



BEARS WIN CONFERENCE

Bonduel finishes with just
1 conference win

PAGE B2



Bonduel's Tatum Sporisky smiles as she pulls the net off the basket after the team clinched the CWC-East title with a win over Iola-Scandinavia on Feb. 16 in Bonduel.

MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Bonduel girls win CWC-East title outright

Bears dominant in conference-clinching win

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Bonduel High School girls basketball team won the Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division title outright after taking down Iola-Scandinavia 59-23 on Feb. 16 in Bonduel.

Bonduel earned its 20th win of the season and capped the conference portion of the year with a 13-1 mark.

"I mean, it's just a good feeling," said Bonduel's Ella Hischke. "After last year when we had to share it, we didn't want to share it this year. This is the first step of what we want to accomplish, so it's a really good feeling."

"We worked really hard for it, so all of our hard work at practice paid off," said Hailey Zernicke. "We played really well tonight, considering that if we lost, we would have had to share it with Wittenberg (Birnamwood), so we made sure that that didn't happen."

The effort in the win over the visiting Thunderbirds perfectly encapsulated what's made this year's team so great, as several players did a lot of good things instead of just one player stealing the show.

Hischke led the team with 15 points, hitting three 3-pointers in the contest. Zernicke was the only other player over 10 points, scoring 11.

Kendra Troxel and Audrey Weier each chipped in six points. Every healthy player on the team got playing time, with 12 players scoring in total.

Weier and Troxel led the team with seven rebounds each, while Josie Anvelink grabbed six. Weier, Hailee Thompson and Hischke each finished with three steals. Thompson, Zernicke and Hischke all dished out three assists.

Even though Bonduel led just 18-7 at halftime, the hosts were in complete control. The Bears' defense simply suffocated Iola-Scandinavia, causing a number of turnovers and barely allowing any good looks.

The second half turned into a rout in a hurry, and the team was able to



Bonduel coach Jerry Reinke, standing, congratulates his players late in the team's conference-clinching win over Iola-Scandinavia on Feb. 16 in Bonduel.

MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

empty the bench early and soak in the moment.

The team-driven win was a picture-perfect way for the Bears to cap the regular season.

"It's super exciting, I especially love when I'm on the bench and we got our subs in that are maybe freshmen," said Thompson. "Them getting to experience it — I was in their spot as a freshmen and I know getting out there can be so nervous but when you score, the whole gym goes crazy, I'm getting goosebumps just talking about it. It's just so fun, it's such a fun atmosphere."

"To really get out there and then let our bench come in a little bit, that really means a lot ... They all did really good. There's really no letdown or gap, we're just all one team," said Weier.

It marks the third straight year Bonduel has won at least a share of the conference title, a perfect way for seniors Troxel, Macy Niles and Bella Delzer to finish their careers.

"Especially being a senior, it means a lot since we know how much work

we put in and we finally got it. It feels really nice to finally get the conference title again," said Troxel.

While Bonduel players, coaches and fans were all smiles after locking up the conference title, the road to get to this point wasn't always a cheerful one.

The Bears opened the season playing some tough opponents, and after falling to Witt-Birn by six at home on Dec. 9, the team held just a 3-3 record.

Since that point, Bonduel has just one loss, a nonconference matchup to state ranked Laconia on Dec. 29. In its final 17 wins, Bonduel has simply dominated, with only three being by less than 10 points.

"We definitely have some good pieces here but I think we had to find our way a little bit, obviously after we lost three seniors last year that played a lot of minutes," said Bonduel coach Jerry Reinke. "But our kids really worked hard this year."

"To me, it's about the kids, it's awesome for them. Like I said, they put in the time, and it isn't that

everybody else doesn't put in the time, everybody puts in the time, but it's a good group of kids, they got along really well and it was an awesome experience."

With the regular season now behind them, the Bears can turn their attention to the postseason. Bonduel received a No. 3 seed in Division 4 and gets a bye into the regional semifinals, where it will host either No. 6 Shiocton or No. 11 Roncalli on Feb. 24. After coming up just short of making state the past few years, this year's team is hoping to be the one to earn the school's first-ever state appearance.

Iola-Scandinavia 7 16 — 23

Bonduel 18 41 — 59

Bonduel (59): Taylor Rank 1-2 1, Macy Niles 0-0 5, Kendra Troxel 0-0 6, Ella Hischke 2-3 15, Audrey Weier 0-0 6, Ashlyn Kurey 0-0 2, Tatum Sporisky 0-0 3, Hailee Thompson 0-0 2, Josie Anvelink 0-0 4, Hailey Zernicke 2-2 11, Bella Delzer 0-0 2, Ally Zernicke 0-0 2.

Iola-Scandinavia (23): Ava Printz 1-2 1, Madeline Much 1-2 5, Jaelyn Sivertson 2-4 8, Lillian Fuhs 5-6 9.

Ice fishing tournament canceled due to thin ice

WIFA hoping to reschedule state tourney

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

The 2023 Wisconsin Interscholastic Fishing Association State Tournament was canceled after a survey of the ice on Shawano Lake showed unsafe conditions.

WIFA President Ted Bonde said that due to spots of thin ice, the decision was made to cancel the event to avoid a dangerous situation for the competitors.

"We were walking on the lake, and you can see a spot of 1 inch of ice and it is wide open underneath where a shack had been," said Bonde. "If we had gotten any snow up here at all, it would have been horrible."

Bonde went on to say that while much of Shawano Lake had solid ice for fishing, there were multiple thin spots where ice fishing shacks had gone down into the water.

"It's only where shacks went down," said Bonde. "There were 30 or 40 of them that melted through; that's why we had to cancel it. It is just the danger of knowing that we can't guarantee that we can mark all of these spots, and they are probably going to be where people can't see them. We can't take that chance."

Even though the tournament was canceled, the WIFA decided to host a mixer for all of the ice fishing teams and coaches to get together for dinner Feb. 17 at the Shawano Community Middle School.

Some local students said the decision to cancel the ice fishing tournament was a huge let-down.

This was supposed to be the first time for Oconto Falls fisherman Hunter Ingram and Jacob Earley to compete for their high school at the state ice fishing tournament. Not being able to do so was a disappointment, they said.

"We are very sad," said Ingram.

"This 100% gives us extra motivation to get out there and compete harder next year," added Earley.

Bonduel junior Colette DeVeaue shared the same feelings as the Oconto Falls pair, saying she was upset that the event got canceled. However, she conceded that it was probably the right decision.



Members of the Bonduel and Shawano high school ice fishing teams sit together at a table in the Shawano Community Middle School during the 2023 Wisconsin Interscholastic Fishing Association mixer on Feb. 17. Even though the state ice fishing tournament was canceled, students were given the opportunity to meet other ice fishing enthusiasts from school districts around Wisconsin.

LUKE REIMER | NEW MEDIA



Even though the 2023 Wisconsin Interscholastic Fishing Association State Ice Fishing Tournament was canceled due to thin ice, Oconto Falls students, from left, Brayden Majerczyk, Hunter Ingram and Jacob Earley have big smiles on their faces during the Feb. 17 mixer. All of the teams that qualified for the tournament were invited to Shawano Community Middle School for dinner and to meet and eat with students from other schools.

LUKE REIMER | NEW MEDIA

"I am kind of upset about it, but also am glad that they did it for the safety of everyone, because I wouldn't want to see anyone get hurt," said DeVeaue. "Fingers crossed that we can get back next year."

Fellow Bonduel student, senior Andrew Schauder, who was set to participate in his first state ice fishing tournament, agreed with De-

Veau. He added that as a senior, he won't get the opportunity to compete again in high school.

"You have to think about the safety, as there is a lot of people going out there. I think it was close to 700 kids registered," Schauder said. "If they feel that it isn't safe to go out there, it makes sense."

Shawano is another school that

was set to compete in its first state ice fishing tournament. Even though that wasn't the case, freshman Katan Gretzinger looked toward the silver lining.

