they couldn't hit it. I want to thank my catcher Jay (Brei) for doing a good job behind the plate."

Stuhr didn't have too many at-bats go into deep counts, typically striking batters out on three of four pitches. As if the perfect game and 14 strikeouts weren't enough, he pitched an immaculate inning (nine pitches and nine strikes with three strikeouts) in the second.

Stuhr is no stranger to memorable pitching outings, having also thrown a no-hitter against Gresham on May 3.

While Stuhr would have certainly enjoyed also striking out the first batter to finish with all strikeouts, he was just happy to contribute another win to the team's perfect season. "We got the out; that's all that matters."

The junior lefty didn't need all that much offensive help with the way he was pitching, but the Mustangs gave him more than enough run support anyway.

Marion tallied three runs in the first inning before adding four more in the

second. Three runs in the third and another in the fourth capped the scoring.

The Mustangs got contributions up and down the lineup, which is part of the reason why the team is undefeated.

"It's awesome. Every single one of these guys, even the guys that don't start, they work their butts off all season," said Ethan Scheef on the balanced attack at the plate. "For us to all be able to contribute to each and every game, it's an amazing feeling. It makes each win way better."

Alex Zimmerman had a similar thought.

"We have so many underclassmen, so many sophomores this year that are just taking over," he said. "And it's just awesome because to know that they can do it too, and you're knowing that it's not just another out coming up there — you know it can be a hit, maybe a double sending people in."

"That's how we got 11 runs; otherwise, you can't do that with just two or three people. These sophomores are really stepping up this year."

Nick Malueg led off for the Mustangs and got on base in all four of his plate appearances. He came around to score the last three times he was on base, with the lone time he didn't score coming after he was caught stealing in the first inning.

Instead of the play snuffing out a potentially big inning, Malueg's efforts to try and hurdle the third baseman instead sparked the Mustangs' dugout. Ryan Malueg, Stuhr and Zimmerman would later score in the inning.

In the second frame, Nick Malueg singled with one out to get a rally started. He came around to score later in the inning.

Stuhr, Zimmerman and Brei also scored in the second. Zimmerman came through with a big double, while Scheef singled for a second straight at-bat.

Jackson Krohn got things going for Marion in the third, singling to open the frame. Nick Malueg walked before Ryan Malueg doubled. Stuhr followed with a single and then Zimmerman reached on an error. When all was said and done, Krohn, Nick Malueg and



Marion's Jaden Stuhr pitches during the team's CWC-North contest against Manawa on May 12 in Marion.

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Marion's Nick Malueg, top, hurdles Manawa's third baseman during a CWC-North matchup on May 12 in Marion. Malueg was called out on the play, but the effort sparked Marion's offense.

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Ryan Malueg scored in the inning.

To cap his big game, Nick Malueg doubled before scoring on a double from Ryan Malueg in the fourth.

"It feels good having a team that can hit, and it's a team I know I can rely on at the plate — that if I need

some room, they have my back, and I can really use that at times," said Stuhr of the run support, adding that the early cushion helped him on his way to a perfect game.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

One inning Marion's downfall in conference loss

Mustangs limited to 1 run

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Marion High School softball team came up on the wrong end of a 12-1 Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division game against Manawa on May 12 in Marion.

Marion and Manawa were locked in a tight game — with the visitors up 2-1 — before Manawa erupted for six runs in the fifth inning. Manawa added four more runs in the sixth to reach the 10-run rule and end the contest.

In the fifth inning, it wasn't defen-

sive mistakes that cost the Mustangs. Instead, it was tough luck, with Manawa seemingly finding every opening in Marion's defense.

"Manawa can hit the ball and they hit the ball well tonight. They hit the gaps," said Marion coach Jenny Korth. "We were playing really good defense, but they hit the gaps and there wasn't really a whole lot we could do to get that under wraps then."

"They got their hits where they needed to and strung them together," the coach added.

Manawa looked poised to run away with the game early, with two of the first three batters coming around to score, but Marion pitcher Morgan Schwartz was able to limit the damage by striking out a batter and inducing a flyout to strand a couple more runners.

Schwartz settled in from there, facing just one over the minimum across the next three innings.

In the fifth frame, only one Manawa batter walked. The big hit in the inning was a three-run inside-the-park homer.

The big inning got to Schwartz in the sixth, with a couple walks leading to the crooked number.

Marion had a fair share of baserunners in the contest, but was only able to plate a single run in the fourth. Eden Brennan singled to lead off that frame and then stole second. A passed ball moved her to third before a wild pitch allowed her to cross home.

Dacotah Yonker walked to lead off the game for the Mustangs and then stole second, but she was eventually stranded on base.

Karlie Faehling walked and Kelsey Zillmer singled for Marion in the second before being left on base.

