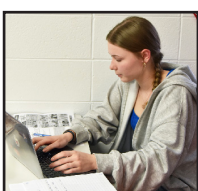


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# Family Tee Time



Carter Smith

The 2024 Milton High School golf season is a family matter. Father and coach Kirk Wieland gets to finally lead his two boys Brett

Wieland, a senior 4 year varsity golfer and UW Green Bay commit, and Kade Wieland, a freshman varsity golfer, into the most anticipated season for the Wieland family. "I think it will be a very special season, we have been waiting for this for a long time - especially my dad he has been waiting," Brett said.

This is not luck that all three have made it to the varsity level for the 2024 spring season. Kirk played D1 golf at UW Madison, and met his wife Andrea Wieland, who also played D1 golf at UW Madison. Andrea was the Milton High School girls golf head coach for a few years before taking the head golf coach job at UW Whitewater, where she has had extreme success.

After college they took over Andrea's parents' well-known golf course in Milton Wisconsin called Oak Ridge. This is where the two boys grew up, and their love for golf was born.

Both Brett and Kade have spent almost every day as soon as the golf course opens perfecting their game. The boys have done charities where they golf up to 100 holes in a day and also suffer from the worst tan lines one has

ever seen.

However, all of this has been in preparation for this season. "I have been hitting balls my entire life and last summer I participated in PGA junior league, practicing playing in a team environment," Kade said.

For Brett, since the course closed for the winter he has been training, hitting balls 5 times a week getting ready not only for this season, but also for his freshman season at UW Green Bay.

The offseason training is not the only factor this year for the Red Hawks golf team. "We will be as good as our senior leadership," Kirk said when asked about his season predictions.

Not being ranked very high to start the season does not scare them. "I hope we can surprise some people, a lot of people are not counting us very high to start the season and we need to be playing our best golf in playoffs," Brett said.

One of the biggest questions when it comes to playing with your sibling is how well will they work together. Kade seems to think that it will be nothing but positive. "It will be very fun and it will make it easier that my brother is on the team as well."

Sometimes coaching a kid can be tough, but it is a once in a life time opportunity. "It's going to be great, because it is always going to be fun to coach a kid, they are both strong golfers if they can use

## Family Golf Match

With the upcoming golf season coming into full swing, students were asked who would win in a family golf match. 70 of the surveyors knew about the Wielands, the results are posted below.



- Brett (Senior) - 24 Votes
- Kirk (Dad and Coach) - 20 Votes
- Andrea (Mom) - 13 Votes
- Kade (Freshman) - 13 Votes

the brotherly rivalry against each other," Kirk said. "It will be a bit more expensive to eat after the meets now."

The season is not going to be easy, there are going to be some challenges that Coach Wieland expects to encounter. "The biggest challenge for me is that I can't be with many people at one time, I'll do my best to walk with the kids who gain the most from me being with them. There is an internal battle of watching the kids versus coaching the kids," said Kirk

All in all, one could say that the Wieland family is ready and prepared for the season to begin, and they now have the opportunity to play together for the first time ever. "They always compete in the

summers, since they have never really been on the same team, this is the first time they are together," Coach Wieland said. "They need to realize that when one beats another it will only be helpful to the team, because we are ultimately aiming for a lower score."

The maturity that the boys will need to have this season is vital to their success.

There is no doubt that the family is ultra competitive and the question of who is the best golfer is a frequent but difficult question. "If you ask 4 different people you will get 4 different answers. I will just say that I hope it is one of the boys come May 21st, tournament time." Kirk said.

# Introducing the Woodman's Sport and Convention Center



Damari Tello

The new Woodman's Sports & Convention Center has been a topic of discussion for several years in Janesville.

From initial proposals to the start of construction, the center is on track to be completed by spring 2025. This project marks a significant investment in Janesville and its surrounding areas.

Sponsored by both public and private funding, the 136,000-square-foot center will house various facilities, including an ice rink, indoor courts, and a convention room.

Proposals for the center began in 2019 but gained momentum when the Sears building was sold to the city of Janesville in 2022.

Board meetings were convened to discuss the essential features of the facility.

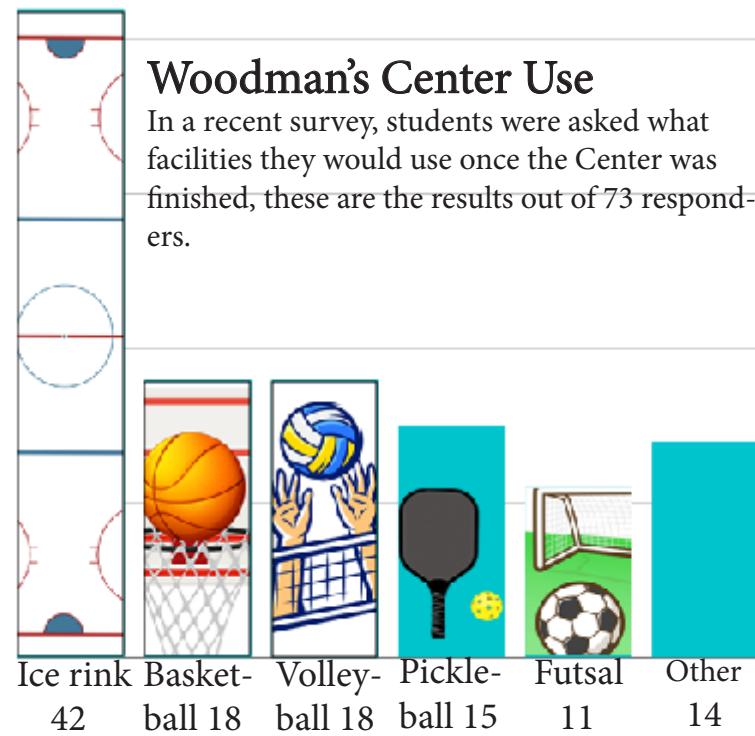
Among the board members was Athletic Director Jeffery

Spiwak, who passionately advocated for the center. "I've attended numerous meetings over the past couple of years, along with the Milton Boy's hockey coach," Spiwak said.

Spiwak emphasized the importance of the center, particularly for the hockey team, which currently practices and plays in Stoughton, a 25-minute drive away. "Having the center means we will have a more accessible facility for our hockey players," Spiwak said.

Another vocal advocate for the center was senior Hannah Chady, who has been involved in hockey since childhood and actively participated in the meetings. "I shared my experiences in hockey, and I even managed to convince two individuals who were initially against the center to vote yes," Chady said.

Although Chady is not a part of the Janesville Fury team, she volunteers for the youth hockey



## Woodman's Center Use

In a recent survey, students were asked what facilities they would use once the Center was finished, these are the results out of 73 respondents.

program.

Drawing from her own experiences at the Janesville Ice Arena, Chady highlighted the limitations of the current facilities. "It's small,

old, and always booked; practices would often be scheduled as early as 6 a.m. for us," she explained.

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Days Until

Summer Vacation



# Global Connections: Jule's Experience as an Exchange Student



Madison Deuel

For at least 40 years, Milton High School has opened its doors to students from around the globe through its esteemed Foreign Exchange Student Program.

At the heart of this initiative lies the transformative experiences of individuals like Jule Esslinger, a spirited young woman from Ludwigsburg, a city in southwestern Germany, located in the state of Baden-Württemberg.

Ludwigsburg is known for its baroque architecture, historical landmarks, and its renowned Ludwigsburg Palace, which is one of the largest Baroque palaces in Germany.

