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Elroy librarian shares her travel experiences

By NICOLETTE NAUMAN
Sentry-Enterprise Editor

Learning about the world can often inspire a desire to go out and see it for yourself. This was certainly the case for Kari Preuss, library director for the Elroy Public Library.

Preuss has been hosting KEY lectures for about eight years now—KEY standing for ‘Keep Educating Yourself.’ These lectures cover a wide variety of topics, from the historical to the scientific. It was one such lecture series that prompted Preuss’ most recent adventure.

Not quite two years ago, the KEY lecture series was focused on the history of India. Over the multiple weeks of the series, one of the attendees—former Elroy librarian Mary Waarvik—made a particular comment. She stated that, though she had never considered traveling to India before, the series made her interested in going.

Preuss found herself in agreement—much to the delight of another attendee of the series. Ajoy Chakraborti is a native of India, having immigrated to the United States decades ago before settling in Elroy. He has been part of the community for about fifteen years, having taken a job at Bruners’ as a metallurgy engineer.

Chakraborti volunteered to take Preuss and Waarvik to India, excited to share his home country’s culture and history with them. Over the next year and a half, the trio planned out their trip. By end of this summer, they were



Kari Preuss (left), Mary Waarvik (center), and Ajoy Chakraborti (right) traveled to India in September, spending three weeks exploring the country. Contributed photo.

ready to go, and on Monday, September 11, the trio boarded the plane and headed for India.

Their trip was planned for three weeks, during which time they toured the country. Included in their itinerary was India’s famed ‘Golden Triangle’—a well-known tourist circuit connecting Delhi, Agra, and Jaipur. Highlights of the Golden Triangle include the Lotus Temple in New Dehli, the Taj Mahal in Agra, and the Pink City in Jaipur.

Over their three weeks in India, Preuss and her travel companions visited a plethora of monasteries, temples, and other religious sites. India is

quite diverse in its religious followings, and the trio visited Muslim, Jain, Sikh, Hindu, Buddhist, and Bahai sites.

“It was so interesting to see the different cultures,” says Preuss.

A portion of their travels took them into the Himalayas, near the Kashmir and Jammu region. The U.S. State Department warns U.S. travelers away from this region, and from the Pakistani border, due to ongoing civil unrest in the region. Preuss remarked on the experience,

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This year’s Royall Homecoming Court: freshman representatives Jett Bender and Kayla Rick, sophomore representatives Trenton Frye and Aunika Wopat, junior representatives Jackson Bender and Maddison Peterson, and senior representatives Jacob Ceizyk and Brooklyn Gruen, Colin McKittrick and Marah Gruen, Tucker Wildes and Kasey Jones, and Gunnar Wopat and Gracie Stanek. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.

Royall celebrates homecoming 2023

By NICOLETTE NAUMAN
Sentry-Enterprise Editor

With both Wonewoc-Center and Hillsboro’s Homecoming weeks having come to an end—both featuring disappointing losses—it’s now Royall’s time to shine.

Royall students can show off their spirit at school this week by participating in the week’s dress-up days. On Monday, students could come to school in their pajamas. On Tuesday, they could pick a buddy and dress up like twins.

Wednesday is USA day, and the dress code is red, white, and blue. On Thursday, students can show off their class pride by wearing specific colors: seniors wear black, juniors wear white, sophomores wear purple, and freshmen wear blue.

Friday rounds out the

week with the obligatory school spirit day. Students are encouraged to dress up in their school colors or clothing bearing Royall’s name or emblem in order to show their support for their teams.

Wednesday will also be when Royall hosts their Homecoming Parade. The parade will begin at 6pm and follow the traditional route through downtown Elroy before heading up to the school. After the parade, the community is invited to the school for Community Night, in which the classes will compete against each other in a series of games, skits, and contests before crowning this year’s Homecoming King and Queen.

The Homecoming Court was announced on Monday, October 9, and includes eight seniors, two juniors,

two sophomores, and two freshmen. This year’s freshman representatives are Jett Bender and Kayla Rick, with Trenton Frye and Aunika Wopat as the sophomore representatives. Jackson Bender and Maddison Peterson are the junior representatives.

The senior representatives, and candidates for this year’s Homecoming King and Queen, are Jacob Ceizyk and Brooklyn Gruen, Colin McKittrick and Marah Gruen, Tucker Wildes and Kasey Jones, and Gunnar Wopat and Gracie Stanek.

The Homecoming game will take place on Friday, October 13, beginning at 7pm, when they will face off against Necedah. Here’s hoping this unlucky date is only unlucky for Necedah!

Help beat back cancer with H.O.P.E.

By NICOLETTE NAUMAN
Sentry-Enterprise Editor

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and groups and organizations throughout the country are stepping up to advocate for early screenings, raise donations for breast cancer research, and offer support to those are currently fighting a breast cancer diagnosis.

In the United States, breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed in women, excluding certain skin cancers. The American Cancer Society estimates that roughly 297,790 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women this year alone, and about 43,700 women will die from breast cancer this year.

On average, one in every eight women in the U.S. will develop breast cancer at some point in her life, and we all

likely know someone who has been diagnosed.

While breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in women—second only to lung cancer—the chance of dying from breast cancer is about 1 in 39, or 2.5%. Death rates from breast cancer have been falling steadily since 1989. Between then and 2020, this amounts to a 43% decline in fatality from the disease.

Increases in screening and awareness campaigns have helped bring down the mortality rates for women facing breast cancer, along with advancements in medical science. Early detection can dramatically increase the likelihood of beating the cancer and can increase the available treatment options.

For those facing a cancer diagnosis in the area, be it cancer or otherwise, there is a local group ready and willing to help you in your fight.



The annual H.O.P.E. Walk is H.O.P.E.’s biggest fundraiser of the year. The funds raised by this event help the organization to support local cancer patients as they battle cancer. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.

H.O.P.E. (Helping Our People Everyday) began in 2005, following some consternation with the use of donated funds by then-popular Relay for Life. Determined to ensure that donated funds remain local and helped to support those in need in our

area, H.O.P.E. set to work raising money and donating percentages to hospitals treating local patients.

The majority of what H.O.P.E. brings in goes directly to local individuals battling cancer and their families. Most commonly,

these funds are distributed in the form of gas cards to help cover travel costs and expenses for those who have to travel to far-off hospitals for treatment. H.O.P.E. also helps cancer patients afford groceries and rent, and helps to cover medical bills and

prescriptions. When filling out an application for assistance, those applying can identify which areas they will need the most help with affording. For

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example, if you have excellent insurance that covers the majority, if not all, of your medical expenses and prescription costs, but you believe you will struggle to cover your rent or utilities, you can indicate that on your application.

Those who hesitate to fill out an application, concerned about their information getting out into the community, should take heart with the knowledge

that H.O.P.E.'s distribution process is completely confidential. A case manager assigns a case number to each application, removing identifying information such as names and addresses, so that the H.O.P.E. board has no idea who submitted the application.

If your battle with cancer lasts longer than a year, you are welcome to reapply for aid if you still find yourself in

need. While many may be able to win their battle within a year, some cancers are unwilling to go without one heck of a fight—there is no need to feel ashamed of this. H.O.P.E. is here to help, and its dedicated board members and volunteers are determined to help you in your fight however they can.

Since 2005, H.O.P.E. has been able to help roughly 350 area residents and their families in their struggles against cancer. The organization hosts its primary fundraiser, the H.O.P.E. Walk, every June,

but may engage in small fundraising efforts throughout the year. For example, they tend to host a bake sale each year at Breakfast with Santa and often raise money by serving lunch at a few of the Hillsboro Lions' Bingo events.

"The Lions Club has been very good to work with," says Vicky Novy.

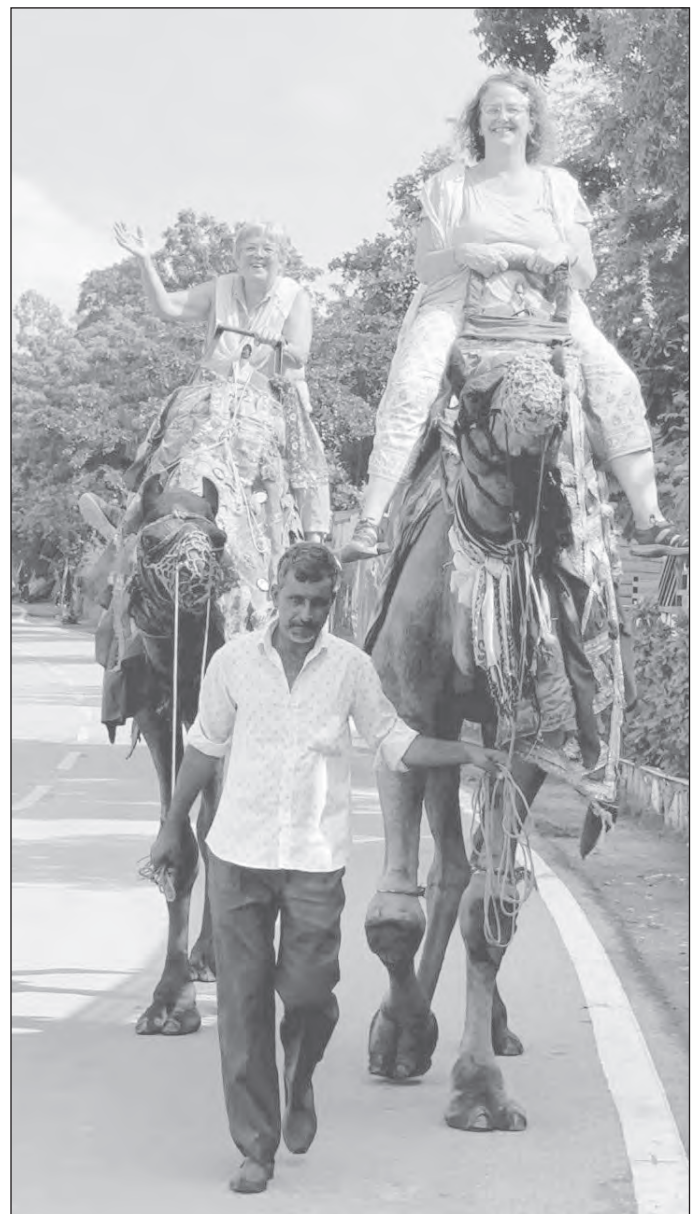
The Lions also spend the month or so leading up to the H.O.P.E. Walk collecting donations from all over the area with their Flying Pigs. Donations from individuals, estates, and local businesses and organizations also help to fund H.O.P.E.'s mission.

H.O.P.E. elects their board members each March, with nine board members tasked with distributing the funds raised by the group among the applicants. As H.O.P.E. offers aid to anyone living across Yuba, Rockton, Ontario, La Farge, Kendall, Valley, Wonewoc, Union Center, Elroy, and Hillsboro, they welcome anyone from the area to join in.

"We would love to get some young people," says Rozanne Novy, adding her hope to see the organization continue to serve area cancer patients for many years to come.

Applications can be found at Farmer's State Bank here in Hillsboro, and also by contacting H.O.P.E. board members Rozanne Novy or Vicky Novy at (608) 489-2376 or (608) 489-3620 respectively.

Those who would like to donate to the cause, be it in funds or volunteer hours, can also contact Rozanne or Vicky by the same means listed above.



Elephants weren't the only animal-based form of transportation in India, as Kari Preuss and Mary Waarvik learned during their trip to India in September. Contributed photo.

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and how odd it felt to see so many military personnel in the area. However, she stated that she never felt unsafe during her time in the area.