Hailey Krueger was Marion's other baserunner in the contest, reaching on an error in the third. She was never



Marion's Ashley Fischer sprints toward first base during the team's CWC-North matchup against Manawa on May 12 in Marion.

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able to move up a base after a strikeout and groundout.

Despite the tough outcome, coach Korth hoped the team would appreciate being in second place in the conference standings. The players did just that.

"I think it's because we started off the season good," said Yonker. "So then we were like, 'oh my gosh, we have to do good throughout.' And we have been. We've been doing really

good because we enjoy being here and doing this and that helps a lot."

"I think no matter what it's awesome," said Brennan. "With me being a senior, I haven't been in many sports where we were up to the top. We were never really that good, so to finally say we were actually almost No. 1 at something feels above and beyond, it feels awesome."

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Oconto Falls claims 2nd at home invitational

Pulaski takes 7th

By **MORGAN RODE**
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The Oconto Falls High School boys golf team earned a second-place finish during a weather-shortened Stu Anderson Golf Invitational on May 12 at River Island Golf Course in Oconto Falls.

Oconto Falls posted a team score of 169 through nine holes, behind only Marinette's 159 and just ahead of Notre Dame's 170. Oconto Falls also had another team of five golfers competing, taking ninth with a mark of 231.

"Our team was happy taking second place today," said Rease Hodkiewicz, who led the Panthers' top team with a round of 40. "We thought we could of scored a little better, but we are confident going into some big tournaments coming up."

Pulaski also competed at the invitational, taking seventh with a mark of 198.

Hodkiewicz made five pars during his round, including four in a row from holes 5-8. His mark of 40 tied for third as an individual.

"I was super confident today with my iron game and my chipping," said

Hodkiewicz. "I could have made some more putts; I left a few strokes out there."

Kadyn Riel and Thomas Carmody each carded rounds of 42 for the Panthers' top team, while Caden Leonhardt and Trevor Metzler each tallied 45s.

"I shot 42 on the first nine and was feeling really good, and I was thinking I was in for a good day," said Carmody, noting the lightning that stopped the invitational. "A couple over hooked drives but other than that, I was very pleased."

Oconto Falls' second team was led by Keaton Herms, who shot a round of 46.

Nick Trepanier carded a 58, while Nick Allen was at a 61. Daniel Donart's 66 and Jackson McDonald's 70 filled out the team.

"As a team, it feels like we are all finding our groove after a lot of bad weather events," said Carmody. "We have a solid team and are hoping to continue getting better and finishing the season strong."

Derek Shaw led Pulaski's team with a round of 46.

"Today I hit my driver very well, putting it in the fairway almost every time," said Shaw. "I feel like I could have played my irons a bit better."



Oconto Falls' Trevor Metzler putts during the Stu Anderson Golf Invitational on May 12 at River Island Golf Course in Oconto Falls.

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Isaac Nelson wasn't too far behind Shaw with a round of 49.

Robert Kinner, Jaqx Kanusha and Ryan Freward tallied rounds of 50, 53 and 55, respectively.

"I think we will take our scores and

be happy with them," said Shaw. "It would have been nice to play the holes again, but the weather didn't like the sound of that."

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HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Alicia Barreto named new Shawano's head cheer coach

Sydney Utke will serve as assistant

The Shawano Community High School cheerleading program will have new coaches when students return to school in the fall.

Mary Kast, who has led the cheer program for the past 18 years, is stepping down from her role as head coach.

Alicia Barreto has been hired as the new head coach. She will be assisted by Sydney Utke.

Barreto is ready for the challenge of continuing to improve the cheer program. She has a strong background in cheer and gymnastics. In high school,

she cheered at South Milwaukee High School where she was the captain of her team in her junior and senior seasons. After high school, she developed a cheerleading program at University of Wisconsin-Waukesha and served as a student-coach of the team, leading the team to a second-place finish at the collegiate state championships both years she served in that role.

Barreto is employed at Shawano Total Fitness as a personal trainer, nutrition coach, and activities coordinator. She has also been part of the Shawano Leadership program, expecting to graduate from the program this spring.

"I can't thank Shawano enough for this amazing opportunity," said Barreto. "Cheer has changed my life

in such a positive way and I can't wait to share with others the importance of the sport."

Utke was a cheerleader for eight years, including for four years at SCHS. Most recently, she served as a volunteer coach for the SCHS cheer team during the 21-22 school year. Utke graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from UW-Stout, and is employed as a registered behavior technician at Strive Behavior Solutions.

Utke is excited to join the staff.

"As a former Shawano Hawk cheerleader, I look forward to helping with the development of great athletes and to be a part of such an amazing program," she said.