"This makes you want to get back to state again and keep going to be better," said Gretzinger. During the mixer at Shawano Middle School, "we were able to see kids from different schools and talk to different people, which is fun."

In terms of making up the tournament, Bonde said discussions have started about having a state tournament in the warmer months.

"Someone proposed having a summer tournament," Bonde said. "Maybe we do it in May."

He said that 68 teams were signed up for the state event, with 785 students registered to fish. Those numbers, he said, affirm that high school students continue to have an interest in maintaining Wisconsin's strong ice fishing tradition.

"When we started in 2015, we only had 30 teams," said Bonde. "I just got three different schools that messaged saying that they want to start a team."

lreimer@newmedia-wi.com

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING



Shawano's Courtney Schenk, top, wrestles Pulaski's Elliana Maroszek during the Division 1 Shawano Sectional on Feb. 18 in Shawano.

MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

11 girls qualify for state tournament

Several are school's first girls state competitors

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Eleven area girls wrestlers from seven teams punched tickets to state during sectional competitions on Feb. 18.

Shawano's Onna Hermann and Courtney Schenk and Pulaski's Marina Andre qualified after placing first at the Division 1 Shawano Sectional. Oconto Falls' Taylor Whiting earned her state spot after a top finish at the Division 2 Wrightstown Sectional. Bonduel's Hailey Berg, Kaitlyn Kroening and Hailey Berg, Lena's Miriam Alberts, Suring/Gillett's Parker Zahn and Shylah Hisey, and Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Brenna Marsh all took first at the Division 3 Bonduel Sectional in Seymour.

Shawano

Hermann and Schenk each won two matches to emerge from their weight classes in first place.

Hermann pinned her first op-

ponent at 120 pounds in 30 seconds before earning a 13-7 decision win in the first-place match.

"To me, getting to state means that my hard work and commitment are ultimately paying off," said Hermann, who hopes to make the state podium. "I'm grateful for the knowledgeable coaches who have guided me throughout the process."

Schenk competed at 138 pounds, winning a 6-0 decision in her first match before picking up a pin in 4:46 in the title match.

"At state, I just plan to wrestle my absolute hardest and leave everything I have out on the mat," said Schenk. "Making the podium would be an added bonus, but for me, making it to state is already a monumental accomplishment and farther than I thought I would get in my first season."

In their first state matches on Feb. 23, Hermann will face Racine Case's Celine Haschker, while Schenk takes on Poynette's Emersyn Miller.

Shawano had eight total girls in action at the sectional. Gwyn Hermann, Jenna Moede and Caitlyn Moede all just missed out on making state after second-place finishes. Hallie Wondra, Macey Nelson and Vivian Waldburger were the team's other competitors.

Pulaski

Andre needed to win just one match at 235 pounds to punch a ticket to state. She earned the win by pin in 1:46.

"It's an incredible opportunity, getting to wrestle at the state competition and experience what that's like," said Andre. "Having only started wrestling in November, I never expected to get this far, but I'm so glad I did and I'm just blown away by how encouraging my teammates and coaches have been."

"I'm still processing the fact that I'll be competing next week and representing my school and the girls wrestling program. I'm really excited to go down to Madison and get the full experience."

Andre will wrestle Kickapoo/La Farge/Youth Initiative's Manda Hemmersbach in a Feb. 23 state matchup.

Pulaski's Laci Lemke and Leah Kapla just missed out on state after second-place finishes. Raelyn Prentice, Olivia Wojkiewicz, Ellie Nygren, Elliana Maroszek, Noelle Manning and Ellie Neosh also represented the Red Raiders at the sectional.

Oconto Falls

Whiting finished 2-0 at the 107 weight class to reach state. Her first win was by pin in 52 seconds, and her

second came by a 3-1 decision in the first-place match.

"Honestly I want to wrestle to the best of my abilities and see where I have grown as well as where I need to fix things, most importantly I want to have fun," said Whiting of her goals at state. "It is an amazing atmosphere at the Kohl Center, and I hope to keep the Whiting streak going."

It will be the fifth straight year a Whiting has wrestled at the Kohl Center. Taylor's older brother Clayton won four state titles during his high school career at Oconto Falls.

Whiting will take on Sheboygan South's Ariya Yang to open state on Feb. 23.

London LeSage and Faith Thurman also wrestled for the Panthers at the sectional, both falling in their only matches.

Bonduel

The path to qualifying for state in Division 3 was a bit easier for area wrestlers, as only Berg had to wrestle.

Berg pinned her opponent at 126 pounds in 1:56 to advance to state for a second straight year. She placed second in the 120 class last winter.

"My goal is to wrestle my best even if something happens. Just keep trying and not giving up mentally

and physically,” said Berg. “The things that will help me achieve these goals will just be keep working harder and harder each day at practice and be mentally strong.”

Sokolski is also back to state for a second straight year. She placed second at 132 pounds last year and will be in the 138 weight class this time around.

“I have a big goal set for myself next week and it’s been one of my goals since I was 3 years old,” said Sokolski. “My goal is wrestle my absolute best and, as my coach Chad (Bogacz) would say, ‘leave it all out on the mat.’

“I am also proud of my teammates, because together we broke the school record for how many wrestlers have gone to state in a year.”

Kroening will compete in the 100-pound weight class to cap her freshman season.

“My goals for state are to just do my best and try my hardest and maybe get on the podium,” said Kroening. “To achieve those I need to have more confidence in myself and not let anything get to my head because that will just bring me down.”

Sokolski is the top seed in her bracket and will begin state by facing Cadott’s Shannon Burlum on Feb.

23. Also that day, Kroening will face New Berlin West/Eisenhower’s Camila Garay, while Berg battles Kettle Moraine’s Charis Guerra.

Lena

Alberts is the first Lena girls wrestler to ever qualify for state. She will be part of the 152 bracket.

“I am honored to be the first girl wrestler from Lena to qualify for state,” said Alberts. “I hope that I am an example for any young girl who chooses to wrestle. My goal is to enjoy the experience, take it all in and make it as far as I can in the tournament.”

Alberts’ first state matchup will be against Oak Creek’s Isabelle Olesen on Feb. 23.

Suring/Gillett

Zahn will be part of the 145 weight class, while Hisey wrestles at 165 pounds at state.

“Well, I showed up anticipating that I was going to have a match today. But it didn’t work out that way, but for this being my first year wrestling it’s pretty exciting getting down to state,” said Zahn, who hopes to place. “Definitely made the right decision choosing wrestling over basketball.”

Zahn will take on Antigo’s Olivia Hofrichter, while Hisey faces Antigo’s



Shawano’s Onna Hermann, top, works toward a pin during the Division 1 Shawano Sectional on Feb. 18 in Shawano.

MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

Alexandra Hofrichter on Feb. 23.

Witt-Birn

Marsh will compete in the 107-pound weight class at state.

“Well, I was actually supposed to wrestle a girl from another school but she ended up bumping up a weight,” said Marsh. “I’ve work hard all year to try and qualify for state

and be the first girl to qualify for my school. Even though I didn’t make it to state the way I wanted to, I still feel like I deserve this.”

Marsh, who said she didn’t need to place first or second at state, but hopes to still place well, will take on Mukwonago’s Cailyn Whittier to open state on Feb. 23.

sports@newmedia-wi.com

HELP WANTED



North Wood Flooring

North Wood Flooring, a growing hardwood flooring manufacturer located in Suring, Wisconsin is seeking individuals for all positions. Wood working experience is a plus and a good work history is a must.

Join a goal oriented workforce with a pleasant work environment.

Apply in person at
214 Nu-Line Street, Suring, WI 54174.

8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Equal Opportunity Employer

606060 SALE!

60% OFF
Installation
of a new walk-in bathtub!

60 MONTHS
0% INTEREST!

Senior & Military Discounts!



\$60 Restaurant.com Gift Card
with free in-home estimate!

mad city
WINDOWS & BATHS

CALL TODAY!