With 22 days in India, and all that she had seen and experienced, Preuss stated that she most enjoyed seeing just how populated India truly was. What surprised her most was just how placid the population seemed to be. By and large, they seemed largely unbothered despite the relatively crowded conditions—Preuss compared the cultural difference with experiences here in America, noting that Americans tend to be more aggressive.

Another thing that surprised her was just how aware of their history India's citizens were. It quickly became clear that the people she encountered knew their history well, which made her glad she'd taken the time to learn about Indian history

herself.

"I was really thankful [that] I understood the history," says Preuss, adding that her prior understanding enabled her to experience a greater appreciation for the sights she took in.

This is not Preuss' first excursion beyond the U.S. In the past, she has traveled to Canada, Mexico, visited islands in the Caribbean, and toured several European countries. She hopes to travel to Peru in the next few years, as well.

"If you have the chance to travel, take it," advises Preuss.

Preuss will be presenting on her time in India at the Elroy Library on Tuesday, October 17, beginning at 4pm. She has also accepted an offer to speak on her trip at the Hillsboro Library in the new year, with a date and time yet to be determined.

Hillsboro resident graduates UW - La Crosse over summer

By NICOLETTE NAUMAN
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The University of Wisconsin - La Crosse has announced the names of students who have graduated with the conclusion of the summer term. These students satisfied the requirements of their respective degree programs by the end of the summer, earning their degrees and completing this phase of

their education.

Among those students to graduate at the end of the summer term was Hillsboro resident Lydia Benish. Benish completed her Bachelor of Science in radiologic science with an emphasis on radiation therapy. She graduated from UW - La Crosse with honors.

Congratulations, Lydia, and best of luck to you in your future endeavors!



WHO: Nan Heckart
WHERE: S2451A State Hwy 131, La Farge, WI
WHEN: Saturday, October 21st, 2023
TIME: 10:00am
LUNCH: Mr. Burger

LOCATION: In Rockton.

TOOLS: Snap-on tool chest, 50in long x 46in high, w/15 drawers; Snap-on tool chest, 3 drawers & 2 trays; Snap-on 1/2, 3/8, 1/4, socket sets; 2 sets of Snap-on tap & die sets; several sets of open & box end wrenches; Snap-on screw drivers; Mac air tools; 1/2in air impact; sets of SK wrenches; Snap-on punch set; c clamps; Makita grinder; set of Mac meter wrenches; vise grips, pliers, hammers & misc. wrenches; Makita miter saw; several wood clamps; Homelite chainsaw; dust collectors; Craftsman 13in planer; Craftsman router & table; Shopsmith w/attachments; Craftsman air filtration system; Ryobi 9in band saw; Makita battery saw; Ryobi spindle sander; DeWalt scroll saw; Belt & disc sander; 4in vise; 3 1/4 Chicago planer; nails, screws; woodworking tools; Bolen riding lawn mower; lawn trailer; step & ext ladders; wheel barrow;

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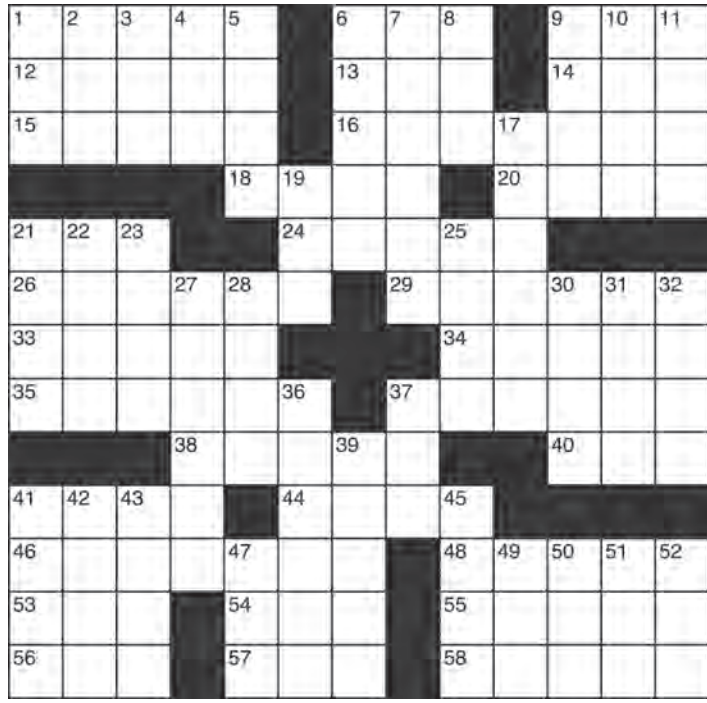
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ACROSS

- 1. Complains
- 6. Hog's dwelling
- 9. That dude
- 12. Another time
- 13. Foot part
- 14. Keats work
- 15. Small drum
- 16. Glossy paints
- 18. Prevents
- 20. Vicinity
- 21. Recede, as the tide
- 24. Lacy mat
- 26. Perches
- 29. More slack
- 33. Gather and organize
- 34. Establish as true
- 35. Bends down
- 37. Attack
- 38. Chirps
- 40. Tissue layer
- 41. Sensible
- 44. Informal denial
- 46. Washer setting
- 48. Calculated sums
- 53. Broadcast
- 54. Had food
- 55. Red cosmetic
- 56. Little bit
- 57. Door opener
- 58. Windowsill

DOWN

- 1. Truck component
- 2. In times past
- 3. Hurried
- 4. Young swine
- 5. Stuck-up person
- 6. Office worker, for short
- 7. Throat part
- 8. Team cheer
- 9. Weeder
- 10. Not moving
- 11. Flat-topped formation
- 17. Municipal officials
- 19. Promotional spots
- 21. Goofs up
- 22. Skiff
- 23. ___ tie
- 25. Clips
- 27. Inclines
- 28. Kind
- 30. TV serial
- 31. Something wicked
- 32. Bank (on)
- 36. Legislative body
- 37. Venomous snake
- 39. Slammer
- 41. Petty argument
- 42. Elaborate melody
- 43. Geek
- 45. Nobleman
- 47. Desk wood
- 49. Buck's companion
- 50. Faulty item
- 51. Breakfast item
- 52. Letter after cee

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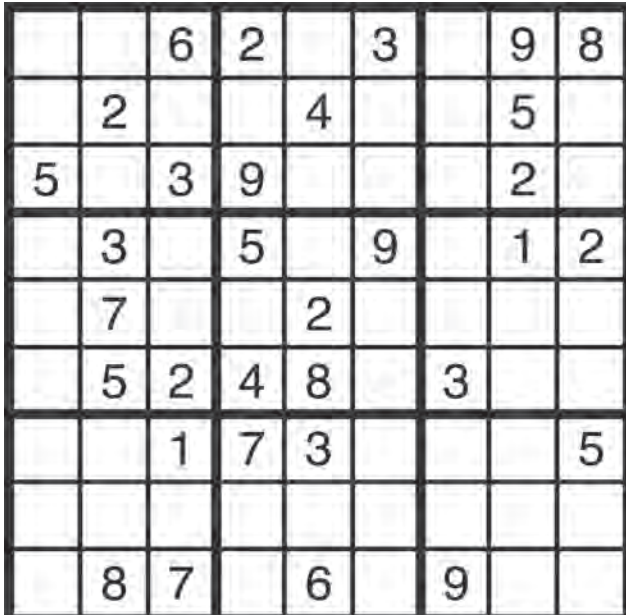
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Each 3x3 box is outlined with a darker line. You already have a few numbers to get you started. Remember: You must not repeat the numbers 1 through 9 in the same line, column, or 3x3 box.







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Design and build your own literature-inspired scarecrow to enter into the first-ever Elroy Public Library Literary Scarecrow Contest! Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.

Scare up some literary fun with this scarecrow contest

By NICOLETTE NAUMAN
Sentry-Enterprise Editor

As you read this, we are officially either eleven or twelve days into October (perhaps even halfway through entirely!) and therefore entering into prime Spook Time. The veil thins as nights grow longer, and before we know it Halloween will be upon us!

For those of us who don't live for this wonderful time of year, the Elroy Public Library has an idea that might help you get through the rest of the month. They are hosting a Literary Scarecrow Contest!

What better way to frighten off unwanted scares this holiday season than with a scarecrow? Crows aren't the only things these straw-stuffed dummies can frighten off!

The contest is open until Monday, October 23, and the winning scarecrow will gain both a prize and bragging rights—what's not to love? You can display your scarecrow at the library or off site, so long as you've registered your creation.

Participants can enter as many scarecrows as they would like, though exhibitors will only receive one prize for their winner. Participants

can be individuals, families, even businesses or local organizations. Scarecrows must reflect an author or literary character—the options are as limitless as your literary expertise!

Register your scarecrow either online by filling out the form found on the Elroy Library Facebook page or in-person by filling out a paper form at the library. Just make sure your scarecrow is sturdy enough to stand up to the whims of Wisconsin's October weather!

For the scarecrow itself, it is preferred that the scarecrow has a 2"x2" wooden post to

hold it up, but any vertical wooden support attached to its back to keep it upright will do. They can't be more than six feet tall, and must not weigh more than 15 pounds.

Beginning on October 24, the scarecrows will be photographed and posted to the Elroy Library Facebook page for the public to vote on which one should win. Voting will take place from October 24 until October 31, and scarecrows can be picked up between November 2 and November 5.

Check us out at HillsboroSE.com



The Wonevoc Public Library is thrilled to announce the latest graduate of its 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program, Mable Winchel. The program is open to all children, ages birth through kindergarten. Children (and/or their caregivers) are encouraged to read 1,000 children's books during this time period, at which point each graduate dons a cap and gown and is honored with a reading diploma and free book. Congratulations Mable! Contributed photo.

Thank all you workers at the Hospital for the excellent care.
Thank you friends and families for the calls, cards, food, and help.
I appreciate all the things that you have done.
Thank you; thank you.
Beverly Matteson



THANK YOU

Hillsboro Area Ambulance Service would like to extend a huge thank you to the Hillsboro Charity Tractor Pull, anyone who helped sell tickets or purchased a ticket.

On Thursday, September 14, 2023, Hillsboro Charity Tractor Pull presented Hillsboro Emergency Medical Technicians & Allies with a check for \$20,000. This donation completed our LifePak 15 fundraiser.

Thank you to the community for all of your support.

Vernon County Museum Notes

By KRISTEN PARROTT
curator

The Vernon County Museum and History Center is now on its fall hours of Monday through Friday, 11AM to 4PM, or by appointment. However, please note that we will be closed on Thursday, October 19, and Friday, October 20, so that staff and board members can attend Wisconsin's annual Local History and Historic Preservation Conference, held this year in La Crosse.

Plan to spend an enjoyable few hours driving through beautiful southwestern Vernon County on Saturday, October 28, when the Vernon County Historical Society hosts its next country schoolhouse tour. This self-

guided tour will visit some of the former rural schoolhouses or sites in the southwest of the county. The route begins in Viroqua, heads out on Co. Rd. NN, travels through the hills, valleys, and prairies to the village of Victory on the Mississippi River, then winds back to Viroqua.

Pick up a tour guidebook and map at the museum and history center on Saturday, October 28, between 9AM and 1PM, for a \$10 suggested donation. Then drive the tour of about 15 country schoolhouses and sites, enjoying the scenery and learning about rural architecture. Finish up back in Viroqua. Copies of our book, *Country Schoolhouses of Vernon County, Wisconsin*, are available for sale for \$25

at the history center or online from our website bookstore, and will add interest to your tour.