"We are disappointed to see coach

Kast step away," said SCHS Activities Director Joel Wondra. "We are grateful for all she has done for the cheer program. She is passing along a strong, respected program. I'm confident that coach Barreto and coach Utke will build upon that strong foundation by continuing to provide a positive, meaningful experience to the members of the team."

The new coaches have already begun planning for the fall team. A clinic and tryouts for the fall squad are tentatively planned for Aug. 1, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Students interested in cheerleading should watch the cheer page on the district website (www.shawanoschools.com/o/schs/page/cheerleading-home-page) for more information.

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ATHLETE PROFILE: BRIANNA DELZER

Oconto Falls thrower excelling as season winds down

Oconto Falls High School's Brianna Delzer has saved some of her best performances for late in her high school career.

Delzer placed first in the shot put and discus at the Oconto County Meet on May 9. Her throw was 32 feet, 4½ inches in the shot put, winning the event by more than 2 feet. Delzer's toss of 101-11 in the discus was the top mark by more than 8 feet.

Earlier in the season, she placed second in discus and third in shot put at a pair of North Eastern Conference triangulars.

Delzer placed fifth in the discus and sixth in the shot put during the NEC Championship on May 14.

Q: When did your interest in track and field begin?

A: I began my first year of track when I was a freshman.

Q: What is your favorite part about the track and field season?

A: Having fun with my teammates but still pushing to do our best. Most of the time us throwers are always laughing at the things we do wrong instead of being hard on ourselves, which makes it easier to be comfortable and learn from our mistakes.

Q: What has track and field taught you over the years?

A: You can have fun but still work hard.

Q: What is your favorite event to compete in, and why?

A: Shot put. My family is always there to give me new tips on form to throw farther.

Q: You've turned in several strong finishes over the past couple weeks. To what would you attribute your recent success?

A: Some of my credit goes out to my sister (Jessica Sellen) who is a current record holder of disc for Oconto Falls who always helps me with form for throwing. Otherwise



Oconto Falls' Brianna Delzer competes in the shot put at the North Eastern Conference Championship on May 13 in Freedom. CONTRIBUTED

it would be my parents (Ann Fuelle and Jay Delzer) pushing me to throw farther and give tips.

Q: As the season winds down, is there anything you are hoping to accomplish individually?

A: As the season is slowly ending I hope to hit over 110 feet in disc

and over 33 feet in shot — something I know I am capable of doing. I'm also hoping I could beat my sister's record in disc just because my family is pretty competitive and that way I would have something to brag about.

Q: As a senior, how do you

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Athlete: Brianna Delzer
Sport: Track and field
Events: Shot put, discus
School: Oconto Falls High School
Year: Senior

help lead the rest of the team?

A: My biggest thing is to have fun, I'm always smiling or laughing in track. I encourage others to have fun and work hard. Everyone's capable of achieving what they want as long as they work for it.

Q: Before a meet starts, do you or the team have any routines or rituals you go through?

A: As a team we go through warmups. Sometimes when us throwers really wanna get warmed up we run up and down hills.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Oconto Falls track and field team?

A: My favorite memory is when us throwers were laughing so hard one of the teammates threw up, then we all couldn't stop laughing for minutes straight.

Q: Favorite movie, TV show and musical artist?

A: Movie — "42." TV show — "Criminal Minds." Musical artist — The Weeknd.

Q: Name one thing about yourself that not many people know.

A: My mom pushes me to my best, she knows I have great potential and not many people know she is my biggest supporter. She is my No. 1.

Q: What are some things you hope to accomplish after graduating high school?

A: Graduating high school going into college at NWTC for dental hygiene is my No. 1 focus. Becoming a dental hygienist and becoming successful is my dream accomplishment.

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ATHLETE PROFILE: KADEN MARCELL

Shawano senior stacking up top finishes

Kaden Marcell has put together a strong golf career for the Shawano Community High School team. He's continued to stack up strong finishes in his senior season.

Marcell led the Hawks during a Bay Conference meet on May 10, shooting a nine-hole round of 36. That score tied him for second as an individual. Marcell also led the team at a few other conference events.

He tied for fifth as an individual at the Oneida Classic on May 2 with an 18-hole round of 76. Marcell posted a round of 74 during the Chilton Invite on May 7, tying for second as an individual.

Q: When did your interest in golf begin?

A: My interest in golf began when my grandpa (Dean Marcell) first started taking me out to the golf course when I was 3 years old. Freshman year I really took the commitment by picking golf over baseball due to them being in the same season. Let's say I don't regret my decision.

Q: What is your favorite part about the golf season?

A: My favorite part of the golf season is the conference meets every week. Playing with the same guys since freshman year is awesome, and it has been increasingly competitive over the years. My absolute favorite being the conference final because all that pressure on trying to perform well makes me show up.

Q: What has golf taught you over the years?