Her journey exemplifies the program's commitment to cultural exchange and personal growth. Originating from Germany, on December 29, Esslinger embarked on a remarkable journey as an exchange student at Milton High School, guided by her passion for exploration and cultural immersion.

Esslinger started school right around the second trimester and is staying until the end of the year when she will make her departure back to Germany on June 9.

Leaving behind her family, including her twin brother Kalle and parents Sabine and Jan, Esslinger embraced the opportunity to live with her host family, the Ocasio Hernaiz's, in Milton.

The Ocasio Hernaiz's have a daughter who is a freshman at Milton High School, Sofia Ocasio Hernaiz's.

Esslinger and Ocasio Hernaiz have become close, just like real sisters.

"Having an exchange student has been amazing, since I'm technically an only child she's almost become like a sister to me," Ocasio Hernaiz said.

Through this decision, she cultivated connections that surpassed geographical boundaries.

"The small talk is really a big thing here, which we just don't do like that back in Germany. It's one of those subtle differences that really stood out to me," Esslinger said.

"It's different things a lot of people probably don't even realize

for example that you get like free refills in a restaurant so you don't have to pay every single time or that the small talk is really a big thing which we just don't do like that back in Germany," Esslinger said.

Through each interaction, Esslinger has gained a deeper understanding of American society while sharing the story of her homeland, inspiring respect and curiosity among her peers.

"I love learning about the different customs in Germany, some of their sayings, food, etc," Ocasio Hernaiz said.

"I feel like a big thing for me is that I always thought I had to rely a lot on certain people, but I realized that I am good with a lot of things by myself, and I don't always need someone by me," Esslinger said.

Despite the initial challenges of adjusting to a new environment and language, Esslinger's resilience shone through as she navigated the halls of Milton High School with grace and determination.

"But I would definitely say sometimes the language barrier if like people talk really fast or quiet I have trouble understanding what they're saying or if they use words and they have to explain the whole thing to me that's pretty annoying I feel like but also from my side when I can think of any words, or I have to search them up before," Esslinger said.

Esslinger has been learning English since first grade. She speaks beautifully and fluently and never ceases to impress the people around her.

"Being an exchange student is scary at first, but it's worth it. You really have to go up to people because most of them won't come up to you," Esslinger said.

Sporting events, social gatherings, and classroom discussions became opportunities for connection, allowing Esslinger to carve out her place in the Milton community.

Esslinger soon found herself joining the Milton track team.

"I have never done track before and I never had the chance or time to actually do it back in Germany, but I've always wanted to try so this was a good way to



Esslinger with her twin brother and father for their family photos wearing their traditional German clothes. Photo by Jule Esslinger

try now and I really like it actually. I already found really nice and good friends. It's also just good to have something to do after school and fun to go to meets," Esslinger said.

Through moments of laughter, learning, and shared experiences, Esslinger has not only broadened her horizons but has also left a lasting imprint on the hearts and minds of her peers and host family.

"Not to sound sappy or anything but I'm definitely going to feel lonely when she leaves," Ocasio Hernaiz said.

Looking ahead, Esslinger's experience as an exchange student has sparked new aspirations and ambitions.

"I definitely want to study abroad now or maybe come back to America for a college semester," Esslinger said.

While her career aspirations remain unchanged, the global perspective gained through her exchange experience has reshaped her vision of the future, instilling a sense of curiosity about new possibilities.

"I don't really know what I want to do yet but maybe something with the law or the police squad who works with dogs," Esslinger said.

Esslinger's journey as an exchange student at Milton High School captures the life-changing power of cultural exchange and personal growth.

Through her resilience, curiosity, and endless enthusiasm, she has not only enriched the Milton community but has also embarked on a journey of self-discovery and global citizenship.

"Coming to America has been an amazing experience. Even though I miss my family and friends back home, I have made many new friends that I will miss a lot when I go back home. I have learned so much here, and I will never forget the memories I have made," Esslinger said.

# From Student Teacher to Intern



Jacey Dutcher

After just one week of his internship, Mr. Meyer began teaching solo. Meyer teaches an Algebra 1 and a Geometry class.

His students in his classes make his days more fun and exciting in numerous ways. "They're usually pretty interesting but they're full of personality which makes it a lot more entertaining to teach," Meyer said.

The difference between a student teacher and an intern is that a student teacher is a student preparing to become a teacher and is closely supervised.

An intern is a student or trainee working in an occupation to gain work experience.

Meyer was born and raised in Janesville, and he went to Parker High School (PHS) and graduated in 2019. After graduating from PHS he went to UW Whitewater for college and majored in mathematics with an emphasis in education.



Mr. Meyer starts his day with a smile on his face. Photo by Jacey Dutcher

In high school, Meyer found math easy; although he found it easy, his friends disagreed. "I had plenty of friends who were not the greatest at math or would either always complain about never understanding it, they didn't like the math teacher and all that," Meyer said.

His friends in high school struggled with understanding the concept of math so Meyer thought to himself if he found it easy then it would also be easy to

teach people.

This idea inspired Meyer to take on a career in math, Meyer's favorite part about being able to teach is helping students. "My biggest accomplishment would be getting them to understand the material and try to better their what we call math identity," Meyer said.

Although Meyer is good at teaching he runs into some hard parts that deal with confidence in himself. "It's open to being corrected, or if I make a mistake and can't remember how to figure it out, go into the next day and reteach it that was my biggest struggle starting out as a teacher," Meyer said.

Meyer has a passion not only for teaching math but also for building relationships and personal connections with students. "I can go to a board and constantly just teach the same new stuff over and over, but it's seeing my students understand it and process it and kind of excel with it," Meyer said.

He decided to stay in the area because he lives in Janesville and enjoys not having to commute too far to work every day. Unfortunately, Meyer will not be here next year but his plans for the future are exciting.

Meyer plans on finding a school to start his career, "my plans for the future would be to find a school to actually begin my career at. Not sure where it could be, but constantly looking," Meyer said.

Even though he won't be at Milton forever he still enjoys the High School, he likes the environment and the staff is very friendly and has made him feel welcomed into work every day.

He gets a lot of support from his colleagues and that's what makes him like the Milton School District so much. He has had a lot of fun working at Milton, he enjoys the other teachers and he likes to learn about new ways to teach