The Vernon County Historical Society is pleased to announce that Donna Halverson has been selected as the 2023 Volunteer of the Year, and Gigi Macasaet has been chosen for the 2023 Lifetime Achievement award. These two volunteers will be specially honored at our annual dinner, which will be held on Sunday, November 5, at 1PM, in the fellowship hall of the Viroqua United Methodist Church. All of the historical society's volunteers will be honored and thanked at this special event, and new board members will be chosen for the coming year. More details next week.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR


SEPTEMBER 5-OCTOBER 23 Elroy Public Library Scarecrow Contest	Royall Varsity Cross Country Conference Meet@ Cashton 10 A.m.	Bingo, Doors Open 5 P.m., Bingo 6 P.m.
OCTOBER 12 Royall Ms Football @ Cashton 5 P.m.	Wonevoc Area Lions Fall Fest, 5k Run And Vendors 8 A.m. To 4 P.m.	OCTOBER 20 Royall Football Playoffs(Level 1) Tbd
Royall Volleyball Bangor @ Royall 5:45/7 P.M.	Cross Country Conference At Cashton 10 A.m.	Wonevoc American Legion Meal 12 P.m. To 6 P.m.
Royall Ms Volleyball @ Brookwood With Necedah 6 P.m.	Royall Hs Homecoming Dance	OCTOBER 21 Valley Community Center Flea Market Sale 9 A.m. To 2 P.m. Sparta-Melrose-Mindoro Area
OCTOBER 13 Royall's Homecoming Varsity Football Necedah @ Royall 7 P.m.	St. Joe's 5k & 10k Run Walk At Gunderson Hospital Hillsboro 8 A.m.	Whitetails Unlimited Banquet @Log Cabin, N4697 St. Rd 162, Bangor 4:30 P.m. Social, 6 P.m. 2 Meat Meal.
Hillsboro Football Ithaca @ Hillsboro 7 P.m.	OCTOBER 15 Hillsboro Lion's Bingo At Firemen's Community Center Lunch 11:30 A.m. And Bingo At 1 P.m.	Royall Ms Football@ New Lisbon 5 P.m.
W-C/Weston Varsity Football Ithaca @North Crawford 7 P.m.	Wonevoc American Legion Breakfast Brunch 8 A.m. To 1 P.m.	OCTOBER 28 Hillsboro Ms Football @ Royall 5 P.m.
Wonevoc American Legion Meal 12 P.m. To 6 P.m.	OCTOBER 17 Volleyball Regionals (Round 1)Tbd	NOVEMBER 25 Quilt Show At Royall Middle School's Side Gym (Wrestling Gym) Craft Fair Is Cancelled Due To Construction
OCTOBER 14 St. Joes 5k & 10 K Run/Walk	OCTOBER 18 Wonevoc American Legion	

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OBITUARIES

SIDNEY C. SCHROEDER

March 24, 1933 — September 30, 2023

REEDSBURG - Sidney C. Schroeder, age 90, of Reedsburg, WI, formerly of Wonewoc, passed away on Saturday, September 30, 2023 at his home surrounded by his family. He was born on March 24, 1933 in Plum Valley, Woodland Township, in Wonewoc, WI, the son of Paul and Leona (Schmidt) Schroeder. On June 13, 1959, he was united in marriage to Ellen Bruce.



Sidney Schroeder

Sid grew up on the family farm outside of Wonewoc in Plum Valley and graduated from Wonewoc High School in 1950. He met Ellen Bruce at a Hillsboro dance and the rest was history as they started their future together on June 13, 1959. Ellen joined him on the family farm, working beside him and helping to raise their family of three children. He loved his farm, showing constant hard work and dedication. He also loved taking time to play baseball, bowl and, when he outgrew that, it was time to watch his kids play sports, which he never wanted to miss.

Sid and Ellen moved off the family farm in 1992 and started their semi-retirement in Reedsburg. He worked at several places, including Phillips Do It Center and Lands' End, but also made time for him and Ellen to travel overseas and throughout the U.S. He also found with more time he could find more activities to do and joined a great dart ball team and helped grow his beloved neighborhood pool group. He loved his family and enjoyed watching his grandkids and great grandchildren as they

ventured through their sports, games, or other events like plays, concerts and shows at the fair. He loved his church family as well and felt truly blessed to attend the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wonewoc throughout his whole lifetime, where he was baptized, confirmed and then served on various church councils and elder's positions.

Sidney is survived by his wife, Ellen of 64 years; children Bruce (Patricia) Schroeder of Hillsboro, Brent (Lori) Schroeder of Holmen, and Bonni (Michael) Schmitz of Cashton; grandchildren: Belinda (Brandon) Gehri, Bianca (Ryan) Behnke, Palmer (Emma) Schroeder, Kyle Schroeder, Kaitlyn (Joab) Chase, Malachi Schmitz and Bennet Schmitz; eight great grandchildren; siblings: brother Reginald (Joann) Schroeder of Minnesota; sisters-in-law: Arlene (Donald) Obert of Valley, Elaine Lowery of Hillsboro; brother-in-law Jeff Coy of Madison; many nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and granddaughter, Paulina Schroeder.

Funeral services for Sidney will be conducted at 11:30 A.M. on Friday, October 6, 2023 at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Wonewoc with Rev. Peter Snyder officiating. Burial will be made in St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery in Wonewoc. Visitation will be on Thursday, October 5, 2023 from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Farber Funeral Home in Reedsburg, and on Friday at the church from 10:30 A.M. until the time of the service at the church.

The Farber Funeral Home, Reedsburg, is assisting the family.

Farber Funeral Home

VIRGIL O. GEHRI

July 14, 1933 — October 6, 2023

WONEWOC - Virgil Otto Gehri, 90, of Wonewoc, passed away on October 6, 2023. He was born July 14, 1933 in rural Wonewoc to Otto and Mabel (Pagel) Gehri. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church in Wonewoc. Virgil attended St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran School and Wonewoc High School, graduating in 1951.



Virgil Gehri

In 1952, he married Rosie Carpenter; they later divorced. In 1972, he married Vera Breneman. In addition to farming, Virgil worked at several jobs, including Brandli Cheese in Mauston, and Wonewoc-Center Schools as a night janitor. Virgil also drove school bus for 45 years for Wonewoc-Center Schools. Virgil loved classic country music and played accordion in bands for many years, starting with the Wild Rose Trio in 1953, and later with the Black Denim Ramblers.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years Vera, children - Allan (Jennifer) of Wonewoc, David of Tampa, FL, Kathy (Tim) Galvez of St. Peters, MO, Dan (Kristin) of Oshkosh and Calvin (Sarah) of La Crescent, MN; 9 grandchildren - Barron

Gehri, Brandon (Belinda) Gehri, Todd (Heather) Gehri, Ben (Leah) Hovde, Ashley Fenne, Arika Gehri, Morgan Gehri, Brenna Gehri, and Evan Tooley; 9 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great grandchildren; brother John (Audrey); nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Ben (Geraldine), sisters - Fern (Norb) Talg, Violet (Bud) Leist, Joyce (Harry) Stetler, and Janet (Ron) Ott.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, October 13, 2023 at 11:00 AM at St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, 319 S. East Street, Wonewoc. Visitation will be from 9 to 11 AM at the church. Burial will follow the service at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery. A pot-luck luncheon will follow in the church basement.

Instead of flowers memorials can be given to St. Paul's Lutheran School or Elroy Health Services.

The family would like to thank Elroy Health Services for the 16 months of wonderful care and compassion, Gundersen St. Joseph Hospital in Hillsboro and Gundersen Health Services in La Crosse for their care when needed.

The Picha Funeral Home in Wonewoc is assisting, for online information go to www.pichafuneralhomes.com

Picha Funeral Home

Capital Update



Howard Marklein (R - Spring Green)

Over the last several years, the cost of living for most Wisconsinites has increased at unsustainable rates. Every family is managing increasing grocery bills, higher energy costs and more. Wisconsinites need relief from inflation. This is why the State Legislature continues to pass Middle Class Tax Cuts. We want to return your \$4 billion surplus to you.

The State Senate will soon be voting on another Middle Class Tax Cut. This \$2.9 billion tax cut will provide \$772 in tax relief for the average filer. It also creates a

tax-free retirement for older Wisconsinites by exempting \$100,000 of retirement income for single filers and \$150,000 for married-joint filers from being taxed!

You deserve a tax cut. Your costs of living have increased exponentially due to the flood of COVID relief funds that have saturated our economy. Inflation is crushing our checkbooks. The cause: rampant spending at both the Federal and State levels of our government. It needs to stop.

Even when it does stop, your family will still be managing the effects of inflation. Have

you noticed the tremendous jump in prices at the grocery store? Are you paying more for the goods and services you use every day? If you own a business, have you increased your prices to manage your increases in costs?

In just four years, families have experienced an increase of more than 23% for groceries. In 2019, an average family of four spent \$245.90 per week, or \$1,065.30 per month, for groceries. That cost has now inflated to \$302.80 per week, or \$1,311.50 per month, according to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). For more information on the cost of groceries, visit this link: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/cnpp/usda-food-plans-cost-food-monthly-reports>.

Gasoline has also seen dramatic price fluctuations since January 2019. The Midwest cost for a gallon of gas in 2019 was \$2.09, whereas the August 2023 gallon of gas costs \$3.67, according to BLS Beta Labs. For more information, visit this link: <https://beta.bls.gov/dataViewer/view/timeseries/>

The Governor vetoed the Middle Class Tax Cut we included in the most recent state budget. He told us that he didn't want the uppermost bracket to receive a tax cut.

In response, the current Middle Class Tax Cut does not include the top bracket. We are focusing our tax relief on everyone in the third tax

bracket and retirees: the middle class. This includes most taxpayers in the state. The third bracket income ranges are \$36,840 to \$405,550 for married joint filers or \$27,630 to \$304,170 for single filers.

Now, I know that the top end of this bracket looks very high. However, there are many small business owners who fall into this category and they are the economic engines of our communities. Besides, if we are trying to reach the Middle Class, the third tax bracket is where most of you fit. I want to cut your taxes!

When we cut taxes, I often hear people say that the tax cut isn't much. They say, "it's only \$100." But, it is important to note that when we cut taxes, it is for that year and each year ongoing. So, this year, it is \$772. Next year it is an additional \$772 and \$772 each year ongoing. When we cut a tax, it stays cut until it is restored. Our middle class tax cut will keep your money in your pocket.

Providing a tax-free retirement and tax relief to our the middle-class is the best way to provide relief from all of the increases in the costs of living that you are managing every day. It is time for a Middle Class Tax Cut.

As always, please do not hesitate to connect with me to provide input, ideas or to seek assistance. Send an email to sen.marklein@legis.wisconsin.gov or call 608-266-0703. I want to hear from you.



A flock of geese rested their wings here in Hillsboro during their annual migration south for the winter. The honking of geese as they journey to warmer climates is practically synonymous with fall here in Wisconsin. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.

Southeast Monroe County News

by Myrna Fauska



About four weeks ago, I had an episode during the Labor Day celebration and have since been unable to take care of business with this column.

During the past week, I have been almost back to normal (whatever that is) and am slowly becoming more like myself. I have some medical problems that are being addressed and hopefully will be back to my old self soon. In the meantime, now that I have gotten this far in my communicating with my computer, I hope to continue doing this column every week to keep you updated on the life and times of the folks here in southeast Monroe County—at least in this little corner of it!