A: Golf has taught me over the years to be patient with stuff and to try and look at the benefits over the negatives. I always try to keep a positive mood on the course, and it has changed the way I act off the course.

Q: What is your favorite aspect of golf, and why?

A: My favorite aspect of golf is for sure the tee shot. There's nothing bet-



Shawano's Kaden Marcell looks on after taking a shot during the Oneida Classic on May 2 at Oneida Golf and Country Club in Green Bay.

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ter in my opinion than hitting a perfect drive down the middle, setting up the perfect approach shot.

Q: How did you prepare for the golf season?

A: I prepared for this golf season by going to the gym in the winter and also hitting on my home simulator. Also working on putting in my basement has played a key role in this season.

Q: As the season begins to wind down, what goals do you and the team have?

A: Our team this year has set very high standards. Our main goal is to qualify for sectionals as a team and

potentially even state, which I feel is possible if all of our players shoot well. I have the goals of trying to qualify for the state tournament this year. I feel like I have been playing the way I need to be to make it and think I can make a good run at it.

Q: Golf can be a tricky sport to be consistent at. How have you been able to put up strong rounds time after time?

A: The way I have been able to put up strong rounds time after time is practice; as golfers, our goal is to achieve perfection and I think the practice we put in makes us closer to

AT A GLANCE

Athlete: Kaden Marcell

Sport: Golf

School: Shawano Community High School

Year: Senior

that. Everyone can hit a good shot now and then, but what sets people apart is how consistent you are at being able to do that. Another thing I do is just keep confidence throughout the round. There are a lot of shots in a round that may alter the round, but being confident in performing the shot is key.

Q: Before a meet starts, do you or the team have any routines or rituals you go through?

A: Honestly our team has zero rituals before the rounds, other than just warming up and going out and playing. Only thing I do different is I always putt first, because I feel that it's the most important.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Shawano golf team?

A: My favorite memory of competing on the golf team will be the bus rides to all of the meets. Just being with the team on the bus is so much fun, I think it beats everything out.

Q: Favorite movie, TV show and musical artist?

A: Movie — "Creed 2." TV show — Do not actually have one — I don't watch TV. Music artist — Sam Hunt.

Q: Name one thing about yourself that not many people know.

A: I am actually ambidextrous, so I swing left, write with my right hand, throw with my right and kick with my left.

Q: What are some things you hope to accomplish after graduating high school?

A: I hope to go to a post-secondary school and graduate with a degree, and then with my golf career hopefully get a scholarship or make it as a PGA Tour pro.

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HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Rogowski wins 4 events at conference meet

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School's Reese Rogowski won four individual events to help the girls track and field team to a second-place finish at the Central Wisconsin Conference-Large Division Championships on May 14 in Keshena.

Rogowski earned first in the 100-, 200- and 400-meter dashes and the long jump. She won the 100 in 12.3 seconds and the 200 in 25.78 seconds. Rogowski's time of 58.07 seconds won the 400 by over four seconds, and her top leap of 18 feet, 0.5 inches was the best by more than 2 feet.

"It means a lot. I had high expectations for myself, and I want to continue to get better as the season progresses," said Rogowski on what the four conference titles mean to her.

Rogowski's big day helped the girls team rack up 117½ total points, only behind Manawa's 122½. Bonduel came

in seventh with 51 points, and Menominee Indian was ninth with 17 points.

On the boys side, Witt-Birn took eighth with 53 points. Bonduel placed ninth with 48 points, and Menominee Indian scored 10 points to take 10th.

Along with Rogowski's four top finishes, Jalynn Horacek also won an event for the Witt-Birn girls. She had a leap of 33-11 to win the triple jump.

The Witt-Birn boys team was led by Simon Schairer, who was part of two first-place finishes. Schairer won the 400 dash in 52.19 seconds and teamed up with Alex Centeno, Conner Groshek and Craig Wendel for first in the 4x400 relay (3:39.59).

Schairer also placed second in the triple jump with a mark of 41-11½.

"My strong conference finishes mean to me that all the practicing has paid off and that I am still improving as the season goes on to hopefully finish the track season out well," said Schairer.

Placing second individually for the Chargers was Faith Resch in the

200 (27.25) and Horacek in the 100 hurdles (17.8).

Horacek, Resch, Allison Linke and Kit Stewart teamed up for a second-place finish in the 4x100 relay (54.80).

Individually, Linke placed third in the 300 hurdles (52.34), while Resch was third in the high jump (4-8).

The Bonduel girls team was led by a first-place finish from the 4x100 relay team of Brenna Hertzfeldt, Ava Pleshek, Anna Beaumier and Meghan Wondra. The quartet put up a time of 54.46 seconds.