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## April Birthdays

April 1

GENEVIEVE ARNDT  
LOGAN SLOWEY

April 2

REISE JONES  
SAWYER KAPELLEN  
ABIGAIL LONG  
JIA PATEL  
DANIEL STEWART  
KALEB WENDT

April 3

GAVIN HAKES  
LONDON PRITCHARD  
JOCELYN REUM  
JAMES SMITH

April 4

DALTON LANDSAW  
TATEM STIKLESTAD

April 5

EMMA SMERUD

April 6

ALLURA ASTIN  
ISAAC WEIGEL  
EMMA WROLSTAD

April 7

ASHLEY BRIGHT  
BRELEIGH HUBER

April 8

TREVOR CLAYTON  
NATHANAEL LOPEZ  
AIDEN O'FLAHRITY

April 9

ETHAN CHAMBERS  
DONNIKA DIEDRICK  
JASMYN PAYTON

April 10

EMILY BERG

LIA COUEY

CARLY OHNSON  
CARTER ROBINSON

April 11

SOPHIA GARCIA  
CORBIN KERSTEN  
AVA LOVELACE  
NOAH PLANTIKOW  
DYLAN RAU  
CARLY WEGNER

April 12

RYLEE BELONGIE-HUFF  
SOPHIE MEZERA  
OLIVIA SCHUETZ  
KIMBERLY SCHULTZ  
HUNTER TUCKER

April 13

NICHOLAS HERBST  
BRODY OSHEL  
JOHN PREGONT

April 14

LOGAN EVERHART  
COOPER INWOOD  
ABIGAIL KNOBLE

April 15

MAYSON TRACY MCINTYRE  
WIL UNTERHOLZNER

April 16

COLTON FARLINGER  
CARTER KRUEGER  
BRIELLE MEVERDEN  
LILLY MUSGROVE

April 17

CLAYTON HUDSON  
TARRAY JOHNSON  
FAITH TRAYNOR  
CARTER VANDE BERG  
HADLEY VANDE BERG  
LUCAS WEILAND

April 19

MADISON BUSSINGER  
MACKENZIE FIESE  
COLTON KATZ

April 20

MORGAN BALSAMO  
HAYDEN DEROSIER  
JADON FAUST

April 21

LINDSEY CALL  
KAYLEA JACOBSON  
KAYLE RISCHÉ  
SIMRAN SAPOVADIA  
RYAN SWANSON

April 22

QUINN HALLUM  
TOR MAGNUS HEGG  
JAXSON POWERS  
CHLOE SHAW

April 23

GRACIE KARPES

ELLA SCHULTZ

April 24

CHAYNCE FLETCHER-STANKUS

ANDRIA HOWARD

April 25

JAKOB HEFFEL  
REED WICKERSHAM

April 26

ISABEL BATTERSBY  
ALEXANDER COOKSON  
AMARIS ROEBER

April 27

BAILY ALLEN

April 28

OWEN LONGHENRY

April 29

ADRIANNA CARROLL  
WILLIAM CASE

MACEY COOGAN  
SHIANNA LEE

MORGAN SUEHRING  
CURTIS WILLETT

April 30

ELIJAH JANISCH  
ALEXIS STOCKMAN  
KAILYNN STOCKMAN

# Creating A Community



Ashleigh Bence

Before the school day begins, a few dozen National Honor Society (NHS) members gather in the library, ready to work as a team. At

this specific meeting, NHS members packed birthday bags for the Milton Food Pantry, which give families in need an opportunity to throw a birthday party. With over 50 members, the task was quickly accomplished.

President of the Milton National Honor Society, Victoria Courtney, has been working to make NHS more well known in the community. Courtney had many ambitions for NHS this year. "My favorite part has been working with NHS and achieving the goals I had set at the beginning of the year. I knew I wanted to build up a larger reputation for NHS and this year has been very successful," Courtney said.

Throughout the school, there are many clubs and organizations, such as NHS, that focus on volunteer work. The main organizations in the school that focus on volunteering are Interact club and Substance Prevention Society (SPS).

Most students who volunteer at MHS are working towards obtaining their Silver Cord. The Silver Cord Program awards students a special cord to wear at graduation for completing 200 volunteer hours.

Students complete the 200 volunteer hours through work with different clubs and organizations at MHS, the Milton Public Library, and the Milton Youth Coalition. A few of the activities that students could earn hours for are food drives and bake sales, supervising and working with younger



National Honor Society members create birthday bags for the Milton Food Pantry. Photo by Ashleigh Bence

children, and planning events that benefit their community.

Interact club is a community service organization that is sponsored by the Janesville Morning Rotary Club. For students who are just starting out with volunteering, the Interact club is the best place to begin.

Secretary to the Interact club and a senior who has completed her Silver Cord hours, Bethany Vidruk explains the many simple activities students can participate in through Interact club. "We create and distribute meals-on-wheels cards, make paracord bracelets for troops, visit Milton Senior Living to play bingo, and hold bake sales to fundraise for different non-profit organizations," Vidruk said.

Similar to Interact, the Substance Prevention Society also fo-

cus on volunteering to improve the community. The Substance Prevention Society is a group that focuses on creating events that students can attend in hopes of redirecting them away from use of drugs and alcohol.

In the past few years, they have begun hosting an annual Homecoming bonfire as well as a photo event before prom.

Along with hosting their own events, SPS sometimes works with other clubs to create larger events. In February, NHS and SPS worked together to create a winter formal dance.

"In the past, there weren't many school-wide activities that the NHS held and I wanted to change that. We held the Snowball with SPS which was a huge undertaking, however, it was extremely successful," Courtney said.

Although some students choose to volunteer simply to receive the silver cord to wear at graduation, most students complete the 200 hours because they want to have an active role in their community.

Vidruk originally began working towards her silver cord simply because she wanted another cord to wear at graduation, but along the way she developed different motivations.

"I learned the advantages of becoming connected to the community. I wanted to continue contributing to the narrative in our local environment," Vidruk said.

Vidruk has gained valuable knowledge about the community through her volunteer work. "I have learned that our community loves to learn and become

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# HOSA Members Qualify For State



Zoe Mayer

For the first of hopefully many times juniors Ella Beckler and Madison Bussinger are going to attend Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) State they will be testing in CPR and First Aid fields.

The HOSA is hosting state competitions at the Chula Vista Resort in the Wisconsin Dells on April 14-15.

For events such as regionals and state, Beckler and Bussinger will be working together to complete testing. The two styles of testing they will take are an online test and the next is a skills demonstration where they will be judged on how they do CPR on a test dummy.

HOSA's purpose is heavily connected to the medical field and students who wish to pursue a career in it. "HOSA is an organization for future health professionals. Who organizes skill workshops to help educate students with medical-directed career goals," Beckler said.

HOSA at MHS is a club that meets around once a month. Having 50 student members who are advised by science teacher Kaitlin Lundeen.

HOSA meets to talk about different types of healthcare. Members spend time with guest speakers and discuss how to go through emergency preparation. HOSA is preparing for a blood drive, and hope to make it into an



Junior Ella Beckler

annual event.

On January 12 Beckler and Bussinger entered into a virtual arena for HOSA regionals and placed high enough to qualify for state. However, Lundeen is not sure exactly what that cutoff line is to qualify for state. "The top however many get placed into gold and silver and then there's a certain percentage cut off of who makes it to state," Lundeen said.

Even with their combined strengths, Beckler and Bussinger's win came as a shock. "It was a complete surprise that we are going to state seeing that this is the first year that the chapter at Milton has participated in the competition," Beckler said.

The win comes with obstacles for both Beckler and Bussinger. "It's a very expensive trip because of where it's being hosted," Beckler said. In total, the trip will cost both Beckler and Bussinger \$75



Junior Madison Bussinger

along with hotel and dining fees.

While finances are a big obstacle for HOSA state, conflicting schedules can also be an issue. "The only difficulty with going to state for me is that I found out that it was the week after FBLA state which I also qualified for," Bussinger said.

But all the difficulties still pay off as HOSA helps prepare them for their futures. "I joined HOSA so I could learn more about the healthcare industry and see if I wanted to pursue a career in medicine," Bussinger said.

Bussinger is considering becoming an Emergency Medical Technician and is excited to take the EMT class her senior year.

While Bussinger joined HOSA to test the waters, Beckler joined for her betterment in medical information and practice. "I joined because I want to pursue a career in medicine and the workshops

and speakers provided by HOSA give me an opportunity to gain experience," Beckler said.

Beckler wishes to pursue a career in a hospital possibly in the trauma or emergency bay.

Beckler's academic interests mirror her interest in medical practices as she has taken classes such as Physics, Structural Anatomy, and Honors Biology.

Bussinger has similar interests having taken classes such as Chemistry, Biomedical Science, and the CNA course.