There are a few tidbits of news that I was able to glean from a couple of neighbors this week. At the end of last month, Ron and Arlene Garvens had a visit by son and daughter-in-law Kurt and Catherine of Barneveld as they were on their way up to Hayward. Then, a week ago, Ron and Arlene returned from a bus trip out east in New York, Vermont, and New Hampshire, culminating in the highlight at Arcadia National Park in Maine.

Up at the west end of the neighborhood, on Saturday, Chip Marty participated in the Dam Challenge at the Kickapoo Valley Reserve. At the youth hunt during the weekend, Brett bagged a nice doe to provide the family with some fresh venison.

A couple of weeks ago, Sally Dana spent a week in Gundersen Hospital in La Crosse and has since been recuperating at home and with family at The Ranch in Johnnycake Hollow. This past Thursday, Lynette Vlasak attended the Ladies Aid at St. John's Lutheran Church in Kendall then stopped in at the Library for a chat with the gals. Lynette and Sally were at the library for "Friends on Friday" and the next day Lynette attended the hymn sing at St. Luke's Historical Church, then went to Dave Woodworth's Car Show before returning home to welcome Lisa Goostree of Baraboo as she came to visit the gals.

What a blessing it is to be able to hold our loved ones along with ourselves up to the Lord in prayer when we are in need and know that He is listening and will heed our requests as He takes care of our needs according to His will. Jesus is the answer for all of our needs and He has been taking good care of me this past month and I think Sally agrees that she also feels His loving arms around her as she suffers this current malady. I am thinking about that old chorus "There is joy in serving Jesus" and even in adversity it brings comfort in the hearts of Christians. I pray you have that joy in your hearts as you travel this sod. Amen.

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BORO BLOCK PARTY



The first-ever Boro Block Party kicked off on Friday, October 6, with a performance by up-and-coming country artist Dan Lepien. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.



Those so inclined could play a few rounds of cornhole while waiting for the evening's musical headliner to take the stage at last Friday's Boro Block Party. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.



Kids could play around in a bounce house or with a few different games during this year's Boro Block Party. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.



The Hillsboro Lions Club sold burgers and brats to Block Partygoers. On the other side of the building, the Hillsboro Fire Department sold beverages for the adults in attendance. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.



Hillsboro grad Erich Mobley (right) performed with his band GYO as one of the musical acts scheduled for this year's Boro Block Party. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.



Crowds filtered in throughout the evening, with the audience area filling up just in time for headliner Chris Kroeze to take the stage. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.



Having performed in Hillsboro earlier this year, Chris Kroeze was excited to return to the area. Kroeze has been building a name for himself in the country music genre since his success on The Voice back in 2018. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.



Hillsboro school board members Mitch McCoic and Mary Jo Onsager pose with a token of the district's appreciation at the October 9 meeting of the Hillsboro School Board. Last week was School Board Appreciation Week, and the Hillsboro School District was happy to show how much it appreciates the work done by the school board. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.

Resources available for those in abusive relationships

Domestic violence, sometimes called intimate partner violence, is more common than one might think. According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 1 in 4 women and 1 in 9 men across the country experience severe physical violence from a partner. But it isn't just the physical, more obvious, violence that abuse victims suffer from. The unseen emotional abuse can be equally as damaging.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and experts at Gunderson Health System say it is an opportunity to grow awareness of a typically silent issue. Silent, because there's still a stigma attached to domestic violence and unfounded myths about it.

"When people think of domestic violence, they think about physical abuse, but there's a lot more to it," said Stephanie Young, a clinical manager for Crime Victim Services at Gunderson Health System. "There's emotional abuse and a lot of power and control in those relationships, so we really want to normalize that this happens for a lot of people so that when someone finds themselves in that situation, they don't feel so much shame about being in that situation."

The goal of any abuser, Young said, is to keep the victim in the relationship, and that could create what's known as the cycle of abuse. It happens after an incident of abuse when the abuser shows a loving side, which reminds the victim of why he or she loves the partner. Then slowly, old habits return, and another abusive incident takes place, which again is followed by a period of remorse. For the victim, that cycle becomes normal in relationships.



Stephanie Young, clinical manager, Crime Victim Services, Gunderson Health System.

"We find that often people who leave an abusive relationship and try to start a new, healthy relationship will struggle because they're so used to that cycle that sometimes they can re-create it in a healthy relationship,"

Young said. Although it might be one's instinct to tell a person to leave an unhealthy relationship to pursue a healthy one somewhere else, Young said that's advice that can do more harm than good. In fact, that "getting out" period is one of the most dangerous times. In Wisconsin, roughly 70 percent of people who are killed in a domestic violence incident have it happen when they leave or shortly thereafter.

"The abuser really wants to have control, and once that person has left, they've lost all control, and that's really when it can become the most violent and dangerous," Young said.

If you know someone in an abusive relationship, the best thing you can do is listen and support them. Create a safety plan with concrete ways you're able to help the person establish safety in their lives. Then gather resources for the person who may eventually need them, should he or she decide to leave the relationship.

If you're looking for help negotiating through an abusive relationship, Gunderson Crime Victims Services hotline is available at (608) 775-5950, as is Great Rivers 2-1-1. Both options can get you connected to services available at Gunderson.

A dual love story for The Farmer's Wife

By TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER
Book Reviewer

Hi ho the dairy-oh. In the old children's song, the farmer's in the dell and lots of things happen. His child takes a dog and the dog takes a cat. Rats appear, and mice arrive. It sounds like dreadful chaos in merry lyrics with a bouncy tune. Fortunately for the poor guy, he makes one decision before he does anything else: he takes a spouse and in "The Farmer's Wife: My Life in Days" by Helen Rebanks, that's a very good thing.

She said she'd never marry a farmer. She was going to leave her parents' home and move to the big city to be an artist. She would paint and sculpt and the world would be hers – but when Helen Rebanks was just a teen, she fell in love with a boy named James whose heart was back on a farm.

And oh, James tried! He followed her from city to city, they took short jaunts and weeks away from their homes in England to various parts of Europe to sample what life had to offer an artist and her man, but he was never comfortable. Being around tall buildings and cafe society felt all wrong for someone who longed for open pastures and newborn lambs.

They argued, but they loved one another and they married.

James took a job nearby, then two of them when their first child was born, but he struggled. She struggled, too: Rebanks was overwhelmed by motherhood, alone and depressed, and felt as though she'd lost the person she knew she was.

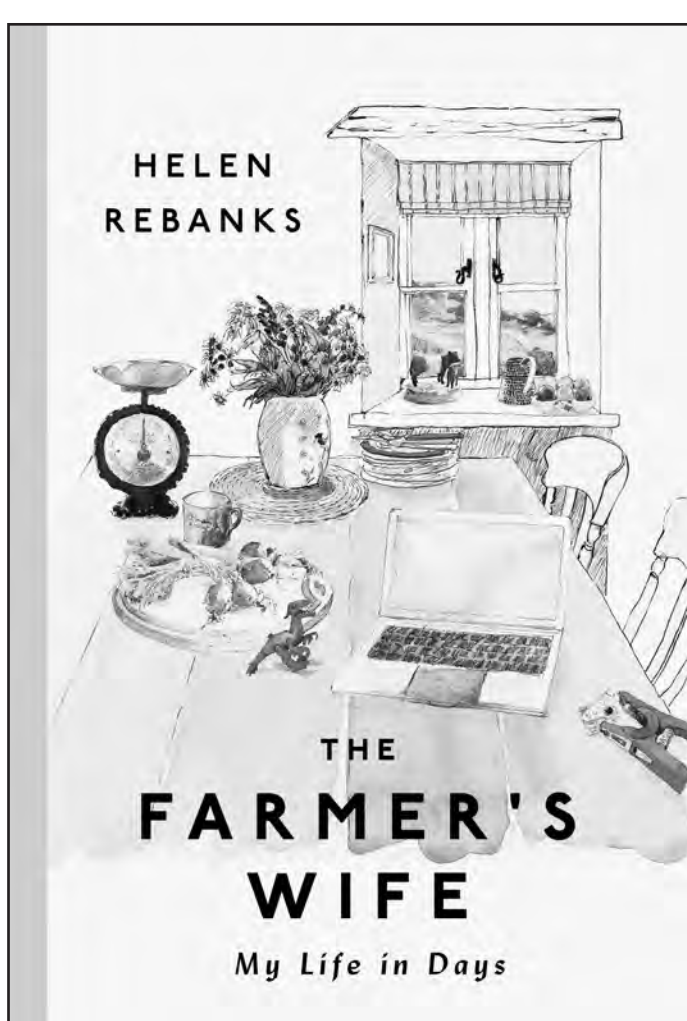
Things were better when the second baby came along, and by then, James' dream of farming had caught fire. He loved the land, and it was contagious but she would have to give up her dreams to make it happen.

They looked into taking the leap.

"There are many ways to live," Rebanks says, "many ways to be a woman. I know lots of women don't want what I want. But this is how I want to live."

Almost always, when you grab a book, you know what kind of book it is. "The Farmer's Wife" will surprise you, though, because it's many things.

First of all, it's a story of author Helen Rebanks' forebears, which is enmeshed with her own memoir. Those tales are of hard lives and hard times, and they're made



In telling the story of her life, author Helen Rebanks unfolds a dual love story—one in which she falls for her husband, and one in which she falls for the land they farm. Contributed photo.

of sandpaper and steel. Then this is a dual love story, to a man and to the land he belongs on, and it was a bit of a battle; no spoilers here, but this part lends excitement to the tale. Then, it's a cookbook: readers will find relevant recipes sprinkled throughout Rebanks' narrative, with more at the end along with meal ideas and tips.

This book is a quiet sunrise with a hot cup of coffee and early birdsong. It's a soft sunset from the door of a barn, stanchions gently clinking behind you. Yep, that's the feeling you get here, reading this book. Hi ho, "The Farmer's Wife" is a book you'll take.



The new Elroy Clinic is coming along, with the outer façade largely completed and contractors turning to work on the interior as the weather begins to cool. Work is expected to be completed on the new facility by the end of the year. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.

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THROUGH MY LENS

Let's adapt to the popularity of volleyball

By **NATE BEIER**
Sports Editor



Are we talking about the ever-growing popularity of volleyball?

This sport is big and only getting bigger, especially here in Wisconsin with our highest level team, the UW Madison squad, performing at as high as a level as it is and has been for a few years.

Right now is the right time to make some changes to how we participate and consume the sport, I think.

The WIAA is adding a fifth division to the sport starting next year. It's actually the only sport that actually warrants another division. Sports like softball and soccer both added divisions within the last few years, though I've seen a big dropoff in softball participation and soccer hasn't really grown much as far as I've seen. The extra divisions have watered down the postseason product to the point where it's almost impossible to want to watch a softball game until the sectional round.

Volleyball has been a different story, though. There has been an increase in club volleyball participation for the last 15 years or more. It's one of the few girls sports that continues to grow and that seems to have a high retention rate across four years of high school play.

Yet, despite all of this growth which, no doubt, has stemmed from the increase in national exposure that we've seen from the Division 1 college level, we still may not be doing enough to push the sport to its zenith at the high school level.

Currently, teams are allowed 15 dates at the high school level. That means, in a league like the Scenic Bluffs, you should be using those 14 of those dates for conference games. That doesn't really give any team much preparation outside of league play, which is why we have a couple doubleheader nights - to give teams extra chances at tournaments where they can play 5-10 matches against a variety of teams instead of just one singular opponent.

Last year the WIAA changed how we do wrestling and, I think, it was infinitely beneficial because it gave kids more chances to compete and compete against equal competition. It gave teams more chances to try individual tournaments or multi-team duals - whichever may be more beneficial to that program.