920-471-1739

www.MadCityPro.com

Minimum purchase required. Does not include material costs. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Financing available with minimum purchase and approved credit. Mad City Windows & Baths, LLC is neither a broker nor a lender. Financing is provided by third-party lenders unaffiliated with Mad City Windows & Baths, Inc. under terms and conditions arranged directly between the customer and such lender, all subject to credit requirements and satisfactory completion of finance documents. Any finance terms advertised are estimate only. With in-home estimate and product demonstration to homeowner(s). Limit one per household. Electronic gift card (e-gift card) voucher given upon completion of demonstration to be mailed in by homeowner(s). Salespersons do not carry e-gift cards for security reasons. E-gift card valid on in-home visits only, not applicable to Virtual Sales Appointments. Offer not sponsored or promoted by Restaurant.com and is subject to change without notice prior to expiration. Allow 2-3 weeks after completion of installation to receive a gift card. A gift card cannot be used for cash. See terms and conditions for details. New version only in use as of 2/20/2023. Offer expires 2/28/2023.

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING



Lena's Luke Misco, top, works toward a pin during the Division 3 Bonduel Sectional in Seymour on Feb. 18.

MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

17 boys headed to Madison for state

Several have eyes on state titles

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Seventeen area individual boys wrestlers qualified for the state tournament after placing well at sectionals on Feb. 18.

Shawano's Caden Young and Carsen Herm and Pulaski's Mason Wells, Trenton Gibbons and Broc Ambrosius all qualified for state after placing first or second at the Division 1 Shawano Sectional.

Oconto Falls' Garrett Ganter and Cole Bozile punched tickets to state after top-three finishes at the Division 2 Wrightstown Sectional. Bonduel's Tyson Bogacz, Colin Fischer and Jaxon Bogacz, Lena's Dylan Comins and Luke Misco and Wittenberg-Birnhamwood's David Gauderman, Ben Miller, Nathan Waupekenay, Andres Sanchez and Devin Wudtke all placed in the top three at the Division 3 Bonduel Sectional in Seymour to advance.

Witt-Birn

Miller and Gauderman each won their weight classes to lead Witt-Birn. Miller earned pins in 31 seconds

and 3:49 in his two 106-pound matches. Gauderman went 3-0 at 285 pounds, with pins in 36 seconds and 1:27 and a 16-1 technical fall win.

"Making it to state means a lot, and to be honest, I was more happy when my teammates won their state berth clinching matches," said Gauderman. "I'm really excited for all of us guys and Brenna (Marsh) to experience it all together."

Gauderman has had a goal of winning a state title since watching Braxton Potrykus win one for Witt-Birn back in 2014. He hopes to win it this year.

"I need to wrestle smart, strong, and execute my coaches' plans for each of my opponents, and then I will be a state champion," Gauderman said.

Wudtke (126), Sanchez (138) and Waupekenay (195) each came in third to advance to state.

Sanchez had a busy day, wrestling five times and going 3-2. His wins came by a 12-3 major decision, 36-second pin and 7-5 decision.

Waupekenay won his first two matches to earn a spot at state before dropping his final two matches. His wins were by pin in 1:16 and an 11-5 decision.

"Making it to state means everything to me, I've been wrestling my whole life, and to finally get to walk

the halls and take a bus down to Madison means the world to me," said Waupekenay, who hopes to place in the top six at state.

Wudtke also wrestled five times at sectionals, finishing 3-2 to advance on. His wins were by an 8-1 decision, pin in 3:14 and a 6-4 decision.

"My goal for the state tournament is to at least win one match — 126 is a tough weight to be at, and I think I just need to push through the nerves and fear and know that the work I've put in make that happen," said Wudtke.

Gauderman is the No. 1 seed in his bracket, so he won't wrestle until the morning of Feb. 24. In their first state matches on Feb. 23, Miller will take on Shiocton's Mason Demerath, Wudtke will battle Royall/Wonewoc-Center's Gunnar Wopat, and Sanchez will face Pardeeville's Logan Young.

Nico Pelusi, Chase Kitsemble, Bryson Schmid, Braeden Groshek and Dominic Weso also represented the Chargers at the sectional. Groshek came up just short of state after claiming fourth.

Bonduel

Tyson Bogacz earned his state berth by winning the 182 weight class. All three of his wins were by pin, 3:18, 3:50 and 3:37.

"It means a lot to me, and it really is

ONLINE

More postseason wrestling brackets can be found at www.wiaawi.org/Sports/Winter/Boys-Wrestling/Tournament.

a special moment for my family since my brother made it down, too," said Tyson Bogacz. "My goal at state is wrestle to the best of my ability, and if I do that I know where I'll end up."

Jaxon Bogacz came in second at 106 pounds to make state for the first time. He went 2-1 on the day, with a pin in 1:38 and 12-4 major decision win earning him a trip to state.

"My goal at state will be to make it on the podium, and try to beat my brother's sophomore year placement (sixth). My other main goal is to go make my dad (Chad) proud," said Jaxon Bogacz.

Fischer wrestled five matches at the sectional, going 3-2. He won his first match with a pin in 2 minutes. Later on, he claimed a 9-7 win in sudden victory before an 18-8 major decision win punched his ticket to state.

"I'm hoping to place at state, I wanna be on that podium," said Fischer. "I just need to wrestle smart and keep my head up the whole time."

Tyson Bogacz is the No. 2 seed in his state bracket and won't have to wrestle until Feb. 24. On Feb. 23, Jaxon Bogacz will face Stratford's Colin

Cournoyer, while Fischer takes on Cornell/Gilman/Lake Holcomb's Troy Duellman.

Jose Lagunes, Donovan Vigue and Parker Perry also wrestled for the Bears at the sectional.

Pulaski

Wells' story after returning from an injury that sidelined him the whole season continues to get better and better. The senior won the 220 weight class to make a return trip to state.

Wells pinned his first two opponents in 3:15 and 4:52 before a 10-7 decision win in the first-place match.

"I used state as motivation to help myself have something to look forward to and work towards, so it feels great being able to get back there," said Wells of dealing with his injury.

"My goal is what everyone else's is, to be wrestling on Saturday, and I just need to wrestle the way I do and trust my training."

Ambrosius and Gibbons are both state qualifiers after second-place finishes at the sectional.

Ambrosius finished 2-1, with a win by pin in 5:37 and a 7-4 decision win. Gibbons also went 2-1, with his wins by pins in 1:35 and 2:51. His loss came in sudden victory, 3-1.

Gibbons is the No. 4 seed in his 182-pound bracket and will face Port Washington's Diego Armendariz to kick off the tournament on Feb. 23. Wells will face Kaukauna's Jordan Loose, while Ambrosius takes on Hortonville's Wyatt Skebba in a 113-pound matchup.

Jake Fredrickson, Ethan Eggert, Conner Nooyen, Colin Pratt, Cole Gorecki, Griffin Vanlannen, Austin Rybicki, Tristan Taylor, Chase Woosen-craft and Will Friedman also wrestled for the Red Raiders at the sectional. Eggert just missed out on state after taking third.

Shawano

Young won the 170-pound weight class to make a return trip to Madison.

He won his first match by a 16-1 technical fall before a 14-5 major decision win in the semifinals. Young won the first-place match by injury default.

While Young is excited to be back at state, there's only one thing he wants to happen when he's there.

"State title or bust," said Young. "I think I have the skills to win. I just need to go out there and show it."

Herm advanced to state after a second-place finish at 152 pounds. He made the final after pinning his first opponent in 53 seconds and then pinning his next one in 3:29. After a loss in the first-place match, he pinned his final opponent in 3:29 again to lock in



Witt-Birn's Ben Miller, top wrestles during the Division 3 Bonduel Sectional in Seymour on Feb. 18.

MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

his state spot.

"My goal down at state is to hopefully place and get a couple wins," said Herm. "The things needed to achieve these goals are hard work up in the wrestling room and putting in the extra time in the mornings with my brother."

Herm will face Kimberly's Karsen Otis in a state matchup on Feb. 23. Young is the No. 2 seed in his bracket and will face Neenah's Eli Gast in the opening round.