The medical field is a tough one that comes with stress and regret. More often than not people who go into the medical field have a reason. Bussinger provided her reasoning for pursuing the career. "I want to help people. Being unable to help my little brother as he suffers from seizures and other issues. Makes me want to help him and others like him," Bussinger said.

Beckler and Bussinger are preparing for HOSA state by taking time out of their days to study the material they will need to know.

Although there are no practices for such an event, Beckler and Bussinger take the time to separately go over all the information they know including the basics.

No matter what happens Lundeen is proud of Beckler and Bussinger's passion. "I think they're just willing to be risk-takers and see how they do."

## MHS Breaks for Spring



Chance Austin

Taking a break for a week in the spring and going on a nice relaxing vacation is nice and can be a great way to get away from things.

But, aside from the breaks people take, some planning goes on with it.

Milton School District has spring break every year during the last full week in March. It seems like the Milton School District has spring break later than other schools in the area like Janesville Craig and Parker, who are usually two weeks before Milton.

During an interview about Milton's spring break, and why it seems like Milton's spring break is later than other schools, Milton High School principal Jeremy Bilhorn said, "The Badger conference tries to coordinate together every month for the same sports schedule for spring break," so, the Badger Conference schools all decided on the last week of March, so it is all of the schools in the Badger Conference that have break the last week of March.

Absences are an issue during the time of spring break. But, people tend to take the week before or after the break-off, giving them a two-week break. Addressing the problem when people take two weeks off, and what it does for teachers, "It is a challenge, the phenomenon is that people extend the spring break. I can't tell people when to take their vacations, but it creates a challenge for teachers," Bilhorn said.

In between the first and second trimesters, there is a week-long break during the week of Thanksgiving. People enjoy how the break between the first and second trimesters is kind of like a reset for both staff and students.

But Bilhorn said he would love to have a break between the second and third trimesters, and thinks that it would be a great idea, but it would be too long of a time between February and May without a certain number of days off. So, having a break in between trimesters two and three is unlikely to happen.

Everyone remembers the pandemic in 2020, and ever since the COVID-19 pandemic, health concerns have occurred with people coming home from different countries.

But, Bilhorn and Milton aren't as concerned with health issues as they used to be, "Covid makes you more aware of that, but there are no concerns. We trust that if you are sick you'll stay home until you are well enough to come to school," Bilhorn said.

Seniors Ethan Mitchell, Kai Sheridan, and Brenon Banushi went to LA this spring break.

They stayed with Sheridan's aunt and uncle. They did things like go to Universal Studios, went to the Hollywood Walk of Fame on Hollywood Boulevard, and lots of other interesting things.

Mitchell was asked what his favorite part of LA was, "The people out there express themselves more and there's a lot of different styles," Mitchell said.

For Mitchell, an interaction with a favorite villain was a memorable moment. According to Mitchell, being with Gru from Despicable Me was the funniest thing because of how big his nose was.

# Crossing it Up: Red Hawks Spring Into New Sport



Trey Ripley

While lacrosse isn't considered a big-time sport, it may have just caught a break. In early December, the WIAA (Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association) announced that lacrosse would be officially sponsored as a boys and girls spring sport starting the 2023-2024 school year.

This decision comes after 20 years of governing by the Wisconsin Lacrosse Federation, an organization that controls youth, high school and club lacrosse. This landmark decision is notable for it being the first all-new sport and boys and girls sport added since soccer in 1982, and a lot of anticipation is riding on this all-new sport. In the past, MHS has offered a club team in collaboration with Janesville Parker and Craig called the Bluebirds. This non-school affiliated team gathered players from the area and played on school grounds, yet had no official connection to any of the schools. In addition, players

could also join traveling competitive teams such as True Wisconsin Lacrosse and Pirate Lacrosse.

With its inaugural season comes plenty of kinks to iron out. With the constant work of athletic director Jeff Spiwak, Milton will eventually join forces with Fort Atkinson and host schools Parker and Craig. "I think with Janesville footing the bill for co-op, it allows us to build a program down the road," Spiwak said. "That's the reason you start a co-op, to build a program".

With its new status come many new changes that affect the co-op. "Right now, we'll still be playing as a club team," Spiwak said. "We'll be taking lacrosse to the school board soon in hopes of an official team in 2025". In addition to its club notation, the Bluebird co-op will also be moving from MHS's Carl F. Anderson Field to the Youth Sports Complex in Janesville. They'll also be competing as an independent club as the Badger Conference grows and changes to add lacrosse as its own conference, combining with the

Big 8 schools.

As excitement for the season brews, players are gearing up with the future in mind. One of these players, sophomore Lindsey Call is optimistic about what's to come next. "I'm very excited for the first high school season," Call said. "It'll be a lot of fun to represent my school out on the field".

With the buzz of the season, however, come some questions. One of those questions is how co-oping will affect team chemistry. "Playing with girls from other schools really changes how we all interact with each other," said Call. "Our first few practices we lacked rhythm, but after that we really started working together and bonding".

Despite all the roadblocks so far, the excitement for the sport cannot be denied. "I really can't wait to get started with this new sport, it has a really bright future here," Spiwak said. Hopefully, as the sport goes through its growing pains it will flesh out into an amazing sport for players, coaches, and spectators across the state.

# Never FEAR Yearly Nerf Battle Begins



Senior Landon Bailey poses with his nerf gun and is ready for the 2024 FEAR season. Photo by Laine Twist



Laine Twist

For over a decade, Milton students have been playing the ultimate survival nerf war. In the months of February and March students form teams of six players.

The game requires teams to have at least two boys and two girls on each team and the last 2 players can be either gender. Once April rolls around the game begins.

Fear is a tournament based game, meaning that if you win you get to move on and keep playing, if you lose you're out and done playing for the season. One round lasts one week, Monday through Saturday, and Sunday is saved for the tiebreaker day.

All week players try to get their opponents out by shooting them with a nerf gun. If a player is hit they are out. Players can be shot anywhere besides school, school grounds, the gym, sports practices, and prom. Anywhere else is fair game.

To be considered safe and not able to be shot, you have to only be wearing underwear and for girls underwear and a bra. This rule only applies for 15 minutes, after 15 minutes you are vulnerable to be shot again.

Only juniors and seniors are allowed to participate in FEAR. So you are only allowed to play for 2 seasons.

Fear is a game that takes a lot of

time and dedication, "It's not so much about getting people out, more so about staying alive, gotta be smart with everything you do." Landon Bailey said.

You win a FEAR round by having more players on your team alive than your opponent. If your round ends on Saturday and both teams have the same amount of players still alive, then you will continue your round through Sudden Death Sunday until a player from either team has been eliminated.

Some players take FEAR more seriously than others and the game can get really competitive, "FEAR is another chance to be competitive in high school, it also helps different kids get more involved with people they don't hang out with, get to meet new people". Said Landon Bailey. "The more time you put into fear, the more fun you get out of it".

Although FEAR isn't affiliated with the high school, the high school still gets a few calls regarding FEAR every year. "I get about 2 calls every Fear season." Officer Shneider said. Schneider has received calls from parents that are unaware that their child is playing FEAR.

This season, FEAR is capitalizing on one of their rules this year which is making sure that your parents/guardians know that you're participating in the game, or else you can't play.

# WIAA Makes Changes



Ty Johnson

Wisconsin high school sports conferences have changed a lot, with many teams joining and leaving. "Conferences typically change every two years based on school enrollment," athletic director Jeff Spiwak said.

The schools conference changes depending on each sport and they are changed through the WIAA.