Basketball has increased its game count to 24, base/softball teams can play up to 26 regular season games.

Yet, in volleyball, a sport that lends itself to these multi-team events more than most other ball sports, we're only allowed 15 dates to play with.

Most teams jump in a couple of early-season tournaments and cross off 10-12 matches in the first couple weeks of the year. That's a great way for a team to figure itself out, to try out rotations, to get into the swing of the season, new personnel and to shake off the rust that may have built up from sitting around in summer.

I've been on record criticizing Wonevoc-Center for wasting a single date at the beginning of the season to play Kickapoo because that match is just that - a single match.

Instead, either team could have turned that into 10 matches by doing a two day tournament (that only counts as one event date, by the way) or into a triangular at a bare minimum, which would give

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VOLLEYBALL HILLSBORO 3 // NECEDAH 0

Hansen passes 1K kill milestone

Young Hillsboro squad nears end of successful regular season

By **ZACH RASTALL**
Assistant Sports Editor

Hillsboro head coach Mark Sullivan concedes that he kept his expectations tempered going into this season given how much youth and inexperience this year's team would have. But by any metric, the Tigers have enjoyed themselves yet another strong season on the volleyball court. Hillsboro (21-8 overall, 9-4 Scenic Bluffs) heads into the tail end of the regular

season riding a four-match winning streak, the latest of which came when the Tigers swept the Necedah Cardinals 25-22, 25-22, 25-18 in their conference clash Tuesday, October 10 in Hillsboro.

Junior Michelyn Hansen had the highlight performance of the night for the Tigers, as she fired in 18 kills to eclipse 1,000 kills for her career. She also added seven assists and six digs.

Other stat leaders for Hillsboro included senior Peyton Sullivan with 11 aces and eight digs, junior Kiana Liska with eight digs and three aces and senior Lexie Thorson with 15 assists.

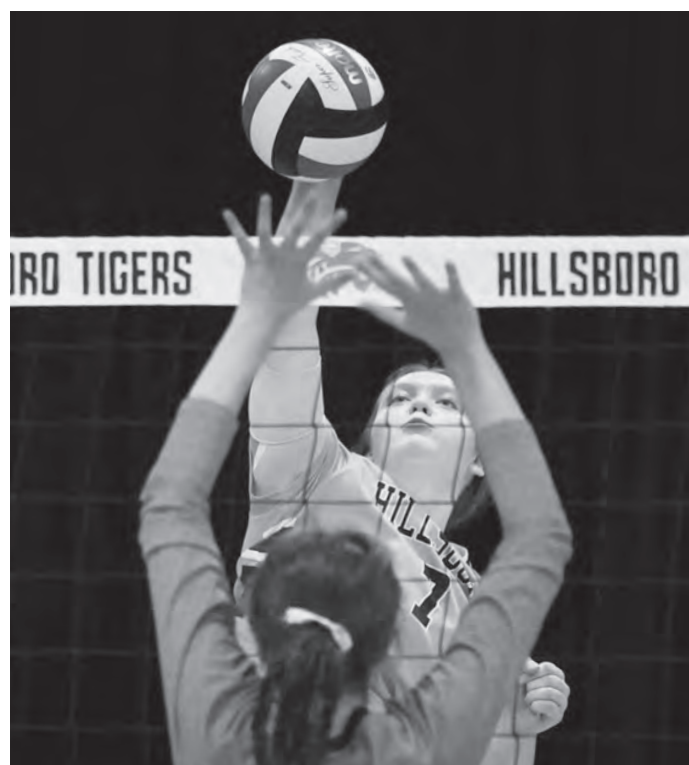
Late last week, the Tigers were the hosts of a Scenic Bluffs double dual on Thursday, October 5, where

they notched a pair of wins. That started with them sweeping Bangor 25-13, 25-20, 25-22.

Hillsboro was led in that win by Hansen with 19 kills, eight digs, eight assists, four aces and three blocks, junior Carmen Erickson with six kills, Peyton Sullivan with 12 digs and three aces, Thorson

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Hillsboro's Michelyn Hansen draws contact with a ball during Tuesday night's conference contest against Necedah in Hillsboro. **HSE photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.**



VOLLEYBALL #2 ROYALL 3 // #7 WONEVOC-CENTER 1

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Bangor's Chase Horstman is spun around as Luther's David Ries tries to finish a tackle on a run during the Cardinals' second possession of Friday's game. **HSE photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.**

DEFENDING CO-CHAMPS BATTLE AGAIN

Royall finishes season sweep of Wonevoc-Center, takes SBC title outright

By **ZACH RASTALL**
Assistant Sports Editor

WONEVOC — Over the past couple of years, there's been no bigger matchup in a strong Scenic Bluffs Conference than the rivalry between Royall and Wonevoc-Center.

Last year, the two teams shared the conference championship and split their regular season meetings, then the Wolves won the playoff rubber match in the regional finals on their way to a second consecutive state tournament appearance.

In 2023, it's been the Panthers who've asserted themselves as the queens of the Scenic Bluffs, with their wins over Wonevoc-Center serving as the key results in the fight for the conference crown.

Royall (27-3 overall, 13-0 Scenic Bluffs) clinched the outright Scenic Bluffs title by overcoming an opening set loss and defeating Wonevoc-Center (23-2, 11-2) in four 22-25, 25-20, 25-11, 25-14 Tuesday, October 10 in Wonevoc.

The first two sets were tight, back-and-forth battles that were ultimately split by both teams.

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WONEVOC-CENTER	25	20	11	14	1
ROYALL	22	25	25	25	3

In the first set, Royall held leads of 17-14 and 18-17, but it was the Wolves who used a final 8-4 run to propel them to a 1-0 lead in match. Wonevoc-Center senior Jaelyn Stowe put an exclamation point on that opening set with a perfectly placed ace in the back court on set point.

The Wolves led by four points on multiple occasions in the second set, but an 8-1 run allowed the Panthers to surge ahead 20-17 and they never trailed again. That late run of excellent play by Royall — in addition to a couple late calls that went against Wonevoc-Center — allowed the Panthers to level the match at 1-1. Sophomore Bria Gruen fired in a kill on set point.

Royall didn't trail at any point in the final two sets en route to a four-set victory that secured another conference championship for the program.

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Royall's Brooklyn Gruen delivers a set during the second set of Tuesday's pivotal SBC match in Wonevoc. **HSE photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.**

WIAA POSTSEASON



Hillsboro Kiana Liska cheers during team introductions on Tuesday, October 10. **HSE photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.**

Volleyball, football postseason brackets coming this week

By **NATE BEIER**
Sports Editor

The path to this year's state championships in both volleyball and football will be clear by the time we put the finishing touches on the upcoming weekend.

The WIAA has been releasing the postseason pairings for volleyball since earlier this week (Hillsboro, Royall and Wonevoc-Center's pairings should be out sometime Thursday, October 12 as the seeding meeting for the regional is Wednesday evening).

FOOTBALL

Friday, October 13 marks the end of the regular season for football. By default, more than 50% of the teams that started the season will hang their pads up one last time following Friday's game.

Hillsboro, however, has qualified for the WIAA postseason and Royall will most likely get in with a win over Necedah later this week.

The exact field of playoff qualifiers will be determined after Friday's games. The WIAA will reveal playoff brackets Saturday, October 14 during their postseason reveal show that morning.

For more information, visit wiaawi.org or scan the qr code below to access the site.



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THROUGH MY LENS

Offseason of uncertainty ahead after familiar playoff exit for Brewers



By ZACH RASTALL Assistant Sports Editor

An unceremonious playoff exit is nothing new for the Milwaukee Brewers.

In each of their last four postseason appearances, the Brewers have failed to advance past the first round and went out with a whimper that left fans feeling frustrated and unfulfilled.

In 2019, it was a 4-3 loss in the NL Wild Card Game to the eventual World Series champion Washington Nationals, who fell behind 3-0 through two innings but eventually came back and jumped ahead when three runs scored in the bottom of the eighth after Milwaukee's Trent Grisham misplayed a single to right.

In the COVID-altered 2020 postseason, the Brewers lost a Wild Card Series 2-0 to the eventual World Series champion Los Angeles Dodgers. In 2021, they grinded out a Game 1 win to open the NLDS, only to lose the next three games to the eventual World Series champion Atlanta Braves.

After missing the playoffs in 2022, the Brewers returned in 2023 on the heels of their third NL Central title since 2018 to host a Wild Card Series. Despite early leads in both games, Milwaukee was swept out of October by the (eventual World Series champion?) Arizona Diamondbacks.

In some ways, it feels like a broken record. Despite frequently boasting one of the best pitching staffs in baseball, the Brewers can't seem to get over the hump this time of year. Untimely injuries and so-so pitching performances at times haven't helped, but it's been their offense that's the main culprit.

Milwaukee is 1-9 in its last 10 playoff games. They've scored a grand total of 17 runs over the stretch. Since Christian Yelich blasted a first-inning solo home run to give the Brewers the early lead at home in Game 7 of the 2018 NLCS against the Dodgers, it's all been downhill in the playoffs.

Only the Dodgers, Astros, Braves, Rays and Yankees have won more games in the regular season than the Brewers since 2018. They've been to the playoffs five times in six years. This is arguably a golden age for the franchise. And yet, the specter of not getting back to the World Series for the first time since 1982 still hangs over it all.

And beyond all that, there's an air of uncertainty that surrounds the club as they head into this offseason.

Craig Counsell, one of the best managers in the MLB, is a free agent and may elect to step aside from managing his hometown team to spend more time following his sons in their college baseball careers. The futures of franchise cornerstones like Corbin Burnes, Willy Adames and Brandon Woodruff are all up in the air. Bob Uecker sounds like he fully intends to be back behind the mic next spring, but he turns 90 in January. The opportunities are running thin to win a World Series while Uecker is still around to call it.

There's plenty to still be excited about with the franchise given how many young players took on big roles this year and with top prospect Jackson Chourio still yet to join the majors. But an era of Brewers baseball could be ending this offseason in more ways than one. If that's the case, this latest playoff debacle will feel like a whole lot more than just another postseason exit to add to the pile.



Hillsboro's Ervin Novacheck wrestles Highland's Cooper Oleson to the ground preventing a first down at the end of the third quarter during Saturday's game. HSE photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

Tigers' bid for RVC title deterred by shutout in Highland

By ZACH RASTALL Assistant Sports Editor

After securing a postseason berth, Hillsboro's next goal was to capture a conference championship. Unfortunately for the Tigers, that dream wasn't quite realized.

The Highland Cardinals (5-3 overall, 5-0 Ridge & Valley) secured their status as the outright Ridge & Valley champions by blanking the Tigers (4-4, 3-2) 29-0 in their conference clash Saturday, October 7 in Highland.

The Cardinals did most of their damage by scoring a trio of first-quarter touchdowns that included senior Darren Laufenberg's seven-yard TD run, sophomore Kaden Washa's 32-yard fumble recovery return for a touchdown and Laufenberg's one-yard TD run.

Laufenberg added a two-yard touchdown run in the second quarter and sophomore Landis Newberry booted a 28-yard field goal in the fourth quarter to finish off the scoring.

The Hillsboro rushing attack put up 116 yards on 35 total carries, with senior Ben Koopman serving as the leading rusher with 37 yards on nine attempts. Senior Tyler Ravenscroft completed 3 of 13 passes for 40 yards and two interceptions. Junior Joseph Cairns was the team's leading receiver with two catches for 28 yards.