Dane Hodkiewicz, Kody Popelka, Drake Herm, Drew Chelberg, Wah-keenyah Waukau and Brady Jones were the other Hawks competing at the sectional.

Oconto Falls

Bozile made it to state for a second straight year after coming in second in the 132 weight class.

He opened his day with a 13-2 major decision win and 16-0 technical fall victory before falling in the first-place match.

"My goals down at state is to get that state championship," said Bozile. "That's all I've ever looked at since I was a kid. The only thing I can do to prepare myself for state week is to continue going 110% in the wrestling room, and to make sure everything I do to get ready for it must be done at full speed. I'm very excited to be back down there and to give it my all."

Ganter took third at 106 pounds to reach the state tournament.

Ganter won a 17-1 technical fall to open the day before falling by decision. He bounced back with a win by pin in 1:20 before a 19-2 technical fall victory to punch his ticket to state.

"I've been wrestling since I was 4 years old, I've pretty much dreamed of this day as long as I can remember," said Ganter, who hopes to win some matches and maybe make the podium at state.

Ganter will face Richland Center's Ethan Hady in the opening match at state on Feb. 23. Bozile earned a No. 3 seed and bye, so he won't wrestle until Feb. 24.

Hunter Bozile, Parker Peterson and Luke Trepanier also wrestled for the Panthers at the sectional.

Lena

Comins placed second at 120 pounds, while Misco took third at 132 pounds to earn state spots.

Comins had the busier day, finishing 4-1. He won three matches by pin and one match 3-2 by tiebreaker in a state-qualifying match. Comins won his final three matches to make a return trip to Madison.

"It was the ultimate goal this year to get back to the Kohl Center," said Comins, who wants to make the state podium. "I knew in my match to get to state was gonna be tough and I've never beat him before."

Misco went 3-1 on the day, with two wins by pin and another by a 7-0 decision.

The trip to state is especially meaningful to Misco, who has dealt with several injuries over the course of his high school career.

"It means a lot, hugging everyone after telling me I did it was the best feeling ever," said Misco. "Ever since I was little I've always wanted to be a state champ. I know that goal is probably out of the question due to my injury, but I had to change those goals and push myself to be where I am today — although I wouldn't change a thing that happened because of what I've learned."

"My injuries consisted of freshman year breaking my fibula and tibia, then sophomore year tearing my UCL and RCL in my left arm and attempting to keep going I tore my labrum and bicep in my right arm. I always wanted my goal to be to win state, but after that I had to settle with setting my goals at top four. I've got a lot of work to do, but I will be in the practice room with Dylan Comins and Sam Marquardt to fix up my wrestling errors."

Misco will take on Shiocton's Jordan Jahnke in his first state match on Feb. 23. Comins will battle Random Lake's Dylan Brody.

Sam Peterson, Marquardt and Dylan Urbanek all were wrestling for Lena at the sectional. Marquardt just missed out on state after coming in fourth.

DNR asks public to report black bear den locations

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources encourages the public to report any black bear den locations they find across Wisconsin in order to help with an ongoing study on black bear reproduction.

The Black Bear Litter and Diet Survey (widnr.widen.net/s/ftgsh72xlh/black-bear-litter-size-and-diet) will begin its second year of data collection in March and is looking for more dens statewide to include in the study. The study will generate new estimates of black bear reproductive rates within each bear management zone, and these estimates will improve the accuracy of the population models used to manage bears in the state.

Additionally, researchers are investigating a connection between consumption of human food sources and bear reproduction since diet can affect cub survival rates and litter sizes.

"Public reporting is essential to this project. You don't find bear dens every day, so it is important that people report them to us when they find them," said Dr. Jennifer Price Tack, DNR Large Carnivore and Elk Research Scientist. "Reporting dens helps us meet the sample size requirements for our

study and increases the accuracy of the black bear population model."

Price Tack describes the importance of this project and public reporting in a short video that can be viewed at www.youtube.com/watch?v=A7sultUCul0&ab_channel=WIDNRTV.

Black bear dens are getting noisier with the birth of cubs, so dens are sometimes found this time of year by people who hear unusual small sounds while in the woods. Active bear dens with cubs will often produce sounds like squeaking, grunting, humming or sucking, usually when cubs are nursing.

The public is encouraged to report as much information about occupied black bear dens as possible without approaching or disturbing the dens.

Helpful information to report to the bear research team includes:

- GPS coordinates
- Photo of den, ideally showing it in relation to its surroundings, from a safe distance
- Description of the site and surrounding area
- Any information on the bear or bears, including if cubs were heard

DNR staff will work with den reporters and landowners to visit the den before deciding to survey, determining if the den is safe, accessible, and in use. Researchers will take locations of dens that are not active but may not be able to visit the location this season. Dens that are known to be currently occupied are being prioritized for the 2023 survey. This is a multi-year study, and researchers are interested in all dens, whether cubs are present or not.

What data will be collected

DNR staff will collect biological data from these dens, including sex, weight and body measurements. Mother bears, or sows, will be outfitted with GPS collars, one of the most important pieces for collecting data. Collars help staff learn more about bear foraging behavior and locate the sows in the following years.

Revisiting the sows will help staff determine the reproductive success of each sow, such as her litter frequency, litter size, and the survival rates of the cubs. Data on sow weight, body measurements and age are also collected.

While surveying, bear health and safety are a top priority. Designated staff monitor the sow's breathing and

heart rate while the rest of the team quickly gather the needed samples and measurements. Any cubs present at the den are weighed and sexed.

Cubs are tucked into staff's coats to keep them warm because the cubs cannot yet regulate their own temperature. Once researchers are finished, the sow and cubs are put back into their den.

"It is important for data collection that we get collars out in each of the bear management zones because we want to get those estimates of reproductive values for each zone and be able to populate each zone's projection model," said Price Tack.

The Black Bear Litter and Diet Survey team will continue to survey dens for the next seven to eight years. Over that time, the team hopes to get 100 collars out across the bear management zones, with approximately 20 collars per zone. So far, the team is on track for the needed sample size, but they'll need new reports each year to meet their benchmark.

To report a known black bear den, visit the DNR's black bear den submission form at www.surveymonkey.com/r/7DSMFZS.

Senzig's

PRESIDENTS Day SALE

Only at
WISCONSIN'S FURNITURE GIANT
Senzig's in Shawano!



Senzig's

QUEEN MATTRESS STARTING AT
\$499



ALL FURNITURE UP TO
60% OFF



INTEREST-FREE FINANCING
UP TO 60 MONTHS WITH APPROVED CREDIT*

UP TO \$300
OF INSTORE CREDIT ON MATTRESSES*

APPLIANCES & ELECTRONICS
18% OFF



FREE DELIVERY IN 3 DAYS OR LESS*
REMOVAL & DISPOSAL AVAILABLE*

We have **CLEARANCE PRICES** *ON ALL ACCESSORIES*

*SOME RESTRICTIONS APPLY, SEE STORE FOR DETAILS.

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

Three area boys teams eliminated from postseason

Both area girls teams still alive

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The opening week of the hockey playoffs were not kind to area teams, as three of the four teams in action were eliminated.

The Ashwaubenon boys team (which includes Pulaski players), the Shawano boys co-op and Antigo boys (which rosters Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Owen Dickman) all were eliminated in regional contests.

The Central Wisconsin Storm girls team (which rosters Witt-Birn's Marli Novy) won its lone regional game to advance on.

Boys hockey

Ashwaubenon and the Shawano co-op matched up in a regional game on Feb. 14 in Ashwaubenon, with fourth-seeded Ashwaubenon winning 7-0 over the 13th-seeded co-op from Shawano.

The Shawano co-op battled hard, but Ashwaubenon took control with a five-goal second period and then tacked on two more goals in the final period. The hosts held a 55-6 shots on



Pulaski's Cade Dorn takes a shot during the Ashwaubenon co-op playoff win over the Shawano co-op on Feb. 14 in Ashwaubenon.

MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

goal advantage in the contest.

Pulaski players led the charge for Ashwaubenon, with Caden Czyzewski powering the team with two goals. Anthony Steffen, Ethan Pullen and Braden Becks all netted one goal. Zach Wescott had two assists, while Steffen, Jackson Lampereur and Pullen had an assist each.

Pulaski's Lincoln Simons spent a little over half the contest defending

the net, stopping three shots.

The Shawano co-op had two different goalies spend time defending the net, with Dylan Prochaska tallying 33 saves and Karson Stoss having 15 stops.

Ashwaubenon had its season come to a close after a 4-0 loss to the fifth-seeded Fond du Lac co-op on Feb. 16 in Ashwaubenon.

Simons did well defending the net, as only one of the four goals came at

even strength. The final goal came with Simons out of the net. Simons finished with 21 saves.

Ashwaubenon got 20 shots on goal, but weren't able to sneak any past the Fond du Lac goalie.

Ashwaubenon capped the season with a 14-8-1 record.

Sixth-seeded Antigo had its season come to a close after an overtime loss to the third-seeded Rhinelander co-op on Feb. 16 in Rhinelander.

Antigo was outshot 35-24 in the contest and ended the year with a 10-14-1 record.

Girls hockey

Second-seeded Central Wisconsin made things look easy in a 13-0 postseason win over the seventh-seeded Northland Pines co-op on Feb. 16 in Schofield.

Central Wisconsin will host the third-seeded Hayward co-op on Feb. 21 in its next postseason game. Visit www.newmedia-wi.com for results from that contest, and any other play-off games area teams play.

The Bay Area Ice Bears girls team, which rosters several Pulaski players, had a No. 1 seed for the playoffs and bye into sectionals. Bay Area will take on the fifth-seeded Xavier co-op on Feb. 21 in Ashwaubenon.

RECREATION SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

Chet and Emil's Wednesday Business

Team	W	L
CWAA	16	8
Kropf's Meat	15	9
Karcz Lending	14	10
Kessen Auto Body	13	11
Chet and Emil's	11 1/2	12 1/2
Rew Motors	9	15
TLC Auto Body	9	15
S and M Tool	8 1/2	15 1/2

High team scratch games: Karcz Lending 1,069, S and M Tool 999, Rew Motors 991.

High individual scratch games: Roy Safford 257, Dave Schmidt 245, Jeremy Praslowicz 237.

High team scratch series: Karcz Lending 3,018, S and M Tool 2,858, Rew Motors 2,748.

High individual scratch series: Adam Karcz 730, Shawn Walkush 643, Ed Resch 590.

Lakeshore Masters — Lakeshore Lanes

Team	W	L
Golfside	36	12
Launching Pad	35	13
Bamboo	33	15
Northern Advantage	29	19
Farmall Fanatics	28	20
Lakeshore Lanes	25	23
Full Service Tents	21 1/2	26 1/2
Brother's	20	28

Dearco Distributors	19	29
Rosie's Railway	17	31
Pin Pricks	16	32
Shawano Auto Sales	8 1/2	39 1/2
High team scratch games: Golfside 794, Launching Pad 716, Northern Advantage 679.		
High individual scratch games: Todd Schertz 288, Brad Weisnicht 279, Don Pedersen 275, Mark Cornish 269, Bryant Rankin 259, Carson Malueg 259, Jeff Arndt 258, Dave Hackbarth 257, Steve Lichtensteger 247, Cole Cross 247.		
High team scratch series: Golfside 2,135, Launching Pad 2,004, Bamboo 1,940.		
High individual scratch series: Todd Schertz 802, Don Pedersen 701, Carson Malueg 700, Bryant Rankin 697, Mark Cornish 695, Zack Ruehle 691, Steve Lichtensteger 684, Ed Brusky 683, Brad Weisnicht 674, Ed Durkee 670.		
Chet and Emil's Monday Women's League		
Team	W	L
Star Campsite	18	14
Cady Home	18	14
Banner Banks	15	17
Chet and Emil's	13	19
High team handicap games: Cady Home 765, Star Campsite 765, Chet and Emil's 744.		
High individual scratch games: Kristine Beran 237, Tracy Anderson 210, Kim Zeller 193, Jen Duranceau 191, Courtney Tryba 186, Barbara Praslowicz 178, Jonelle Resch 178.		

High team handicap series: Star Campsite 2,243, Cady Home 2,152, Banner Banks 2,106.		
High individual scratch series: Kristine Beran 661, Courtney Tryba 530, Tracy Anderson 522, Kim Zeller 514, Jen Duranceau 485, Jonelle Resch 464.		
Chet and Emil's Tuesday Commercial		
Team	W	L
Chet and Emil's	18	6
Kautza Excavating	16	8
Clark Construction	16	8
White Insurance	13	11
Schmidt Schulta	8	16
High team scratch games: Kautza Excavating 1,064, Clark Construction 1,063, Chet and Emil's 1,009.		
High individual scratch games: Brian Rew 258, Logan Schmidt 247, Brandon Resch 237, Dan Rew 237.		
High team scratch series: Kautza Excavating 2,982, Chet and Emil's 2,956, Clark Construction 2,779.		
High individual scratch series: Brian Rew 627, Zak Kickhaver 619, Tim Lemke 618.		
Him & Hers Couples — Lakeshore Lanes		
Team	W	L
Keglers	22	6
Brothers Pub	21	7
MW Auto Body	21	7
Gingerly Salon	19	9
Lunds Corner Bar	16	12
Buss Automotive	15	13
CDH	14	14

Bust N' Balls	11	17
Brothers Pub Too	11	17
Pin Heads	11	17
The Farmers	7	21
Just 4 Fun	0	28
High individual scratch games: Sharon Buss 289, Brad Weisnicht 279, Mary Metoxen 247, Bill Grosskreutz 242, Bobby Reiter Jr. 236, Ashley Schuh 236, Steve Renik 234, Mike Cavanaugh 230, Kevin Zuleger 227, Darcie O'Kimosh 225, Tammy Zuleger 197, Diane Durkee 195.		
High individual scratch series: Brad Weisnicht 752, Sharon Buss 727, Ashley Schuh 677, Mary Metoxen 667, Steve Renik 657, Bill Grosskreutz 656, Kevin Zuleger 645, Mike Cavanaugh 637, Daniel Poels 635, Darcie O'Kimosh 602, Sandy Weisnicht 562, Diane Durkee 524.		
Chet and Emil's Thursday Early Birds		
Team	W	L
Rightway Propane	43 1/2	24 1/2
Schairer Farms	38	30
Stadler Farms	27 1/2	40 1/2
M and J Harvesting	27	41
High team scratch games: Schairer Farms 648, Rightway Propane 610, Stadler Farms 586.		
High individual scratch games: Kim Zeller 191, Susan Zeinert 182, Kristine Beran 180, Patricia Stadler 173.		
High team scratch series: Schairer Farms 1,831, Rightway Propane 1,757, Stadler Farms 1,597.		
High individual scratch series: Kim Zeller 548, Kristine Beran 512, Susan Zeinert 497, Darcy Hille 450.		

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Witt-Birn, Pulaski fall in team sectional semifinals

Chargers win 4 matches, while Red Raiders claim 5

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood and Pulaski wrestling teams each lost in sectional semifinal duals on Feb. 14.

Witt-Birn fell 58-18 to Shiocton in a Division 3 dual in Suring. Pulaski lost 38-27 to Wisconsin Rapids in Schofield.

Witt-Birn

The Chargers won four weight classes against Shiocton.

David Gauderman and Easton Davis earned forfeit wins at 220 and 120 pounds, respectively. George Seegmiller won a 4-2 decision at 285 pounds, while Devin Wudtke won by a 15-2 major decision at 126 pounds.

Witt-Birn forfeited four weight classes on the night.

After forfeiting the 160-pound match to start the night, Witt-Birn's Owen Schultz lost by 10-0 major decision at 170 pounds.