Jeff Spiwak plays a big role in all the sports throughout Milton High School. "The conferences aren't changing that much this year for football as we aren't gaining any new teams, we are just losing some," Spiwak said.

The competition for all sports in the conference will remain fairly hard and give Milton Sports a tougher competition.

"For us, the competition will be harder, if we are in the Badger Large for basically every sport besides hockey and gymnastics which are just combined as the Badger, I think the badger large is the toughest competition Milton High Schools ever played in the history of Milton High School, so if you're looking in the past we were in the Rock Valley with teams such as Evansville, Jefferson, Whitewater and then we were in the Southern Lakes

playing Elkhorn, Waterford, and Wilmot and now in the Badger Large we are playing teams like Waunakee, Monona Grove, DeForest, both Sun Prairie schools, I think we are truly playing the most difficult schedules we've ever played in the history of this school," Spiwak said.

The sports have a tough competition this upcoming year and are ready to make a change.

With the changes in the conference, there is always the goal of winning the conference and having a good season with whatever sport you partake in."

We always want to win the conference but you know that's not always achievable what we want to see is all of our teams competing and putting ourselves in a position to win a conference championship but in the conference we have the competition is so high that we will have to work harder to get there," Spiwak said.

The end goal by the end of each sports season is to have achieved the best possible outcome for your team and know that you gave it your all.

Milton football over the years has struggled in the conference but there has been progression. "We do, we are a great team! We have more than a shot, we should win it," Junior Vinny Churchwell

says.

Milton Football has many young talents to help the team progress into a winning program. Milton High School football team gained new head coach Dan Prah this offseason after their most recent one just resigned. "He is a great coach and an amazing guy! He is gonna build a great culture here and I have a lot of faith in what he will do with the program," Churchwell said.

The new head coach has goals for the program and hopes to follow through with them. Vinny Churchwell a senior next year, plays a big role in the football program and hopes to help lead his team to success and has lots of personal goals for himself. "My goals for next season are to win the conference and be the best receiver in the conference," Churchwell said.

Churchwell and his teammates are preparing for the upcoming season in many different ways. "I am training, lifting, doing fieldwork, and playing 7v7 to help understand the game better, and I know my teammates are lifting and putting in work and have the same goals as winning conference and hopefully more," Churchwell said.

# Red Hawks Looking Forward to Nationals



"You get three four months to basically just prepare so just be consistent throughout that time, consistancys probably the biggest thing."

-Tyson Peach



"I'm doing some extra private lessons to perfect little things and just staying consistent with practice and eating well trying to feel the best I can and staying focused."

- Madilyn Peach



"I feel like personally, I don't do anything too differently like I think a lot of people make mistakes of oh I've gotta get serious but I do the right things all year round."

- Aeoden Sinclair

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more connected with each other. "Through both the Teen Advisory Board and SPS, I have seen how families and teens/tweens frequently seek out opportunities to have fun and make connections within the community. People love to continue learning and making friends regardless of their age or circumstances," Vidruk said.

The Teen Advisory Board is a board at the Milton public Library for teenagers to have a voice in community programs and volunteer for community events.

Volunteering doesn't just benefit the community, it benefits the volunteers as well. Co-Advisor to NHS and Social Studies teachers, Ryan Neuenschwander and Renee Stieve both highlight the students themselves as their favorite part of being NHS advisors. "I wanted to stay in touch with seniors. I feel like I have great juniors each year and then they go on to senior year and I lose touch with them quickly. This lets me bridge my current juniors as they apply and then stay involved with a lot of them their 12 grade year," Neuenschwander said.

Neuenschwander and Stieve are both new NHS advisors, having taken over following the retire-

ment of Sarah Harvatine at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. "Mrs. Harvatine had really made it a valuable club over the last few years and I wanted to carry that on," Stieve said.

Overall, volunteering is an easy way for the students at MHS to feel like they are a part of their community and to bring positivity to those around them. Vidruk stresses the importance of getting involved in volunteer work. Vidruk said, "Volunteering allows you to explore opportunities and connect to your community in a way that school participation cannot do."

## Silver Cord Status

In honor of National Volunteer Month, which occurs in April, MHS Today asked 122 students if they were participating in the Silver Cord Program. Below are the results:



# Womens Sports *How Women Are Changing Sports*



Brooklynn Hill

Given the increasing attendance, viewership, investment, and engagement across women's sports, it's hard to argue against its growth potential.

Women's sports present an investment that, like women athletes, may outperform expectations and take the center field.

In Milton High School the impact that women's sports are making on athletes is huge. Giving girl athletes a new perspective on their sports.

Media convergence of women's sports has nearly tripled in the upcoming years.

The average share of sports media and publications has risen by 15%. The number of people watching Women's sports in particular has increased.

"It has gotten better, and the ability to view it on TV has improved, but it means sports kind of take the morality of broadcasting," Gym Teacher Zachery Groelle said.

It's hard to pinpoint where the sudden urge in women's sports comes from, but part of the craze comes from the Nebraska Women's Volleyball team.

Drawing in over 92,000 fans, Nebraska volleyball saw the largest crowd to ever watch a women's sporting event. Following this came the Caitlin Clark effect.

Clark plays for the Iowa Hawkeyes women's Basketball team and is attracting new viewers to the sport of basketball and many other sports every game she plays all around the world.

In her last two tremendous seasons, Clark averaged 29.4 points per game, taking her team to the final four where they would beat #1 ranked and undefeated South Carolina, and then face LSU in the National Championship game in 2023, bringing in hundreds and thousands of fans nationwide to watch.

"I think it is the level of her play and her ability to make

crazy shots consistently, proven to do it all shows she, overall is an outstanding basketball player," Current Girl Varsity coach and former collegiate basketball player Stacey Skemp said.

Iowa and its 56,565 fans were the first to surpass the previous all-time women's attendance record for a basketball game.

With the new game attendances, she is hooking people in with her image and likeness and have grown so much that it has affected the WNBA.

"She hasn't been drafted yet and people are already buying tickets for her games," Junior and Varsity Girls basketball player Julia Wolf said.

The Indiana Fever have already sold out on many of their games because Caitlin Clark is "expected" to get drafted to them.

While they are already popular due to top prospect Aliyah Boston from South Carolina from the 2022-2023 season,

they will become the most attended and watched WNBA team ever recorded.

Adding onto this, the 2024 Elite Eight game on Monday, April 1 IOWA vs LSU drew in more than 12.3 million viewers.

This is more than any women's college basketball game, every ESPN college basketball game ever, every MLB game last season, every NHL game last year, every MLS game ever, Every NBA game last year except one, and every CFB regular season game last year except one.

At the end of the game, almost 16 million people were recorded broadcasting the game.

"A lot of people are biased about women's sports, usually men have been skeptical about watching women's sports they grew up learning to watch men's sports and when women's sports broke through it showed us how popular they have gotten over a couple of years," Wolf said.

Not only has the popularity of women's sports expanded through broadcasting, but it has



also expanded more than just on the field, It has advanced more film and television.

New and old movie hits like King Richard and League of Their Own, show how men's sports aren't all everything is about anymore.

The surge in women's sports also affects the way of young girls. As it grows its positive effects on young girls and youth sports bring in new opportunities and interest in sports.

"I think it will only have positive, some girls look up and are inspired to be like their favorite athletes, drawing attention to the women's games, the national championship game, and cool competitions," Groelle said "Anytime those games are on in other country other girls are being inspired and realizing it's not only about NBA or Men's March Madness, viewership is high and people are interested in watching."