On defense for the Tigers, senior Isaiah Stokes recorded 10 total tackles (including nine solo) and sophomore Miles Ravenscroft came down with an interception. Laufenberg led the way for Highland with 120 rushing yards and three touchdowns on 20 carries. Junior Bennett Smith completed 5 of 10



ABOVE Hillsboro's Ben Koopman tries to keep moving ahead while Highland's Landis Newberry finds a piece of jersey to cling to on a run in the fourth quarter of Saturday's game. BELOW Hillsboro's Ryan McCoic ties up with Highland's Jason Johnson at the line of scrimmage during Saturday's game. HSE photos by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

RIDGE AND VALLEY CONFERENCE		
SCHOOL	RVC OVERALL	
Highland	5-0	5-3
Sen/Wauzeka-Steuben	4-1	4-4
Hillsboro	3-2	4-4
Ithaca	3-2	3-5
Iowa-Grant	2-4	2-6
Riverdale	1-4	1-7
Boscobel	0-5	0-8

passes for 57 yards and an interception.

UP NEXT
The Tigers wrap up the regular season portion of their schedule when they welcome in Ithaca (3-5, 3-2) Friday, October 13 at 7 p.m. in Hillsboro. Ithaca defeated Iowa-Grant last week 20-8 to move to 3-3 in the RVC.



schedules the Big Rivers (Eau Claire area large schools) or Cloverbelt (mid-sized Eau Claire area schools) put forth. It's a little odd, but it works. Both leagues produce state-level talent on a yearly basis. Chippewa Falls McDonell, last year's Division 4 state champions, will start the WIAA postseason with 47 matches after Thursday's Cloverbelt Crossover title match this week.

That's ridiculous! But I also applaud it. If you think that's absurd, well, get used to being mediocre. The good teams know the value of playing a variety of competition and the good teams don't really care who they play and if they take losses - as long as they can learn something from it.

However, there's also great value in playing a singular match in prime time. Conference games should probably all be accessible to their communities and starting at a time that plays into that narrative isn't the worst idea.

Remember, the popularity of the sport continues to grow.

We also probably need to look at increasing event allotments for our teams to satisfy the hunger for the sport. Fifteen events may not be enough. I'm also a fan of extending the season another week or two. It's an indoor sport that could easily run deeper into November. There's no reason for basketball to start as early as it does, or run as long as it goes.

I'll take this a step further. If volleyball continues on its trajectory, it'll take over as the most popular girls sport in the next few years. How does basketball fare when it's not the big dog in the yard? I'd argue that girls basketball has lost a ton of firepower in the last decade already and volleyball, both club and school teams, has been a major factor.

Now, I'm not here to necessarily say that all this club ball is good for the sport of volleyball. I actually think the club sport culture has broken high school sports and made our athletes less athletic overall as they focus on trying to be great at one thing instead

of being good at three. That's crippled the growth of certain sports and ultimately, I haven't seen the overall increase in team or sport success to justify all the sport specialization and laser-focus to one singular sport.

That being said, I can't deny that there's something about volleyball that has just appealed to a wide variety of girls. There's an allure that has sucked so many in and, in turn, parents, grandparents and hangers on have followed suit. So, I'll end by saying that if we are on the front end of a shift in how society views its women's sports; if volleyball is really the next big thing and not just a fad, then we really need to look at how we accept it at the high school level. Our girls could use a longer season and more dates to best help grow the product on the court and within their communities.

The popularity of volleyball isn't going anywhere but up, so changing to meet those needs, well, that's an ace of an idea, I think.

Eagles overcome slow start to down Panthers in SBC clash

By ZACH RASTALL Assistant Sports Editor

Royall's bid for a third win that counts toward playoff qualification — which would significantly bolster their chances of making the postseason — will continue onto Week 9 after the Panthers suffered a lopsided loss to the unbeaten Cashton Eagles.

Cashton (8-0 overall, 5-0 Scenic Bluffs) breezed past Royall (4-4, 1-4) 45-6 in their conference matchup Friday, October 6 at Cashton Village Park. With Onalaska Luther suffering its first conference loss of the season in a 31-7 defeat at the hands of Bangor the same night, the Eagles clinched a share of their third straight Scenic Bluffs title.

Cashton senior quarterback Brett Hemmersbach got the only points of the first quarter on a 36-yard touchdown run, then senior Ethan Klinkner added TD runs of 66 and seven yards in the second quarter. Royall cut the deficit to 24-6 at halftime thanks to junior Carter Uppena's two-yard touchdown pass to senior Colin McKittrick.

The Eagles pulled away with three more touchdowns in the second half: Brady Hemmersbach's 15-yard TD pass to senior Noah Hemmersbach and Brady's seven-yard TD run in the third quarter, followed by senior Brett Hemmersbach's one-yard touchdown run early in the fourth.

Royall was led in the rushing game by freshman Jett Bender with 66 yards on 16 carries, McKittrick with 47 yards on 11 attempts and senior Gunnar Wopat with 43 yards on 13 rushes. The Cashton rushing attack countered with Brett Hemmersbach with 195 yards and a touchdown on 26 carries, Klinkner with 83 yards and two touchdowns on six attempts and Brady Hemmersbach with 57 yards and two touchdowns on seven rushes.

UP NEXT
The Panthers close out the regular season by hosting Necedah (0-8, 0-5) Friday, October 13 at 7 p.m. in Elroy.

WONEWOC-CENTER/WESTON 26 KICKAPOO/LA FARGE 20
Wonewoc-Center/Weston (2-5 overall, 1-3 Ridge & Valley-8 West) picked up its second win of the 2023 season and snapped a five-game losing streak by beating Kickapoo/La Farge (1-6, 0-4) 26-20 Friday, October 6 in Viola.

In the loss for Kickapoo/La Farge, senior Hayden Fowell completed 19 of 29 passes for 204 yards, three touchdowns and an interception, junior Evan Wallace hauled in nine catches for 101 yards and three touchdowns and junior Abe Clements ran for 131 yards on 13 carries while also making five receptions for 61 yards.

A scoring breakdown for the game and stats for Wonewoc-Center/Weston were not made available at the time of publication.

UP NEXT
The Silver Wolves end their regular season by playing North Crawford (7-0, 4-0) Friday, October 13 at 4 p.m. in Soldiers Grove.

SCENIC BLUFFS CONFERENCE		
SCHOOL	SBC OVERALL	
Cashton	5-0	8-0
Bangor	4-1	7-1
Luther	4-1	6-2
New Lisbon	3-2	6-2
Royall	1-4	4-4
Brookwood	1-5	2-6
Necedah	0-5	0-8

RIDGE AND VALLEY 8-PLAYER CONFERENCE		
SCHOOL	RVC8 OVERALL	
North Crawford	4-0	7-0
Belmont	3-1	5-2
Wisconsin Heights	2-2	2-4
De Soto	2-2	4-3
Wonewoc-Center/Weston	1-3	2-5
Kickapoo/La Fage	0-4	1-6



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“We worked really hard all summer to be able to put together this team. We have seven really solid players, plus all the other girls that didn’t get the chance to showcase their skills tonight,” said Royall head coach Hailey Brown. “They also play a vital role because all 12, 13 of those girls work hard every single day all summer long. It’s not just starting in August. We start in June.”

The Panthers were led in the win by senior Marah Gruen with 24 kills, 13 digs and four aces, senior Brooklyn Gruen with 40 assists, three kills and three aces, sophomore Ella Schroeder with 20 digs and senior Kasey Jones with 11 kills and 10 digs.

In honor of October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Wonevoc-Center’s National Honor Society held a fundraiser with proceeds going toward the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. The event included a bake sale, and both teams along with an overwhelming majority of fans in the packed gym wore pink in support.

“(Breast cancer) has affected numerous people that I know from both sides,” said Wonevoc-Center head coach Nikki Justman. “It will affect their families and it will affect their daughters that were on the court. That’s a big deal to be like ‘here we are, we’re all in this together’ because we all have a common link that way.”

Prior to Tuesday night’s meeting, both teams earned a pair of wins at conference double duals late last week. Royall swept Necedah 25-18, 25-9, 25-16 and New Lisbon 25-10, 25-12, 25-9 Thursday, October 5 in Cashton.

Against the Cardinals, the Panthers were led by Bria Gruen with 11 kills, five digs and five aces, Marah Gruen with 11 kills, four digs and two blocks and Brooklyn Gruen with 25 assists, six digs, six aces and three kills.

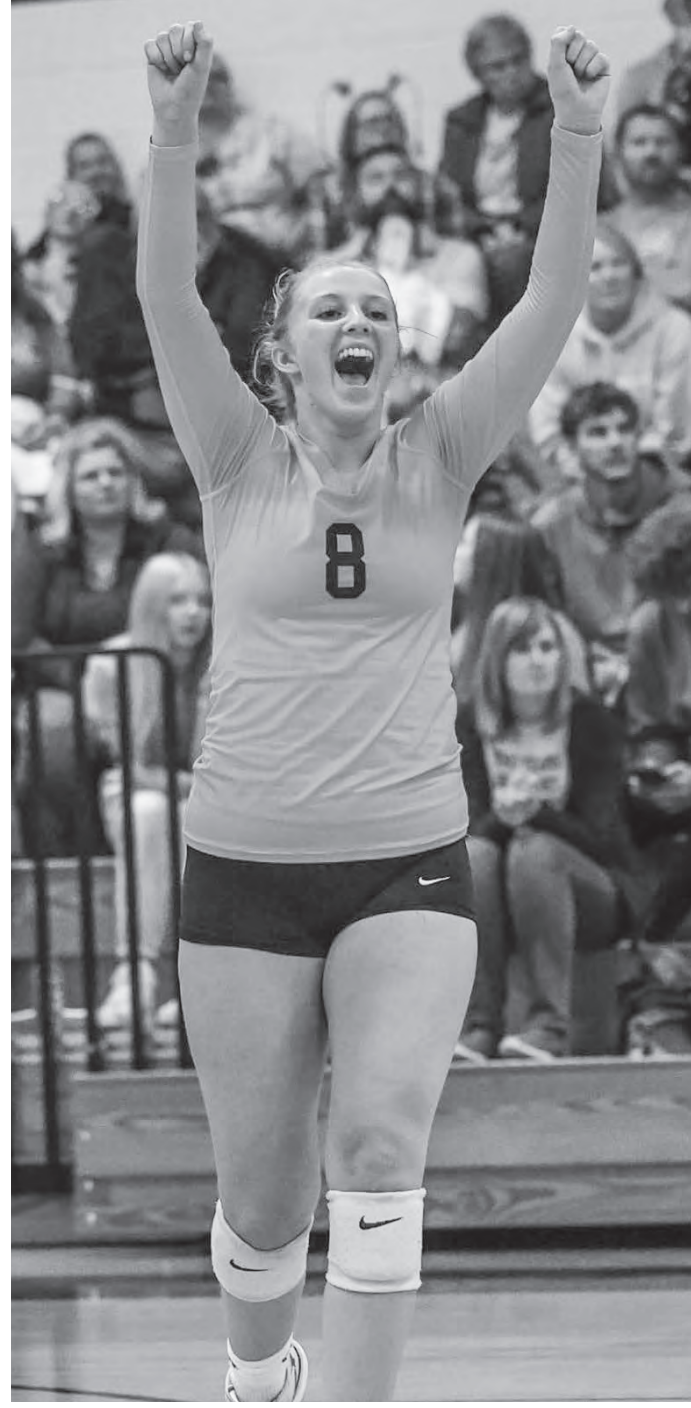
Leading the charge against the Rockets were Marah Gruen with 12 kills, five digs and three aces, Jones with seven kills, six digs and two aces, Bria Gruen with seven kills, eight digs and five aces and Brooklyn Gruen with 26 assists and seven aces.