Individually, Pleshek was second in the 100 hurdles (17.79), while Hertzfeldt was second in the shot put (37-5½). Hertzfeldt placed third in the discus (101-9).

"It's honestly a confidence booster," said Hertzfeldt. "Some meets have not gone as well as I would have liked, so to finish the events at conference like I did is definitely reassuring. Also, I'm so proud of our 4x1 team to push it all the way to the

end to secure first place."

Gaven Vance led the Bonduel boys with second-place finishes in the long jump (20-2) and 200 dash (23.43).

"I was pretty happy with how I finished overall, especially with long jump," said Vance. "I'm hoping for a even better performance in regionals and sectionals later on this month."

"This also means a lot. With how my last couple of meets have gone, the conference meet helped to boost my overall confidence."

Karter Schroeder claimed second in the high jump (5-10). Jon Sell secured third in the discus (130-3) and shot put (42-5½).

Menominee Indian's top finishes were both fourth place.

Barron Waupoose turned in a time of 24.41 seconds to claim fourth in the boys 200 dash. Emma Komaneekin, Alezaha King, Cali Shawano and Alexis Zhuckkahosee teamed up for fourth in the girls 4x200 relay (2:03.55).

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Oconto Falls' St. Louis wins conference title in high jump

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Oconto Falls High School's Brailyn St. Louis won the high jump to lead the girls track and field team at the North Eastern Conference Championship on May 13 in Freedom.

St. Louis cleared a height of 5 feet to win the event. She also took third in the 100 hurdles in 17.41 seconds.

"My conference title in high jump is really cool to see my hard work pay off," said St. Louis. "I never would have expected this coming into the meet on a 90-degree day

with about 13-15 girls total in this event.

"I was super excited to find this out later on, and I'm looking forward to regionals and I hope to keep working toward my goal of breaking the school record."

The Oconto Falls girls team accu-

mulated 50 points to place fifth as a team. On the boys side, the Panthers took ninth with 21½ points.

The boys team had no top-three finishers. Devon Dorn, Isaac Bramer, Noah Hirst and Conner Wilquet teamed up for fourth in the 4x100 relay (46.41) for the team's top finish.



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HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Gresham/Bowler girls and boys teams rack up 7 conference titles

Bowler's Kietlinski wins 2 individual events

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Gresham/Bowler track and field co-op took first in seven events during the Central Wisconsin Conference-Small Division Conference Meet on May 13 in Plainfield.

The Gresham/Bowler boys placed third as a team with a score of 95.

The Gresham/Bowler girls took fourth with 111 points. Marion claimed eighth with five points and Tigerton had four points to place ninth.

Emmitt Kietlinski led the Gresham/Bowler boys with top finishes in the long jump and high jump. He posted a top leap of 19 feet, 6¾ inches

in the long jump and cleared 6-6 in the high jump. He also took second in the triple jump with a mark of 41-11.

"One of my goals at the start of the season was to be a conference champion in at least two of the jumping events," said Kietlinski. "Improving my technique, particularly in the high jump, has helped accomplish that goal. Having tied the 32-year conference high jump record is one of the highlights of my prep career so far."

Bryson Nelson had two top-three finishes for the boys co-op. He was first in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 12 minutes, 12.47 seconds and claimed third in the 1,600 in 5:34.47.

Kellen Pingel placed second in the discus (118 feet) for the Gresham/Bowler boys. Taking third was Edward Castellanos in the 3,200 (13:07.17), Jackson Pingel in the shot

put (36-11½) and Zach Ziemer in the discus (114-2).

Three Gresham/Bowler girls relay teams placed first. Hannah Cerveney, Willow Demaskie, Valarie Cerveney and Ireland Jensen teamed up for first in the 4x100 relay (56.43 seconds). Jemy Reedy joined Hannah Cerveney, Demaskie and Jensen on the 4x200 relay that took first in 2:00.43.

Josie Cerveney, Maddie Haffner, Hazel Tepiew and Camille Gourley formed the top-finishing 4x800 relay (12:48.71).

Valarie Cerveney won the girls shot put with a throw of 34-2. She claimed third in the high jump (4-7).

"My conference title in the shot put means a lot to me. It's one of my goals I've always had, and I'm so grateful to be able to accomplish it," said Valarie Cerveney.

Josie Cerveney took third in the

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3,200 (14:47.73).

Demaskie, Gourley, Tepiew and Danica Peters formed the third-place finishing 4x400 relay (5:30.66).

"Having three relay teams place first was so exciting," said Valarie Cerveney. "They had a lot of energy and wanted to go after it and win, and that's exactly what they did. It was fun to watch."

The Marion girls only took part in two events. Peytra Bailey, Lily Wudstrack, Hailey Meister and Bridget Much had the top finish for the team after placing sixth in the 4x100 relay (1:07.14).