When young girls or young athletes, in general, see their favorite player succeeding they are inspired and encouraged a wide range of participation in sports.

For example, Skemp's daughter, McKinley is one of Caitlin Clark's biggest fans, always having something to say about how amazing she is.

In the same way, people like Caitlin Clark, Paige Bueckers, and many more have influenced many young athletes boys and girls.

"She is a positive role model to little kids, and her demeanor on the court is cool and calm part of her, she does a good job at signing autographs, not many athletes like her take the time to acknowledge people after games," Skemp said

As the years continue the surge of women's sports will continue to grow into immense opportunities for future generations and current phenomenons.

# Rims Rocked *Milton seniors win CYO league championship*



Braylen Vande Berg

In the fall of their sophomore year, a small group of friends decided to go out for the rather unpopular Christian Youth Organization basketball league.

Now, two years later, they've accomplished their goal of being league champions.

On March 24, the Saint Mary's Rimrockers won the 2024 CYO championship beating the St Paul's Flames in the final.

This was the third year the Rimrockers competed in the tournament, being league runner-ups, and the 4th place team in previous years.

Coach of the Rimrockers and Milton graduate, Josh Terrill said, "Our team came together over the past couple of years, the boys learned each others playstyle and that helped with the team chemistry, and eventually led to a league title."

The league is comprised of 13 teams located in Janesville, Milton, and Beloit. Each team gets sponsored by a church and plays their home games at the church.

This year there was three teams

from Milton that participated in the 16 game season that runs from late December to late February.

The league does come with challenges though. "Finding gym times, refs, and teams to play were all struggles within the league. The officiating wasn't always great, but you got to remember that this league is for fun and doesn't get quality referees," Terrill said.

The starting five for the Rimrockers was Carter Smith, Ashton Getchel, Michael Axe, Will Terrill, and Logan Jushka.

The team boasted a 17-2 record and ended the season on a six game winning streak. Captain of the Rimrockers, senior Ashton Getchel said, "Our shooters got hot at the end of the year, that was a huge factor to our success."

During their six game win streak, the Rimrockers won by an average margin of 24 points.

Axe led the team in scoring during the playoff run, averaging 26 points per game.

The Rimrockers won the *See "Rimrockers" p. 8*



The Rimrockers have completed their goal of "immortality". This was the team's motto for the season.

**Final League Standings:**

**1st place: St Mary's Rimrockers**

**2nd Place: St Paul's A**

**3rd Place: St William's Gold**

**4th: Bethel**

## May Birthdays

May 1

HAILEIGH DUFF

May 2

DEWAYNA KAYSER

May 3

EASTON AGNEW  
ABIGAIL CARROLL  
AMANDA LAPOINTE  
CHARLES THUL

May 4

MASON DUMMER  
CHASE FOX  
SABRINA GARRY  
KYLE PAYTON  
BRODY RODRIGUEZ

May 5

KATELYN DEHNERT  
ASPIN GRAY  
ANNAMARIE LAADE  
BLAKE RHOADES

May 6

REID BURTON  
JORDAN SCHILT  
JULIA WOLF

May 7

AUBREY MEYERS  
WESLEY PIPOWSKI  
LAUREN STUTIKA  
ADRIAN VERNON  
ATTIA WALEWANGKO  
LONDON WEGMULLER

May 8

RENEE CALTEUX  
SAWYER DOMINY  
CAEDMON JAUCH  
SAMANTHA MEIDINGER SWIFT

May 9

AVERY MILLER  
CAMI REESE  
DREENAH TURNER

May 10

NOLAN ERICKSON  
JAMES PANICI  
CALLIE PHALIN

May 11

DAVID MARAVILLO  
GAVEN MILHOUSE  
REGAN SCHERDIN

May 12

JADEN MAIR  
DARWIN HALLUM  
ISAAC SMITH  
KEATON WOLETZ

May 13

YOSELIN ARREOLA  
BROOKLYN FESSENDEN  
KATHERINE OLSON  
LUCAS WEINERT

May 14

JACE BOYD  
DACOTA JOHNSON  
LILY LOCHNER  
BROCK LUDEMAN  
BENIAH NELSON

May 15

ZOE HARTMANN  
ALEXANDER HOOKER

May 17

MASON CRESSWELL  
KEIRA FISHER  
DAYNE KOPKE

May 18

CORDELIA GRAF  
RYLEY KNUDSEN  
LUCAS RAMIREZ

May 19

ALEXIS LEGGE  
KOOPER PROPP

May 20

NOLAN COURTNEY

May 21

JASON BROOKS  
JOSEPH GARZA  
KAILEY REID  
ANABEL ROEBER

May 23

GRAVEN CORDER

May 24

GAGE FRITZ  
JACOB MCLAUGHLIN  
ARD NUREDINI

May 25

OLIVIA MRAZ

May 26

ISABELLE SANCHEZ  
LILYAN JAZAC

May 27

ALEXANDER CHAMBERLAIN  
GAVIN PENNY  
SOREN SMITH  
JOSEF STEPHAN  
ELISE WIETERS

May 28

GRIFFIN DANKS  
ABIGAIL JELINEK  
ALLISON KRUSE  
RYHA ROEHL  
CAEL WILKE

May 29

ZOE MAYER

May 30

CADEN COLVILLE  
CHARLES KOBER  
NATALIE TIESMAN

May 31

ALLISON LUKAS  
MAX MATHEWS

# New Coaches, Same Goal



As Milton's Track & Field team embarks on a new season and journey, new co-head coaches with passion to change the team for the better.

One of those coaches in particular is the boy's coach Andrew Peterson.

Peterson ran track all through high school and continued his running career at UW Stevens-Point. "I ran anything from the 100-400 including the sprint relays," Peterson said.

Thus giving him a lot of knowledge on what it takes to make it to the next level and also be a very successful runner.

Peterson learned a lot in those eight years of running in high school and college which also gave him the desire to coach.

"I want to coach some things the way I learned them. Milton's past coaches were really good, but I love having the flexibility to do things the way Coach Dye and I want to," Peterson said.

With the help of the girl's head coach Kacie Dye who Peterson said, "Coach Dye and I have very similar coaching styles and philosophies and feel we can accomplish a lot together as co-head coaches."

They can have a very promising future with this team. Peterson and Dye are super excited to show off their athletes and what they have produced through their coaching and training.

They know that being first-year head coaches isn't an easy job but are ready to conquer the task.

"I enjoy inspiring kids to love track and field. I had a great coach in high school who showed me how to enjoy a high school sport while also working extremely hard. I want to instill that same passion in the track athletes here at MHS," Peterson said.

The other head coach is Kacie Dye, who has been a coach on the Milton staff for around two years and is now taking the other head coaching spot for the girl's side along with coaching the distance side of the track team.

The team will look different this year not just on the coach's



Returning seniors (clockwise from upper left) Adrian Vernon, Caitlin Zingsheim, Brenon Banushi, Carter Smith, Kai Sheridan, Laney Gill, Ethan Mitchell, and Jonathan Flowers are expected to lead this year's team along with solid performances from many underclassmen athletes. Photos by

side but also practices. "Coach Dye and I want to make sure all student/athletes are being held to a high standard in both practice and meets. We feel high expectations are key to increasing the success in our program. Bringing more fun back into track is also something we want to achieve. We would like to do some team-building activities throughout the season to make everyone feel like a valued part of the team," Peterson said

Coach Peterson is excited for a lot of his promising athletes from last year to also prove what they have to offer. "We have a lot of talent. But at the same time, I want the kids to know that other teams are also loaded with talent. On the boy's side, we have the chance to win the conference and send many kids to state. For the girls, we have a young team that has a bright future, but we also

have a few kids that can go far into the season.