That same evening, the Wolves swept Brookwood 25-15, 25-8, 25-15 and Bangor 25-14, 25-16, 25-16. Wonevoc-Center’s leaders against the



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- Hailey Brown
Royall head coach



Falcons were senior Kelsey Justman with 14 kills and 15 digs, junior Emma Mildbrand with 10 kills and five blocks, senior Jaelyn Stowe with 37 assists and five aces and senior Estanna Graewin with 10 digs.

Against the Cardinals, the Wolves were guided by Justman with 13 kills, seven digs and three aces, senior Bryn Ertel with nine kills, junior Olivia Olson with three aces, Mildbrand with six blocks, Graewin with 13 digs, junior Brooklynn Bolton with 11 digs and Stowe with 29 assists and six digs.

UP NEXT

To end the regular season, Wonevoc Center hosts Hillsboro and Royall welcomes in Bangor Thursday, October 12 at 7 p.m. Postseason play kicks off with the opening round of regionals Tuesday, October 17.



TOP LEFT Royall’s Marah Gruen snaps an attack around a Wonevoc-Center block on Tuesday, October 11. **MIDDLE** Wonevoc-Center’s Estanna Graewin lunges to her left to make a play on a ball during the second set of Tuesday’s match with Royall. **TOP RIGHT** Royall’s Gracie Stanek cheers on as the Panthers pull closer to match point during the fourth set. **BOTTOM** Wonevoc-Center’s Alik Grigorev tries to rally the home crowd by leading the Wolves’ fans in the wave during a timeout in Tuesday’s match with Royall. **HSE photos by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.**



Hillsboro fans created a “Countdown to 1,000 Kills” board for Michelyn Hansen. Leading into Tuesday night’s game, Hansen had more than a dozen kills left to reach the milestone. **HSE photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.**

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with 17 assists and seven digs, sophomore Lauren Woiron with 11 digs and freshman Harper Sullivan with 10 digs.

In their second match of the evening, the Tigers outlasted Brookwood in five sets 25-16, 21-25, 25-21, 22-25, 15-13. Hillsboro’s stat leaders included Hansen with 31 kills, 16 digs, eight aces, eight

assists and four blocks, Peyton Sullivan with 30 digs and six aces, Harper Sullivan with 19 digs and Thorson with 25 assists.

With a team that their head coach characterizes as one with strong serving and scrappy defense — though he points to a low hitting percentage and inconsistent play as areas with room for improvement — the young Tigers enter their final match of the regular season

knowing they can do no worse than a tie for third place in the final Scenic Bluffs standings.

“Michelyn Hansen is a dynamic offensive weapon and an exceptional setter. Peyton has had a great defensive year as well,” Mark Sullivan said. “Michelyn eclipsed 1,000 career kills as a junior and Peyton cleared 1,000 career digs earlier this year. They are both strong all-conference players. Several of the younger

players are getting valuable experience and progressing. Will be exciting to see their progress next year.”

UP NEXT

Hillsboro ends the regular season by playing at Wonevoc-Center Thursday, October 12 at 7 p.m. in Wonevoc. Postseason play begins with the opening round+ of regionals Tuesday, October 17.

CROSS COUNTRY

Gruen, Field finish in top 10 at Riverdale

By **ZACH RASTALL**
Assistant Sports Editor

In their final race before the conference meet, both senior Marah Gruen and freshman Katie Field put together top-10 performances for Royall/Wonevoc-Center.

Gruen (19:42.0) placed fifth and Field (19:51.4) was right behind her in sixth in the girls’ 5,000-meter race at the 2023 Riverdale Invitational Saturday, October 7 in Muscoda. Finishing ahead of them were Boscobel junior Nora Jillson (18:45.1) in first, Boscobel senior Aleya Kliesner (19:16.3) in second, Richland Center/Ithaca senior Kaylee Peterson (19:30.7) in third and Westby sophomore Elizabeth Curtis (19:38.7) in fourth.

Also running for Royall/Wonevoc-Center were junior Izzy Field (23:53.6) in 67th and senior Bridget Totzke (26:03.8) in 94th. Competing for Hillsboro were senior Kristianna Britzke (26:17.0) in 95th and freshman Brooke Rohn (27:15.1) in 107th.

The girls’ team standings featured Lancaster (48 points) in first, Boscobel (66 points) in second and Westby (123 points) in third.

On the boys’ side, Hillsboro accrued 333 points to finish in 14th in the team standings. Richland Center/Ithaca (36 points) placed first as a team, Boscobel (101 points) was

back in second and Reedsburg (125 points) finished in third.

The Tigers were led by senior Sawyer Postel (18:50.0) in 38th, senior Alexander McDonough (20:05.3) in 75th, sophomore Zachary Morren (20:45.4) in 90th, freshman Dominic Kirkpatrick (20:53.4) in 96th and freshman Shaun Luenberg (21:00.6) in 91st.

Also running for Hillsboro were sophomore Abner Scheder (21:06.0), junior Reed Urban (21:48.0), junior Quinn Scheder (23:36.8), freshman Brett Salisbury (25:13.7), sophomore Ian Anderson (25:40.8) and senior Joey Daniels (31:41.4).

Competing in the boys’ 5,000-meter race for Royall/Wonevoc-Center were sophomore Travis Wehman (20:51.7) in 94th and freshman Jackson Preuss (22:49.5) in 125th.

The top five in the individual standings were Southwestern/Cuba City/Benton junior Noah Wood (16:42.8) in first, Boscobel senior Gabe Davis (16:44.3) in second and then a trio of Richland Center/Ithaca runners: senior Malachi Fretz (17:00.5) in third, sophomore Ryan Stadler (17:15.0) in fourth and sophomore Clayton Lee (17:20.9) in fifth.

UP NEXT

The 2023 Scenic Bluffs Conference Meet will be held Saturday, October 14 starting at 10 a.m. in Cashton.



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Hillsboro's Class of 1966 hosted their annual reunion over the weekend. Pictured, left to right: (back row) Twig Hagenah, Sharon Sonnenberg, Steve Daines, Tony Fronk, Wayne Mattison, Connie Benish, Jerry Buchal, Roger Sterba, (middle row) Donna Schneider, Arlene Daines, Sandy Fronk, Cathy Eder, Bob Eder, Dave Olson, Wes Hansbery, Darrow Novy, (front row) Sue Diny, Virginia Owens, Monica Rynes, and Marsha Stanek. Contributed photo.

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Listening to a Boundary Waters Night

Wind whooshed through the pines and spruces who bristled across the spine of our rocky point like quills on a porcupine. I snuggled more deeply into my sleeping bag. The day had been gusty, our paddling fierce and steady against whitecaps, with white lines of foam streaming down the lakes. Once the sun rose again, we'd be paddling upwind into a three-and-a-half mile fetch. Would the breeze slacken or strengthen overnight? I tensed at each gust and relaxed in the quiet, trying to foretell the future.

You would think that after 25 years of paddling in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, I'd be pretty good at sleeping in a tent up there. But no, I often find myself listening in the dark. Sometimes the vigilance is because I'm responsible for the safety of a group. Other times it's just a by-product of a sore back or snoring neighbor. Cracks of thunder and howling winds are the only sounds that truly carry a measure of risk. But even quiet nights find me lying awake. It's not all bad.

During a pause in the wind, the faint rasp of gnawing teeth slipped through the thin nylon walls of my tent. Micro-bears (mice) might not be dangerous, but they do have the potential to ruin gear or my treasured bag of gorp. I opened my eyes in the darkness and tried to imagine the campsite layout. Was the sound coming from our food pack, hung high in a white pine tree away from regular bears? Or was it coming from under the rain tarp, where a few items of gear were avoiding the off-and-on drizzle of the evening? Then my tent-mate's bladder chimed in on the problem. When they started undoing the series of zippers – there is no silent way to open all of those zippers! – between them and night air, I decided that I might as well get up, too, and take care of a couple of sleep deterrents at once.

Relieved, I determined that the gnawing was definitely not coming from within our campsite. In fact, it seemed to be coming from across a small bay. Sound travels astoundingly well over water, but still, those had to be big teeth to make a sound that would carry. I smiled at several memories of hearing this same sound at different campsites – beaver!

Since we were up, and the moon was up, and the wind was down, we grabbed jackets and headlamps and made our way down to the point. This slightly sloping spit of rock on Winchell Lake, with its level landings and artistically disheveled jack pine trees, is the foundation of one of the most desired campsites in the Boundary Waters. When I worked for the Forest Service in this area, we never saw this campsite empty during the height of summer. This afternoon it had been our reward for braving the wind and rain when almost no one

Natural Connections

By Emily Stone

Naturalist and Education Director at Cable Natural History Museum



else did.

We spoke in whispers while slipping the canoe into the water. The moon played peekaboo with the clouds as we turned into the bay and paddled toward the dark shadows of the trees. Then we paused to listen. Paddles dripped. Waves lapped gently against Kevlar. And there it was: a rough and rhythmic gnawing from the far shore. We paddled a few strokes closer.

Splash! Shriek! Laughter.

I'd been expecting a beaver to slap their tail at us, warning their family that something suspicious was afoot. I'd been trying to brace for it. But when the noise actually came it startled an embarrassing noise out of me all the same, and I shook with mirth in the dark. Four more splashes, conducted in surround-sound, told me that we'd probably disturbed this family of beavers enough for one night.

After the screech of zippers, the rustle of sleeping bags, and the hiss of breathing subsided, my ears again found the rasp of beaver teeth on wood cutting through the night air. Now, because I knew our food and gear were safe, the sound was soothing and familiar. Darkness began to seep behind my eyelids, too, and quiet the synapses that kept me awake.

I wonder if Sigurd Olson, champion of wilderness, once slept at this campsite? If he travelled through Winchell, he surely did. A bit of wisdom from his book Reflections from the North County, filtered through my drifting memory: "If we can somehow retain places where we can always sense the mystery of the unknown, our lives will be richer."

Chiiiiirrrrr!

A single, loud noise rang through the dark. My eyes popped open. "I don't know what that was," I whispered into the tent, not very much liking what this mystery of the unknown suddenly added to my life.

But that's a story for next week.

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Selina, the pups and her dad do a lot of exploring when they duck hunt on the Mississippi River.

Mississippi River Duck Hunt 2023



An Outdoorsman's Journal

By Mark Walters

Hello friends,

You know that you may have some grey hairs on your head, if any hairs, if you are returning for an annual duck hunt that you first did 52 duck seasons ago. This year there would be 15 duck hunters and 2 fishermen on our annual pilgrimage to an island on the Mississippi River near Ferryville. At least for me, it is the most gear oriented and exhausting way I know of to spend 3 days in my year of trips.

A long boat ride to an island by myself and within 3 hours there would be 17 of us including my daughter Selina who does this trip every year but will not miss a class at UWSP. My dad, the late Robert Walters was the founder of this trip and for most of the guys, Selina is the only female, this is a cannot miss kind of adventure. I would call the feeling for everyone, both at campfire time and our duck hunts, "electric".

One time over the course of the night I looked at 8 kids jaw jacking that are between the age of 16 and 32 and realized that they all went to Necedah High School. My stepsons Travis and Joey Dushek do not miss this expedition, we have a duck contest and quite often Trav or Joey wins it.