Mary Kreklow turned in Tigerton's top finish at the meet. She placed sixth in the 3,200 (15:58.02).

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Bruss wins triple jump to lead Pulaski at FRCC Meet

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Emily Bruss won the girls triple jump to lead the Pulaski High School track and field team at the Fox River Classic Conference Meet on May 14 in Manitowoc.

Bruss had a top leap of 34 feet, 8½ inches to win the triple jump.

"Winning the conference title means so much to me," said Bruss. "I could not have done it without my amazing coaches. They push me

every day to gain confidence in my skills and have helped me improve by leaps and bounds.

"Especially since this is my first year doing triple jump, I am so proud of what I have accomplished so far, and I can't wait for what is to come for the rest of my season."

Bruss also claimed third place in the long jump with a leap of 16-1½.

The Pulaski girls placed sixth as a team with 52½ points, while the boys came in eighth with 28½ points.

The Pulaski girls' 4x200-meter relay team placed third in a time of 1 minute, 51.29 seconds. Rachael Allen, Hallie Morz, Grace Goodness and Anna Friedman formed the team.

Jack Marsh led the Pulaski boys team with a second-place finish in the discus. His top throw was 136-3.

"I put in a lot of work this season and in the preseason with some coaching and weight training, working to placing high in some of the bigger track meets," said Marsh.

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"I'm happy with my performance but want to continue to work hard and throw farther."

T.J. Shaw took third in the boys 3,200 with a time of 10:04.47.

Eian Ziemer, Mason Wells, Rylan Rodal and Brock Steinbrecher teamed up for third in the boys' 4x200 relay with a time of 1:32.38.

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COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

UW-Madison

Shawano Community High School graduate Brandi Gueths and the Wisconsin women's rowing team competed at the Big Ten Rowing Championships on May 15.



BRANDI GUETHS

Gueths was on the varsity eight team that placed seventh with a time of 6 minutes, 37.448 seconds.

After the races, Gueths was honored with a spot on the second team All-Big Ten.

St. Norbert College

Oconto Falls graduate Mason Sefcik pitched in two games for the St. Norbert baseball team at the NACC Tournament last week.

Sefcik pitched 5 1/3 innings in the team's win over Aurora on May 12. He allowed four runs on seven hits.



SIMON STEWART

He got three outs in the team's loss to Edgewood on May 14. He surrendered two runs.

Witt-Birn graduate Simon Stewart also pitched in the loss to Edgewood. He worked an inning

and allowed one run.

UW-Stout

Pulaski High School graduate Kevin Ruechel earned two strong finishes while competing for the UW-Stout men's track and field team at the UW-La Crosse Eagle Open on May 13.

Ruechel won the shot put with a top throw of 17.93 meters. The second-place finisher had a mark of 16.42 meters.

Ruechel placed second in the discus with a toss of 50.54 meters.

UW-Stevens Point

Menominee Indian grad Guadalupe Corn competed in three events while representing the UW-Stevens Point women's track and field team during the UW-La Crosse Eagle Open on May 13.

Corn's top finish with 14th in the shot put with a mark of 10.88 meters. Corn also placed 22nd in the hammer throw (38.06 meters) and 32nd in the discus (25.28 meters).

UW-La Crosse

Oconto Falls grad Tucker Bouche pitched in two of the UW-La Crosse baseball team's three WIAC Tournament games last week.

He was unable to record an out while facing three batters during the team's loss to UW-Stevens Point on May 12. He got four outs in the team's setback to UW-Oshkosh on May 13.

Winona State University

Wittenberg-Birnamwood graduate Maddy Pietz was part of several strong finishes while competing for the Winona State women's track and field team during the NSIC Outdoor Track and Field Championship on May 12-14.

Pietz won on the first-place finishing 4x400-meter relay team that had a time of 3:53.32. She was on the 4x100 relay team that came in third in 47.31 seconds.

Individually, the Witt-Birn grad came in sixth in the 100 dash (12.24 seconds) and finished ninth in the 200 (25.13 seconds).

UW-Eau Claire

Suring grad Mitch Stegeman placed fourth in the pole vault while representing the UW-Eau Claire men's track and field team at the UW-La Crosse Eagle Open on May 13.

Stegeman cleared 4.84 meters to earn his finish.

Viterbo University

Gillett grad Lauren Herzog competed in the 3,000 steeplechase for the UW-La Crosse women's track and field team at the NSAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships on May 12 and 13.

She posted a time of 14:52.73.

BABA HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

East-West Division

Marion 4

Caroline 1

Marion took down Caroline on May 15 in Marion.

Joe Weyenberg pitched a complete game for Marion. Alex Elandt drove in two runs to lead the team at the plate.

Justin Reminger tallied two hits for Caroline. Aaron Hoffman took the loss on the mound.