I just hope the kids find it within themselves to overcome any barriers to put it all out there," Peterson said.

Two of those very talented athletes returning on the boys said are Senior jumper Ethan Mitchell and Senior Sprinter Brenon Banushi. Ethan Mitchell made state his junior year in three of four events and had some very good performances while at state.

Brenon Banushi also had an amazing season making it all the way to sectionals in two relay events, looking to push through sectionals and make it to state in his senior season. These two athletes think very highly of both coach Peterson and Dye.

"It's to have a new change, I think they will be successful coaching because of the past relationships built," Banushi said.

"I think they're taking a step in the right direction," Mitchell said. Both of these senior athletes are ready to compete under their new head coaches.

These athlete's expectations and goals for themselves also greatly align with their coach's expectations and goals for them.

Brenon Banushi and Ethan Mitchell also have very similar goals which causes them as leaders on the team to push each other in practice and hold each other accountable.

When asked what his expectations on the season are Mitchell said, "Get the school record in long jump, triple jump, and hurdles." Which is close to Banushi's goals of, "Make it to state and beat the relay school record," Banushi said.

See "Track" p. 8

## Red Hawk Girls Soccer: Ready for Rebuild

This season for the girls soccer team is much to look forward to. With a total of eight seniors from last season graduating, this season is going to be a learning experience to start the season.

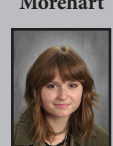
However, they haven't lost everybody. "Obviously we lost some key players last year, but we still have some key attacking players in Holly Morehart (Senior) and Ava Parke (Senior) and defensively Brennan Attwood (Junior) and Sophia Rasmussen (Junior) will have key roles in the back line," Ryan Wagner Milton High School girls soccer head coach said.

It's essential to bring the new players and returning together as early as possible in the season. "They might not have the varsity experience yet but if they just play their game and give forth their best effort it's only going to help the team," senior captain Holly Morehart said.

With a loaded Badger Conference the girls hope to make some noise early with a difficult first "Sometimes it's not a bad thing to be the underdog," Wagner said.

The end of the season is where the season will be defined, where the most winnable games come up. Confidence is very important, especially for "I think we could surprise some teams this season," Morehart said.

This season will always be a memory for everyone in the team. "No matter how we place in conference or how far we make it i just want to enjoy it game by game and make every last minute in my Milton jersey count," Morehart said.



# Checking In With Baseball Alumni



Hearing the screams of excitement and seeing all the players running onto the field after Braylen finishes off the 10 run rule to win the state championship.

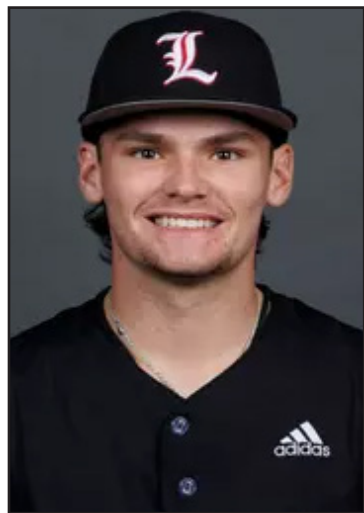
It's 2022 and the 24-7 Milton baseball team beats the 21-10 Bayport 11-1. The team made history for Milton, but the seniors can't stay forever.

Milton alumni, Gavin Kilen, and Alec Campbell, talked about their experiences with baseball throughout a highschool and college level.

After being drafted in 2022 at 399th, Kilen decided to accept an offer from Louisville, a major contender in the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC).

In his second year playing for the Cardinals, Kilen is the starting shortstop and has the 4th best batting average on the team with 13 doubles, 3 triples, 5 home runs and 22 RBI.

Campbell is just starting



Gavin Kilen

to practice and play again after fracturing his foot from getting hit by a pitch and then playing on it.

For Kilen and Campbell, one aspect of the game in particular is different in college than in high school. "The biggest difference I would say is pitchers in college have more plus stuff and have multiple good pitches that they can use." Kilen said. While Campbell said, "The biggest difference is for sure the level of pitching



Alec Campbell

and the overall speed of the game. College pitchers all have at least three pitches they can accurately throw for strikes in any count, so this makes hitting more difficult when you are going up against a pitcher that has three different movements they can accurately locate."

Milton High School coach Kris Agnew coached both Kilen and Campbell for years. He also played college baseball for Platteville and is a 4-year letter winner

from 1997-2001, so he knows the differences in the levels of baseball. "The biggest difference is for sure the depth of talent. In high school there are a lot of good players but very rarely do you see lineups that go nine deep or pitching staffs that don't have weaknesses. At the college level it is very competitive and theres even really good bench players."

With college baseball being vastly different from high school, the players have to progress in their own skills. "The part of my game that I would say has developed the most would be my overall catching," Campbell said.

While Kilen said, "The biggest part of my game that I developed this past offseason was my nutrition and hitting the weight room hard."

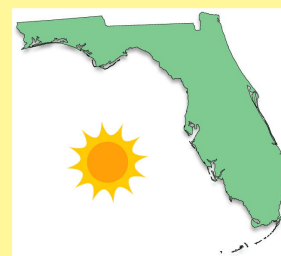
Kilen and Campbell have been developing their game long before the college level. Agnew would push the kids to perfection and it

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## Spring Break Destinations

Milton students recently enjoyed their spring break. 52 students surveyed shared their vacation destinations.

## Out of State



27 People

## Stayed Home



25 People

# Alabama's IVF Rulings Leave National Impact



Clover MacNeal

Alabama sparked controversy on February 16 when the Alabama Supreme Court ruled that frozen embryos should be treated as children under the law and are protected under the wrongful death law, and those who destroy them can be held liable.

As a response to Alabama IVF clinics halting their services, Governor Kay Ivey has signed a bill in an attempt to protect IVF treatment for families.

However, many are still halting services out of fear of legal repercussions and uncertainty.

Protests and demonstrations have ensued, however, other states share similarities. Wisconsin's Unborn Child Protection Act, passed and revised in 2022, allows persecution of a pregnant woman if she shows signs of alcohol or other substance use.

These rulings have the power to domino other laws into effect nationally and locally.

Although Alabama seems distant, the importance of the case "draws attention to the important role state supreme courts have. It may inspire more people to vote," said Melms.

The impact does not only include citizens of Alabama seeking IVF treatment to start families but also affects women nationwide.

However, challenges to this ruling have been immediate and polarizing.

"The Alabama legislature passed a law, which Alabama's governor signed into law, that would grant IVF clinics criminal immunity for damaging or destroying frozen embryos, with the intent of allowing clinics to restart IVF treatments," Melms said.

The reasoning behind why these rulings are occurring now results from the overturning of Roe v Wade and "was issued in the effect of the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization ruling of 2022 in which the reproductive rights of women are being examined throughout

the country on a state by state basis," explained Melms.

Each state has responded to that National Supreme Court decision in a different way.

Wisconsin reverted to an 1849 law making it a felony to receive or provide abortions.

Abortion providers immediately ceased activities in the state, however, many women travel to states like Illinois and Minnesota that have fully legal abortions.

Although it wasn't technically a law, the overturning of Roe v Wade ruled that the U.S. Constitution does not grant the right to an abortion, and regulation of that is instead a state issue.

Looking forward, this ruling will also have a major impact on the general 2024 election.