The next two Chargers to take the mat, Braeden Groshek (182) and Dominic Weso (195), were both pinned.

Gauderman's forfeit win was the Chargers' first victory on the night, and Seegmiller followed that up with his decision win.

After forfeiting the 106 weight class, Witt-Birn's Cardell Long was pinned in the 113-pound match.

Davis' forfeit win was followed by Wudtke's major decision victory.

The final four weight classes went to Shiocton. In the two matches wrestled, Witt-Birn's Grayson Niswander (138) and Chase Kitsemble (152) were both pinned.

Shiocton went on to top Coleman 30-20 to qualify for state as a team.

Pulaski

Pulaski won five weight classes in the dual against Wisconsin Rapids.

Ethan Eggert (120), Trenton Gibbons (182) and Mason Wells (220) were winners by pin, while Austin Rybicki (145) won a 7-2 decision. Will Friedman (195) was a winner by forfeit.

The dual began at 106 pounds, with Pulaski's Jake Fredrickson losing by major decision, 13-0. Alec Nelson took the mat next for the Red Raiders and was pinned.



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's George Seegmiller, top, wrestles during the team's sectional semifinal dual against Shiocton on Feb. 14 in Suring. Seegmiller won the match, but Witt-Birn lost the dual.

MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

Eggert got Pulaski on the scoreboard with a pin in 3 minutes, 40 seconds.

The next three matches went to Wisconsin Rapids. Pulaski's Conner Nooyen (126) was pinned, while Colin Pratt (132) and Cole Gorecki (138) both dropped decisions, 8-3 and 6-3, respectively.

Rybicki earned Pulaski's second win with his decision win.

Rapids claimed the next three bouts. Griffin Vanlannen (152) dropped a 9-6 decision, while Tristan Taylor (160) lost a tight 4-3 decision and Chase Woosencraft (170) fell by a 15-7 major decision.

Pulaski responded by taking the

next three weight classes. Gibbons pinned his opponent in just 30 seconds before Friedman's forfeit win. Wells then got a pin in 1:17.

Eric Spurduto was pinned at 285 pounds to cap the dual.

Bay Port ended up topping Wisconsin Rapids 36-31 in the final dual to earn a trip to state.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Shawano, Gillett boys earn high seeds

Several teams to host playoff games

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Shawano and Gillett boys basketball teams earned the highest seeds among area teams when the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association released brackets on Feb. 19.

Regional postseason games will take place Feb. 28, March 3 and March 4.

Division 2

Shawano earned a No. 2 seed in its bracket.

The Hawks get a bye for the first round and will open the postseason March 3 by hosting No. 7 Wausau East or No. 10 Waupaca.

Pulaski is a No. 8 seed in another bracket. The Red Raiders will host No. 9 Luxemburg-Casco on Feb. 28, with the winner advancing to take on No. 1 West De Pere on March 3.

Division 3

Wittenberg-Birnamwood and Oconto Falls are the area teams playing in the Division 3 field.

Witt-Birn is an 11 seed. The Chargers will face No. 6 Wrightstown on Feb. 28 in Wrightstown, with the winner advancing to take on No. 3 Northland Pines on March 3.

Oconto Falls is the 13 seed in the top portion of that bracket. The Panthers will head to No. 4 Peshtigo on Feb. 28 for their first playoff game. If Oconto Falls wins that game, the team would then either head to No.

ONLINE

Full brackets can be found online at www.wiaawi.org/Sports/Winter/Boys-Basketball/Tournament.

12 Tomahawk or No. 5 Winneconne on March 3.

Division 4

Menominee Indian and Bonduel both reside in Division 4 brackets.

Bonduel earned a No. 6 seed and will host No. 11 Crandon on Feb. 28. The winner will head to No. 3 Kewaunee on March 3.

Menominee Indian picked up a No. 9 seed. The Eagles will face No. 8 Manawa on Feb. 28 in Manawa, with the winner then traveling to No. 1 St. Mary Catholic on March 3.

Division 5

The other seven area teams play in Division 5.

Gillett earned a No. 3 seed and will host No. 14 White Lake to open the postseason on Feb. 28. If Gillett wins that game, it would host No. 6 Wabeno/Laona or No. 11 St. Thomas Aquinas Academy on March 3.

Suring is the No. 10 seed, while Lena is the No. 15 seed in the bottom portion of that bracket. If Suring were to upset No. 7 Elcho and Lena upsets No. 2 Three Lakes, the Marinette & Oconto Conference teams would meet March 3 in Suring for a regional semifinal.

Marion is a No. 10 seed despite finishing atop the Central Wisconsin



Shawano's Julian Perez takes a jumpshot during a Bay Conference clash against Xavier on Feb. 3 in Shawano. Shawano earned a No. 2 seed for the postseason.

MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

Conference-North Division. The Mustangs will travel to face conference foe and No. 7 seed Northland Lutheran on Feb. 28.

Gresham is a No. 15 seed and will head to No. 2 Pacelli on Feb. 28.

Should Marion and Gresham win their first games, Marion would host Gresham in a regional semifinal on March 3.

Tigerton is the 11 seed in the regional pod above Marion and

Gresham. The Tigers will head to No. 6 Port Edwards on Feb. 28. Tigerton would either host No. 14 Rosholt or travel to face No. 3 Athens in the next round on March 3.

Bowler is a 12 seed and will open the postseason on the road against No. 5 Almond-Bancroft on Feb. 28. If the Panthers pull the upset, they would either host No. 13 Wisconsin Valley Lutheran or head to No. 4 Columbus Catholic on March 3.

Shawano Square Apartments

1, 2 or 3 Bedrooms Available

Please stop in to apply at
820 E. Richmond St.

Shawano, WI 54166 • 715-201-1177



This institution is an equal opportunity provider.
Esta institución es un proveedor de servicios con
igualdad de oportunidades.

DAIRY TRANSPORT DRIVER

FOR LENA, WI AREA

FULL-TIME & PART-TIME POSITIONS AVAILABLE

\$25 +/-hr, Approx. 10 Hour Days,
Time and a Half Overtime Saturday & Sunday

Class A w/Tanker Endorsement
EXPERIENCE NEEDED

WALDVOGEL TRUCKING

W7622 STATE HWY 47, ANTIGO, WI 54409

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Witt-Birn boys struggle in loss to Merrill

Chargers bogged down by press

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School boys basketball team struggled against Merrill's press during a 62-42 nonconference loss on Feb. 13 in Wittenberg.

The Chargers turned the ball over on their first possession of the contest. It turned out to be a sign of things to come, as Merrill put on a press that Witt-Birn struggled to break all night.

"We dug ourselves a hole early — they went up almost 10 points right away. We kind of came back, but we couldn't really recover from that," said Witt-Birn's Mason Meverden. "We struggled with their pressure a little bit. We should have been able to break it more easily, I thought, but that kind of threw us off."

After Witt-Birn's Marshall Fraaza scored to tie the game at two, Merrill tallied the next nine points to take control.

Meverden finally got the Chargers going with a couple 3-pointers. After the hosts cut the deficit to three, 13-10, Merrill hit two 3-pointers to go back up nine. Witt-Birn answered back with a Meverden triple and Casey Kielman basket, but that was the closest the Chargers got the rest of the way.

Merrill ended the half on a 12-1 run, taking advantage of a few more Witt-Birn turnovers.

"I think it was their press, their pressure, and we just had no energy tonight," said Fraaza on the difference in the game.

The visiting Bluejays continued their run to start the second half, scoring the first seven points.

Witt-Birn got baskets from Meverden, Fraaza and Kielman to answer. A bit later, a free throw from Meverden and Oliver Fraaza basket made it 41-25.

The Chargers' offense bogged down after that, only scoring two points over the next three-plus minutes, which allowed the Bluejays to push the lead above 20. After that, Witt-Birn chose to sub five players in and out for the rest of the contest, and Merrill eased to victory.

"We got outworked, including me, all of us. It was just bad," said Mev-



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Michael Miller, top, battles for a loose ball during a nonconference game against Merrill on Feb. 13 in Wittenberg.

MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

erden. "They won the effort battle — they were the first to the floor. They got a lot of offensive rebounds. We just need to work harder."

"We just have to come mentally prepared and ready to play, be on our gameplan, study our stuff," said Fraaza. "I felt like not everybody knew what they were doing on our sets."

Meverden led Witt-Birn in scoring with 14 points. Fraaza was the only other Charger over four points, finishing with nine.

Merrill 31 31 — 62

Witt-Birn 16 26 — 42

Merrill (62): Carter Baade 0-0 9, Bradyn Pieper 1-2 20, E.J. Weix 0-0 3, Ondre Houghton 0-0 5, Tyson Glisch 3-4 15, Sam Reimann 0-0 2, Troy Mootz 1-2 8.

Witt-Birn (42): Jett Rogowski 0-0 2, Michael Miller 0-0 2, Marshall Fraaza 1-2 9, Oliver Fraaza 1-4 3, Casey Kielman 0-0 4, Mason Meverden 1-2 16, Keegan Schmid 0-0 2, Ian Salvesen 1-2 4.



Witt-Birn's Oliver Fraaza, left, defends during the team's nonconference game against Merrill on Feb. 13 in Wittenberg.

MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

**Buyers
Beware**
of Used Car Seats

**Call
Safe Kids**
920-834-7033

Valley Crest
CLINTONVILLE

NOW LEASING!
1, 2 & 3 Bedroom Apartments
151 W Morning Glory Drive
Clintonville, WI 54929
Call for more info 715-823-5443

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.
Esta institucion es un proveedor servicios con igualdad de oportunidades.



SPECIALIZING IN QUALITY POST FRAME BUILDINGS



Commercial Agricultural
Equestrian Garages
Hobby Shops And More!

Eastern CO
719-822-3052

Nebraska & Iowa
402-426-5022
712-600-2410

Eastern Wisconsin
920-889-0960
Western Wisconsin
608-988-6338

GINGERICH
STRUCTURES

www.GingerichStructures.com



**CONVENIENT • TRUSTED
LOCALLY OWNED**

**Pig Stop Fuel Center -
Crystal Clean Car Wash**

Iverson's

**piggly
wiggly**



**409 E. HIGHLAND DR,
OCONTO FALLS**

**YOUR BEST ROOFING INVESTMENT
SCHEDULE YOUR INSTALL TODAY!**



Beautiful & Permanent Metal Roofing

Call Now for a **FREE Estimate** **920-434-4200**
Visit Our **NEW WEBSITE: ForeverMetalRoofs.com**

Do-It-Yourself

Installation Included

\$500 OFF

\$1000 OFF

We Train You To Install Our Roof

Make Your Best Deal NOW!



**HOMETOWN
INSURANCE**

AGENCY OF SHAWANO, INC
1207 E. GREEN BAY STREET • SHAWANO
715-526-6390 • 800-428-6390



Proud to be your only Locally Owned Agency in Shawano

**Depend on an Independent
Insurance Agent**

Independence allows Hometown
to compare various insurance
companies and recommend only the
best ones like West Bend Insurance



COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

St. Cloud State University

Pulaski High School graduate Jasmine Litt played in two games for the St. Cloud State women's basketball team last week.

Litt posted 12 points, five rebounds and a steal across 20 minutes in a win over Minnesota-Crookston on Feb. 18. She played a minute in the team's loss to Bemidji State on Feb. 16.

Wisconsin Lutheran College

Bonduel grad Kara Troxel started in both of the Wisconsin Lutheran College women's basketball team's games last week.

Troxel totaled six points, two boards and three steals across 29 minutes during a loss to St. Norbert on Feb. 15. She contributed nine points and a steal across 23 minutes in a win over the Milwaukee School of Engineering on Feb. 18.



TREVOR STIEDE

Pulaski grad Trevor Stiede played in both of the WLC men's basketball team's games last week.

Stiede started and played 20 minutes in a win over Cardinal Stritch on

Feb. 14, tallying six points, three rebounds, four assists, two steals and a block. He played 17 minutes off the bench in a victory over the Milwaukee School of Engineering on Feb. 18, posting 11 points, six boards and a steal.

Pulaski grad Connor Heezen and his doubles partner, Matt Bass, lost a No. 3 doubles match during the WLC men's tennis team's dual win over Wartburg on Feb. 18.

St. Norbert College

Lena graduate Kennedy Marquardt and Oconto Falls graduate Emily Gonnering each represented the St. Norbert women's track and field team at the UW-Oshkosh Titan Challenge on Feb. 18.

Marquardt took 11th in the 200-meter dash in 26.93 seconds. Gonnering placed 45th in the shot put (6.82 meters) and 46th in the weight throw (10.83 meters).

UW-Parkside

Pulaski grad Sheridan Flauger played 30-plus minutes in both of

the UW-Parkside women's basketball team's games last week.

Flauger tallied four points, four rebounds and three assists during a loss to Northern Michigan on Feb. 16. She added five points, four boards, two assists and four steals during a loss to Michigan Tech on Feb. 18.

UW-Eau Claire

Gillett graduate Ryann Wagner and Suring graduate Mitch Stegeman each competed for the UW-Eau Claire track and field teams at the UW-Oshkosh Titan Challenge on Feb. 18.

Stegeman placed seventh in the men's 60 hurdles (8.56 seconds) and 12th in the long jump (6.46 meters). Wagner finished 26th in the women's 3,000 (11:57.99).

Shawano graduate Jacob Lacy played in the UW-Oshkosh baseball team's loss to Wabash on Feb. 18. Lacy was hit by a pitch and went on to score a run.

UW-Milwaukee

Shawano grad Isabel Roloff placed second in the pole vault while competing for the UW-Milwaukee women's track and field team at the Panther Tune-Up on Feb. 18.

Roloff cleared 3.65 meters to earn her second-place finish.

Bemidji State University

Shawano graduate Brooke Theis and Pulaski graduate Isabel Majewski each played in the Bemidji State women's basketball team's games last week.

In a win over St. Cloud State on Feb. 16, Majewski tallied 17 points and five rebounds, while Theis had a block. Majewski played 18 minutes during a loss to Minnesota Duluth on Feb. 18, while Theis logged nine minutes.

UW-Platteville

Pulaski grads Kayla Lipsey and Eian Ziemer represented the UW-Platteville track and field team at the Sol Butler Classic on Feb. 17.

Ziemer ran in the men's 200 (24.41) and 60 (7.73) dashes, placing 27th and 33rd, respectively.

Lipsey took seventh in the



KAYLA LIPSEY

women's 60 hurdles (10.2) and 15th in the long jump (4.45 meters).

Saginaw Valley State University

Shawano graduate Tori DePerry turned in two big games for the Saginaw Valley State women's basketball team last week.

DePerry totaled 14 points, two rebounds, one block and one assist across 36 minutes in the team's loss to Grand Valley State on Feb. 16. She then had 16 points, five boards, one steal and one assist across 23 minutes in a victory over Davenport on Feb. 18.

UW-Stevens Point

Pulaski grad Lindsey Jossie, Oconto Falls grad Joe Adams and Menominee Indian grad Guadalupe Corn all represented the UW-Stevens Point track and field teams at the UW-Oshkosh Titan Challenge on Feb. 18.

Adams ran in the men's 1-mile, placing 10th in 4:36.76.

Jossie placed 16th in the women's long jump (4.73 meters), 24th in the 400 (1:08.14) and 25th in the 60 hurdles (10.69). Corn claimed 15th in the women's shot put (12.09 meters) and 31st in the weight throw (12.71 meters).

Northern Michigan University

Witt-Birn graduate Abi Fraaza played in both of the Northern Michigan women's basketball team's games last week.

Fraaza totaled three points and three rebounds in just four minutes during a win over UW-Parkside on Feb. 16. She then had nine points, seven boards and two blocks across 17 minutes in a victory over Purdue Northwest on Feb. 18.