So warm you can be sitting in a canoe, in the dark and not be chilled at all. Selina, I, Ruby, and her pup Red had to paddle about a mile to where we would watch night become day. Kind of bad luck greeted



Of the 17 people camped on an island on the Mississippi River, 8 of them graduated from Necedah High School.

us when there were other hunters in our area. Neither of us gets overly concerned about these things, but in the end, we were cut off for much of our potential shooting.

I did get one drake wood duck which Ruby found but did not retrieve all the way to me. This is new to Ruby, and she is excellent at marking dropped ducks and always finding them, but it is a bummer when she is swimming back to the canoe and drops them 20 feet away.

Late in the morning Selina and I went exploring and found what would be an epic spot to hunt the rest of the weekend. I do have to mention, I rarely cook in my canoe but today we were going to have a breakfast fit for a king, that is until I realized I had forgot a lighter.

This afternoon I witnessed Selina really get a grasp on dropping ducks with her 11/87. She ended up with 3 drake wood ducks, I ended the day with my limit of woodies and a teal. Red is learning to figure out where the dropped birds are. Tonight, just like last night, 17 people that are all like family had a perfect



Selina Walters and her pup Red enjoying their duck hunt on the Mississippi River near Ferryville.

campfire kind of night.

Selina and I stand in shallow water next to our canoe and watch the sky. Ruby is so into duck hunting that at the age of 7 she stands in the water and sleeps. In short, I try to get her into the canoe to sleep but she insists on staying in the water. Selina and I dropped 6 ducks this morning and did not lose a one.

When our morning hunt was over, we paddled back to camp, everyone else had broken their camp and were leaving. Selina and I got our

cots out of the tent and we both took a first-rate siesta.

When our gang is referring to this trip it is always called "The Mississippi." It is total exhaustion, sometimes not enough or good enough shooting or dog work. The Mississippi is a 110 PERCENT ADDICTION TO RETURNING THE NEXT YEAR.

Will return each year, until I can't. **Sunset**

MEETINGS

■The Opioid Prevention and Abatement Steering Committee will meet on Monday, October 16, 2023 at 3:30pm at the Vernon County Board room.

■The Conservation & Education Committee will meet on Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 9:30am at Sidie

Hollow County Park-New Shop.

■The Vernon County General Government Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 2:15pm at the Vernon County Board room.

■The Vernon County Local Emergency Planning Committee will meet on

Monday, October 16, 2023 at 1:00pm at the Vernon County Board Room.

■The Vernon County Department of Human Services and the Department of Veterans Services Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 9:30am at the Erlandson Building.

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October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month,

an annual campaign to raise awareness of breast cancer risks, the value of screening and early detection, and treatment options available to women and men who are diagnosed with one of the many forms of breast cancer. More than 249,000 people in the United States are diagnosed with invasive breast cancer every year, and nearly 41,000 die from the disease.

October is national breast cancer awareness month

Other than skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer among American women. Getting mammograms regularly can lower the risk of dying from breast cancer. The United States Preventive Services Task Force recommends that if you are 50 to 74 years old, be sure to have a screening mammogram every two years. If you are 40 to 49 years old, talk to your doctor about when to start and how often to get a screening mammogram.

What Are the Symptoms?

There are different symptoms of breast cancer, and some people have no symptoms at all. Symptoms can include any change in the size or the shape of the breast, pain in any area of the breast, nipple discharge other than breast milk (including blood), and a new lump in the breast or underarm. If you have any signs that worry you, see your doctor right away.

How Can I Lower My Risk?

The main factors that influence your risk for breast cancer include being a woman, being older (most breast cancers are found in women who are 50 years old or older), and having changes in your breast cancer genes (BRCA1 and BRCA2). Most women who get breast cancer have no known risk factors and no history of the disease in their families. There are things you can do to help lower your breast cancer risk. The Know:BRCA tool can help you assess your risk of having changes in your BRCA genes.

Although breast cancer screening cannot prevent breast cancer, it can help find breast cancer early, when it is easier to treat. Talk to your doctor about which breast cancer screening tests are right for you, and when you should have them.

Fast Facts About Breast Cancer

- Each year in the United States, more than 200,000 women get breast cancer and more than 40,000 women die from the disease.
- Men also get breast cancer, but it is not very common. Less than 1% of breast cancers occur in men.
- Most breast cancers are found in women who are 50 years old or older, but breast cancer also affects younger women. About 10% of all new cases of breast cancer in the United States are found in women younger than 45 years of age.



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On Wednesday, October 4, Mary Brand of Wisconsin Dells was traveling westbound on US Highway 14 in the town of Viroqua and struck a deer. Brand did not report any injuries. The vehicle was towed due to disabling damage.

Also on Wednesday, October 4, a deputy located a herd of Angus cows out on County Road B in the town of Jefferson. The deputy located the owners, who were searching for the cattle. The cattle were returned to the pasture.

Additionally on Wednesday, October 4, a deputy conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle on State Highway 35 in the town of Genoa. The driver of the vehicle was arrested for Ignition Interlock Device Tampering and Operating After Revocation. She was booked into the Vernon County Detention Center.

On Thursday, October 5, Zachary Servais of Stoddard was driving a tractor and pulling

a silage cart westbound on US Highway 14, town of Hamburg. Servais tried to make a left turn and did not see a vehicle driven by Jennifer Snyder of Westby passing him. The tractor struck Snyder's vehicle. It should be noted Snyder was passing in a legal passing zone, and the left blinker on the trailer did not work. Neither Servais nor Snyder reported any injuries. The tractor sustained minor damage while Snyder's vehicle was towed due to disabling damage.

Also on Thursday, October 5, Loren Bannister of De Soto was traveling eastbound on Buckeye Ridge Road in the town of Webster. Bannister came to the stop sign at the intersection with County Road D, where a semi-tractor trailer was parked on the shoulder of the southbound lane of the road blocking Bannister's view of northbound traffic. Bannister pulled into the intersection and was struck by a vehicle driven by Benjamin Ashley-Kappler of La Farge. Neither driver reported any injuries. Both vehicles received functional damage.

Additionally on Thursday, October 5, Kent Hebel of Westby struck a deer while driving

westbound on State Highway 56 in the town of Harmony. Hebel had no apparent injury. The vehicle was towed due to disabling damage.

Also on Thursday, October 5, the sheriff's office received a call of a domestic incident in progress on State Highway 82 in the town of Viroqua. The offender left the residence prior to the deputies arriving. The male eventually returned to the residence and was arrested for Disorderly Conduct, Operating After Revocation, Resisting or Obstructing an Officer, and Battery to Law Enforcement Officers.

On Friday, October 6, Richard Schelbe of Onalaska was driving northbound on State Highway 35 in the town of Genoa and struck a deer. Schelbe did not report any injuries. The vehicle was towed due to disabling damage.

In the past week, the Vernon County Sheriff's Office has handled 461 calls for service and seen 10 admissions into the county jail. The Sheriff's Office would also like to remind the community that if you have information on the events listed in this report, or on any crimes, to call Crime Stoppers at (608) 637-8477 or at 1-800-657-6868.

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Fall Harvest FESTIVAL



Who doesn't love a corn maze in the fall? The Burr Wesleyan Church were able to have one at their Fall Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 7, thanks to the generosity of a neighboring farmer. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.



Bonfires are a Wisconsin tradition at pretty much any point of the year, but there's nothing like a good bonfire to ward off the chill of fall! Folks attending this year's Fall Harvest Festival at the Burr Wesleyan Church could gather and chat around the fire. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.



Attendees at this year's Fall Harvest Festival at the Burr Wesleyan Church could enjoy a hot meal between activities, ranging from a corn maze to hayrides to games such as mini golf. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.



Hillsboro Middle School students Lila Johnson (left), Hayley Berg (center), and Nicole Vesbach (right) were selected as this year's winners for the Hillsboro Lions' annual Peace Poster Contest. The three girls based their art pieces off of this year's theme, 'Dare to Dream.' Johnson's piece took first place, meaning that her artwork will advance to the district competition level next month. Berg and Vesbach took second and third respectively. Congratulations to these young artists! Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.



Gundersen St. Joseph's saw good turnout for the first of their three fall drive-thru clinics. Those who attended could receive their flu shot, bolstering their immunity against the flu strains identified as the most likely to be prevalent this season. A second clinic will take place at the Wonewoc clinic on October 21, from 8am until noon. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.

Author panel set for October Library Drop-In

By NICOLETTE NAUMAN
Sentry-Enterprise Editor

The Hillsboro Public Library will be hosting its October edition of its monthly Library Drop-In series, sponsored by the Friends of the Hillsboro Library. The series covers a wide variety of topics, from historical lectures to musical presentations.

This month, the focus will be on five authors, several of them local to the Hillsboro area. The panel will discuss the writing process, from writing itself to experiences with publication. Those slated to be on the panel include Antonio Galarza, Amy Laundrie, Tom Martish, Bob Potter, and Lisa Lickel.

Galarza began his foray into the world of writing a couple years ago, achieving success with his Division of Global

Magic Affairs (D.O.G.M.A.) series. He credits his writing career to the interest in storytelling he developed as a teenager.

Currently, he has released his first installment to his D.O.G.M.A. series, *Warlocks & Sorceresses: The Timeless Grimoire*, and the second installment, *Warlocks & Sorceresses: A Celestial Misfit*, is expected to be released by the end of this year.

"Since publishing my first book, I learned the path of a writer is not the end, but the journey," says Galarza.

Laundrie published her first book back in 1990, though her journey as a writer began when she was just three years old.

"I loved to imagine that I found little people in the woods," says Laundrie. "I'd bring them into my bedroom

where they lived in my dollhouse."

Laundrie has written and published a variety of works, from children's books to young adult titles and even a few compilation titles. She has spoken at the Hillsboro Library before, on several of her children's books including her *Follow Me* titles.

Martish is a local singer-songwriter, often spotted at Let's Shine here in Hillsboro. He'll be discussing his collection of songs, poetry, and prose, which he's compiled into *Wisdumb*.

"I started writing in the 1960s," says Martish. "Words can make people feel at first offended then laugh when they see the contradictions. It doesn't matter if those words are poetry, prose, or song, the best way to learn loving and learning is to be entertained

into it."

Among Martish's most recent appearances were a musical tribute to Let's Shine that he performed before last month's Library Drop-In, which featured Marnie Hofmeister-Pooley speaking on her experiences as a female entrepreneur building a business in a small community.

Potter describes his goal in writing as "[promoting] positive communication and understanding among people." He has had pieces published in the Driftless-focused journal *Driftless Now* and has written fiction and nonfiction alike focused on Germany, taking inspiration from his time spent there as part of the U.S. Army during the Cold War.

Along with being an author herself, Lickel is the director of the Wisconsin Writers Association Press as well as

the editor for the Creative Wisconsin magazine. She will be facilitating the panel, as well as providing her own insights.

Lickel enjoys the opportunities her work provides her to meet with authors and help them in achieving their literary dreams and goals—such as seeing their name in print! For her, there is little more rewarding than encouraging writers of all skill levels. As this year features the 75th anniversary of the Wisconsin Writers Association, it seems fitting to participate and facilitate a panel focused on writing and authorship.

October's Drop-In event will take place on Thursday, October 19, beginning at 6:30P.M. and will be located, as usual, in the Hillsboro Library's community room.

All five authors will discuss their work, their process, and what they've learned along the way. Those who attend are, as always, welcome to ask questions.

If you are interested in what it takes to become an author, and the processes involved, this month's Library Drop-In is tailor-made just for you!

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