Neopit 5

Tilleda 1

Neopit defended its home turf and topped Tilleda on May 15 in Neopit.

Lowell Chevalier registered two of Neopit's seven hits. Donald Waukechon earned the win on the hill.

Zach Fehrman was tagged with the loss for Tilleda. Landon Kroening recorded two of the team's three hits.

Clintonville 14

Gresham 4

Clintonville rolled past Gresham on May 15 in Clintonville.

Jordan Koeppen drove in three runs on three hits for Clintonville, while Turner Doornink homered and drove in a pair. Mitch Ebben drove in two runs on two hits, while Matthew

Morse had two hits.

Hunter Vollmer secured the win for Clintonville, while Paul Murphy took the loss for Gresham.

Mike James led Gresham at the plate with two hits.

Tigerton 10

Leopolis 1

Tigerton eased past Leopolis on May 15 in Leopolis.

Justin Sivertson led Tigerton with three hits, while Paul Sellner, Pat Provoast, Izaiah Hidde and Patrick Bailey had two each.

Paul Sellner struck out 10 batters over six innings to earn the win on the hill. Kasey Kristof took the loss for Leopolis.

Nate Laude posted three hits for Leopolis, with Thomas Kasik adding two hits.

Little Falls wins by forfeit

Little Falls earned a forfeit win over Shawano on May 15.

Shawano could not field a complete team.

South Central Division

Plover 14

Green Lake 10

Plover topped Green Lake on May 15 in Plover.

Levi Baerwolf had four RBIs on three hits for Plover. Kevin Jastrom-

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ski added two RBIs on three hits, while Jason Jones scored five runs and tallied two hits.

Zack Hintz struck out 10 batters and earned the win for Plover. Damien Netzler took the loss.

Gregg Danke drove in five runs on three hits for Green Lake. Netzler and Jared Danke posted two hits each.

New London 18

Weymont 3

New London rolled to a win over Weymont on May 15 in New London.

Dylan Moeller was credited with four RBIs for New London, while Will Wholt had two. Andrew Parker tallied three hits, and Tyler Janke, Austin Warren and Wholt all had two hits.

Myles Parker earned the win after pitching three innings. Trevor Wetzel was tagged with the loss.

Jeremy Christians led Weymont with two hits.

North Division

Aniwa 14

Antigo/Polar 11

Aniwa won a high-scoring contest over Antigo/Polar on May 15 in Antigo.

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Kody Szews earned the win on the mound and led Aniwa with two hits. Wade Farmer belted a homer.

Jed Weix and Elliott Orgeman each posted three hits for Antigo/Polar. Cole Kuenzli took the loss on the hill.

Elderon 8

Hatley 3

Elderon picked up a win over Hatley on May 15 in Elderon.

Brandon Groshek and Casey Kerstner each homered for Elderon, with Groshek and Troy Leiskau tallying two hits each.

Kerstner earned the win on the mound, with Simon Stewart taking the loss for Hatley.

Kodie Kocher tallied two hits for Hatley, with one of the hits being a homer.

Birnamwood 11

Wittenberg 6

Birnamwood defeated Wittenberg on May 15 in Wittenberg.

Brad Knoblock recorded two hits and earned the win on the hill. Carter Prey also had two hits.

James Thompson suffered the loss for Wittenberg.

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

Adam Gafner named new Shawano co-op coach

Pending formal approval, Adam Gafner will be the new head hockey coach for the Shawano boys co-op in the 2022-23 season.

Hockey is part of Gafner's fabric. He has been involved in hockey in one form or another for almost 35 years.

He played high school hockey in Escanaba, Michigan, where he was a four-year varsity letterwinner and earned First Team All-UP honors.

He previously coached the Shawano JV football team from 2008-10, and he currently serves as the Mite Program Director for the Shawano Hockey League.



ADAM GAFNER

as a group as a result," said Gafner when asked about his plans for the program. "A long time ago I was taught that winning is work and losing is easy. It's time for us to get to work,"

"I believe many life lessons were learned last season during a challenging year. They don't have to be bad lessons. Growth comes through trials in life and we will come out better

Gafner earned a business degree from Western Michigan University and is currently the COO and Managing Partner of Titledown Wealth Management in Green Bay.

"We are pleased to welcome coach Gafner to our staff," said Shawano Community High School Activities Director Joel Wondra. "We were looking for a coach who could teach the game of hockey, but more importantly, would improve the overall culture within our hockey program. Adam shared plans to facilitate meaningful practices, commit to our athletic performance training program, and establish and adhere to high standards

for player commitment and conduct. We found that in Adam."

Gafner and his staff will get to work immediately.

"Our coaching staff is excited to share with everyone our vision going forward this season and beyond," Gafner said. "We look forward to greater investment from these students in one another on and off the ice."