St. Mary's University of Minnesota

Shawano grad Peyton Buerman took part in all three of the St. Mary's University women's tennis team's duals last week.

Buerman dropped a No. 4 singles match and a No. 3 doubles match with partner Ella Boomgaarden against Northwestern on Feb. 17.

Buerman fell in No. 4 singles action against Gustavus Adolphus on Feb. 18. She dropped a No. 4 singles match and No. 3 doubles match with Boomgaarden against Carleton College on Feb. 19.

St. Martin's University

Gresham grad Christian Haffner and the St. Martin's men's basket-

ball team finished 2-0 in its games last week.

Haffner posted two rebounds and two assists against Alaska Anchorage on Feb. 16. Haffner had 11 points and a rebound against Alaska Fairbanks on Feb. 18.

Ripon College

Gillett graduate Angela Mosconi ran in the women's 3,000 while representing the Ripon track and field team at the UW-La Crosse Indoor Eagle Open on Feb. 17.

Mosconi placed ninth in 11:26.9.

Witt-Birn graduate Lauren Bahr competed in several events for the Ripon women's swim team at the Midwest Conference Championships on Feb. 17-19.

Individually, Bahr placed 12th in the 100 backstroke (1:03.63) and 14th in the 100 freestyle (56.8). She was on the fifth-place finishing 200 freestyle relay (1:43.36), 400 freestyle relay (3:47.24) and 200 medley relay (1:55.94), along with the fourth-place finishing 400 medley relay (4:15.05).

Concordia University

Bonduel grad Kalleigh Thorne competed in two events for the Concordia women's track and field team at the UW-Oshkosh Titan Challenge on Feb. 18.

Thorne earned 10th in the triple jump (9.76 meters) and 15th in the long jump (4.74 meters).

Shawano grad Rachel Reed played in both of the Concordia women's basketball team's games last week. She scored two points against Alverno on Feb. 16.

UW-Green Bay

Witt-Birn graduate McKenna



MCKENNA
METROPULOS

Metropulos was busy during the Horizon League Swimming and Diving Championships on Feb. 15-18, competing in several events for the UW-Green Bay women's team.

Metropulos was on the sixth-

place finishing 200 medley relay (1:46.3), 200 freestyle relay (1:38.91), 400 medley relay (3:55.92) and 400 freestyle relay (3:35.74) teams.

Individually, Metropulos finished 11th in the 50 freestyle (24.03), 100 butterfly (56.86) and 100 freestyle (52.45).

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

BOYS BASKETBALL

Marion 65

Tigerton 62

Marion earned at least a share of the Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division title after taking down Tigerton in overtime on Feb. 17 in Marion.

The conference title is Marion's first in 55 years.

Ryder Graham tallied 17 points and six rebounds for Tigerton, while Asher Michaelis had 15 points, four assists and three steals. Colby Wanta totaled 12 points, four assists and four steals, Loghan Wanta posted seven points and 10 boards and Sam Anheuser had six points, eight rebounds and five assists.

Witt-Birn 79

Wey-Fre 72

Wittenberg-Birnamwood knocked off Weyauwega-Fremont in a high-scoring CWC-East clash on Feb. 17 in Wittenberg.

Mason Meverden scored 17 points to lead Witt-Birn, while Jett Rogowski added 16.

Michael Miller hit three 3-pointers and tallied 11 points for the Chargers. Marshall Fraaza totaled 10 points, while Ian Salvesen had seven and Keegan Schmid and Oliver Fraaza with six each.

Shawano 48

Seymour 36

Shawano earned a low-scoring Bay Conference win over Seymour on Feb. 16 in Shawano.

Michael Metcalf-Grassman and Jacob Landon powered Shawano, scoring 21 and 16 points, respectively.

Brandon Reed chipped in eight points for the Hawks.

Bonduel 79

Tomahawk 46

Bonduel rolled to a nonconference win over Tomahawk on Feb. 16 in Tomahawk.

Ryan Westrich tallied 25 points and 12 rebounds to power Bonduel.

Noah Weier finished with 11 points for the Bears, while Cade Johnson and Owen Springborn had 10 points each. Sam Roberts chipped in nine points, while Race Anvelink had six.

Bonduel's Colin Margelofsky dished out 11 assists.

Pulaski 60

Manitowoc Lincoln 45

Pulaski earned a Fox River Classic Conference win over Manitowoc



Witt-Birn's Ian Salvesen takes a free throw during the team's nonconference game against Merrill on Feb. 13 in Wittenberg.

MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

Lincoln on Feb. 14 in Pulaski.

Derek Shaw hit four triples and led Pulaski with 22 points.

Brady Wotruba made five field goals and seven free throws on his way to an 18-point performance for the Red Raiders. Colin Schultz chipped in 10 points.

Marion 61

Northland Lutheran 57

Marion grabbed the lead in the CWC-North after topping Northland Lutheran on Feb. 13 in Kronenwetter. Both teams had just one conference loss coming into the game.

Marion trailed by as many as 11 points in the first half but flipped the script and eventually led by 11 late in

the contest.

Parker Miller and Ryan Malueg scored 19 points each for Marion. Izan Bueno chipped in 13 points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Witt-Birn 58

Wey-Fre 42

Wittenberg-Birnamwood topped Weyauwega-Fremont in a CWC-East contest on Feb. 16 in Weyauwega.

Rory Salvesen totaled 20 points and four steals for Witt-Birn, while Reese Rogowski had 18 points, five steals and four assists.

Faith Resch tallied 11 points, three assists and five steals for the Chargers. Melaina Granquist grabbed six rebounds.

ONLINE

More high school highlights can be found at www.newmedia-wi.com.

Shawano 61

Xavier 45

Shawano earned a Bay Conference win over Xavier on Feb. 16 in Appleton.

Leah Nordin scored 27 points for Shawano.

Abby Bystol chipped in 11 points for the Hawks, while Ella Stuber had 10.

Lena 56

STAA 4

Lena eased to a Marinette & Oconto Conference win over St. Thomas Aquinas Academy on Feb. 14 in Lena.

Whitney Potter led Lena with 12 points, while Eva Brooks and Claire Brooks tallied 10 points each.

Kali Fischer contributed eight points for the Wildcats. Chaela Rabas chipped in seven points.

Gresham 50

Elcho 18

Gresham rolled to a nonconference win over Elcho on Feb. 14 in Elcho.

Chloe Bohl powered Gresham with 16 points.

Jessa Jensen added nine points for the Wildcats. Rylie Kakwitsch totaled eight points, while Lexi Baddmoccossin-Barnes had six.

Bonduel 73

Oconto Falls 29

Bonduel picked up its 19th win of the season after taking down Oconto Falls in a nonconference matchup on Feb. 14 in Bonduel.

Hailey Zernicke totaled 12 points and eight rebounds for Bonduel. Ella Hischke and Audrey Weier each scored 11 points, while Weier also had seven boards, five assists and four blocks.

Bonduel finished with 22 assists on its 32 field goals.

Ashlyn Allen scored 10 points to lead Oconto Falls offensively.

Menominee Indian 67

Green Bay East 40

Menominee Indian rolled to a nonconference win over Green Bay East on Feb. 13 in Green Bay.

Ayanna Smith hit seven 3-pointers and scored 28 points for Menominee Indian. Mariah Fish added 16 points, while Kaysa Wilber had six.

Emma Komanekin grabbed 14 rebounds for the Eagles. Smith also dished out five assists, while Lena Waukau and Ashlee Corn had three each.

...WE NEED A BIGGER BOAT...



**Calling all boat owners...
time for an upgrade?**

**We are looking to buy: fishing,
pontoon and speedboats.**

**Stop in and check out new
inventory in our showroom!**

***Come trade in your old
boat for a new one!***

AMERICAN
& MARINE
MOTORSPORTS

**830 E GREEN BAY ST • SHAWANO, WI
715-526-4300 • www.americanmarina.com**

STORE HOURS: MONDAY - SATURDAY 9AM - 5PM • SUNDAY 10AM - 3PM