He and his staff will begin by getting acquainted with the players and families, encouraging player participation in the summer athletic performance program, and developing out-of-season opportunities for the players.

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Shawano teams 3rd at conference championships

Lowney, Roloff lead Hawks

By MORGAN RODE
Sports Editor

The Shawano Community High School boys and girls track and field teams each placed third at the Bay Conference Championships on May 14 in West De Pere.

The boys team scored 97½ points, while the girls tallied 95 points.

Elliott Lowney led the boys team with two first-place finishes. He

won the 100-meter dash in 10.91 seconds, and took the 200 title in 22.27 seconds.

"It was just so rewarding to finally get a win at the conference meet. Last year I took second three times and I knew I wasn't going to let that happen again," said Lowney. "Even better that I broke the school record in the 100 while doing it. And it wasn't just me having success, everyone was doing so well."

Isabel Roloff won two events to lead the Shawano girls. She claimed the 100 dash in 12.33 seconds and cleared 11-6 in the pole vault to take first.

"Winning the conference (titles) means a lot to me because it encourages me to work harder and strive for more," said Roloff. "It shows me that my hard work in practice has paid off. Winning these titles also gives me more confidence as regionals and sectionals approach."

The Shawano girls 4x800 relay team placed first in 10:12.93.

Back on the boys side, Riley Siegfried took first in the pole vault (11-9).

Jackson Smits earned first in discus with a throw of 148-8.

Placing second for the Shawano

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girls was Grace Beyer in the 800 (2:30.6) and Lily Guenther in the 3,200 (12:31.82).

Guenther finished third in the 1,600 (5:55.12). The 4x400 relay team took third in 4:25.79.

The boys 4x100 relay team placed second in 45.27 seconds. Will Chelberg claimed second in the 3,200 (10:42.62).

Chelberg also took third in the 1,600 (4:43.29). The boys 4x800 relay team placed third in 9:04.16.

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Shawano boys take 4th place at conference tournament

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Shawano Community High School boys tennis team placed fourth at the Bay Conference Tournament on May 14 in De Pere.

Xavier won the tournament with 41 points. West De Pere was second with 35 points, while Fox Valley Lutheran had 24 points for third. Shawano scored 18 points to come in fourth.

Shawano's Andrew VanDenHeuvel and Seth Williams teamed up for a third-place finish in No.

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2 doubles action. Josh Bergmann placed third in No. 2 singles play.

VanDenHeuvel and Williams won their first two matches before losing against Xavier. Bergmann also won his first two matches before falling to a player from West De Pere.

Singles: No. 1: George Bergmann SHAWANO def. Luis Gaytan GREEN BAY EAST, 6-2, 6-0; Nathan

Johnson MENASHA def. George Buerman, 7-5, 6-3; George Buerman def. Skyler Krouth GREEN BAY WEST, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 2:** Josh Bergmann SHAWANO def. Victor Martinez Macias GREEN BAY EAST, 6-1, 6-3; Josh Bergmann def. Jonathon Gregory, MENASHA, 4-6, 6-4, 10-2; Jeremy Weller WEST DE PERE def. Josh Bergmann, 6-3, 7-5; **No. 3:** Tristan Sheldon SHAWANO def. Jaeden Sweatt MENASHA, 2-6, 7-5, 10-5; Andrew Minorik XAVIER def. Sheldon, 6-1, 6-0; Christian Monigal FOX VALLEY LUTHERAN def. Sheldon, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 4:** Daniel Fernandez FOX VALLEY LUTHERAN def. Benjamin Langlois SHAWANO, 6-2, 6-2.

Doubles: No. 1: Tristan Tetting-Isaac Weller SHAWANO def. Ben Oana-Lucas Thephavong

GREEN BAY EAST, 6-0, 7-5; Carter Bankes-Jonathan Allen GREEN BAY WEST def. Tetting-Welander, 6-2, 7-6 (4); Tetting-Welander def. Jameson Schultz-Caleb Hartl MENASHA, 6-3, 6-1; **No. 2:** Seth Williams-Andrew Vandenheuvel SHAWANO def. Eli Minot-Payton VanDinter MENASHA HIGH, 6-4, 6-3; Williams-Vandenheuvel def. Tommy Erler-Aiden Miller Riesterer GREEN BAY WEST, 2-6, 6-3, 12-10; Sean Utrie-Mark Steinlage XAVIER, def. Williams-Vandenheuvel, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 3:** Henry Gugala-Reinders-Logan Minot MENASHA def. Mason Sparks-Elias Popp SHAWANO HIGH, 6-3, 6-1; Popp-Sparks def. Arturo Martinez-Eli Miller Riesterer GREEN BAY WEST, 6-3, 6-3.

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