According to Melms, "I think this ruling by Alabama's State Supreme Court emphasizes the importance of voting in your local and state level elections and that they are just as important as voting in national elections."

The majority (60) of students surveyed, however, rated their awareness of the situation as a 1/5. However, 32 students rated their awareness as 4/5 or higher.

MHS senior Linus Jesse agrees on the impact. "Women's Health has become the center of the general election, Donald Trump has put Evangelical Judges in the federal circuit courts, and he will continue to do so if he gets elected," Linus said.

According to Melms, these decisions and the outcry resulting from them shows "the power of the courts, and how a ruling on the life of an unborn child has further implications than most people think."

# Trump: President or Prisoner?



Mason Volkey

The 2024 election is shaping up to be a rematch between Joe Biden and Donald Trump; the results of Super Tuesday left Trump as the

sole Republican candidate after opponent Nikki Haley dropped out due to a lacking performance at the polls. This leaves Trump as the sole nominee for the republican party while Biden will likely get the democratic nomination as he seeks to return for another four years as president, history teacher Ryan Neuenschwander said, "Very expected."

"It just solidified that it will be a Biden-Trump rematch," Civics teacher Patrick Jauch said.

Due to Trump's involvement in the riots at the capital and the ensuing storming of the building, Colorado made the bold decision to remove Trump from the ballots in their state and a few other states followed Colorado's lead.

Milton senior Aeoden Sinclair said, "I think he should be allowed to run for president and be included on the ballots I think what Colorado did was premature."

On March 4, 2024, the Supreme Court ruled in a 4 to 3 decision that Trump should be allowed to stay on the ballots, and while this issue has been resolved Trump is still facing several other legal issues that threaten his chance at the presidency. He has been in and out of court almost every other day because of these alleged crimes, but Neuenschwander said, "Donald Trump will most likely attempt to drag out his legal issues past the election."

Because of Trump's multitude of crimes a question that has darted across a few people's minds is if Trump will pardon himself if he gets the presidency.

The President of the United States is allowed to pardon anyone for their federal crimes but in the past, a president has never tried to pardon themselves.

Jauch said, "It will go to the Supreme Court for them to decide whether that is constitutional for him to do that or not."

Sinclair said, "That would be so hilarious." This would not exempt him from his civil crimes, he would need to get pardons from each of the state governors that



On April 2, 2024 former President Donald Trump held a rally in Green Bay, Wisconsin to gain support for the 2024 Presidential Election.

Photo by Cory Volkey

his civil cases are from, but this would exempt him from the majority of his alleged crimes.

With what are basically two senior citizens fighting for the presidency many Americans have been crying out for age limits on the presidency as the frontrunner of the republican party Donald Trump is 77 years old and sitting president Joe Biden is 82 years old. According to Neuenschwander, he believes that we should have a younger face in office but we are the ones voting for older people.

"I think the president should be whoever the people see should be president," Sinclair said.

Nikki Haley was a very prominent advocate of this during her campaign for the presidency. Although she has been running for the same party as Donald Trump, she has chosen not to endorse him after ending her campaign. This could end up hurting Trump's numbers in the November election because she was bringing in a significant chunk of Republicans at the various caucuses.

Another problem that was brought to attention during Biden's presidency was the possible need for mental competency tests. Throughout Biden's presidency, many expressed worry about the mental state of the president after multiple accounts of falling and losing focus during speeches. Sinclair expressed worry about the possibility of these tests. "If we have competency tests for the other party who's to say that they're not going to make it impossibly difficult."

This is a very real concern as

this has happened in the past.

"During 13th, 14th, 15th amendment time they were having poll taxes and you had to take a literacy test to vote for African Americans and some of those questions I couldn't answer," Sinclair said. While Neuenschwander believes that mental competency tests are already being administered to the president.

Although Biden and Trump are the main focus of this presidential election another option is fighting for the environment and advocating against vaccines.

Originally a candidate running for the Democratic nomination, Robert Kennedy, Jr. switched to Independent but to get on the ballot he's running under the We the People party when the democratic party showed no interest in supporting his campaign. This gives the people who won't vote for Biden or Trump an option. When asked what role Kennedy will play in this year's election Jauch said, "He may come in as a spoiler, but his VP choice will make a difference in my opinion. He needs a solid running mate to continue to increase the legitimacy of his candidacy."

As of March 26, Kennedy announced Silicon Valley lawyer Nicole Shanahan as his running mate.

In November it's looks like Trump and Biden will be neck and neck while Kennedy could come in and steal enough votes to give either the presidency.

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While the Woodman's Sports and Convention Center will offer various facilities beyond an ice rink, the growth of hockey has called for a new ice rink.

The demolition of the Sears building started in February of this year following a construction bid of \$38.13 million by JP Cullen.

RockStep Capital, a private investment firm specializing in revitalizing shopping centers, has played a crucial role in supporting Uptown Janesville's development.

RockStep understands that malls will no longer thrive on a traditional model and has helped malls all over the country to regain popularity. RockStep has actively contributed to the revitalization of Uptown Janesville and donated 7.2 acres of land for the Woodman's Center.

Securing funding for the project proved to be the most

challenging and time-consuming aspect. As Spiwak noted, "The biggest challenge is always fundraising."

Concerns were raised by citizens regarding the potential impact on taxes. However, the majority of the funding came from various government sources, including \$17 million from the city, \$15 million from the state through the American Rescue Plan Act, \$9.7 million from private donors, and \$5 million from federal appropriations.

Taxpayers can expect to contribute an additional \$33-\$44 annually in taxes. Despite the \$46 million price tag, the center is projected to generate an annual economic impact of \$23 million, create 288 new jobs, and host more than 60 events per year.

Business teacher Timothy Houfe can see how huge this project's significance is going to be, "Anytime you add something that attracts people, it guarantees traf-

fic; there's even discussion about building hotels, which would draw visitors from neighboring states," Houfe said.

The necessity for a "third space," a space that facilitates social interaction outside of home and work environments, has been emphasized by Janesville residents. Approximately 88% of 1,435 interviewees expressed support for this public facility.

In conclusion, the Woodman's Sports & Convention Center represents a significant milestone for Janesville, addressing the community's need for new public and accessible facilities. This addition to Janesville will have a profound impact on future generations of athletes, businesses, and the community as a whole.

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and get along with students and help them to feel like they belong there. "Being able to cooperate with the other math teachers and learning new ways to teach math has been one of the best parts of teaching here. I have also had a great time building relationships with my students to help them enter a classroom where they can feel welcomed," Meyer said.

Meyer is excited about his future in his teaching career, and he looks forward to not only his success but also others' success.

"I look forward to seeing the success of my students. I went into teaching to try and help students succeed in a difficult subject, so that is what I look forward to seeing," Meyer said.

Meyer's favorite math to teach is geometry although he came into the class not having the strongest background, the more he's able to teach it to others,

the stronger his geometry skills get, which tends to benefit his students' learning and understanding. Outside of school, Meyer likes hanging out with his friends. During the summer he helps coach for a slow-pitch softball team. In high school, he used to play baseball, cross country, and swim. Once he got into college he stopped doing those sports and started focusing on education. A student, Marco Gomez, who is a sophomore at the High School had Meyer as a teacher during the second trimester. Gomez enjoyed having Meyer as a teacher because of his many great qualities. "He's funny, he interacted with us and he helped us if we had questions," Gomez said. Gomez wishes that he could have Meyer again because Meyer made learning math interesting, "Math, it's so boring, but he made the class fun," Gomez said.

From "Alumni" p. 6

Gavin Kilen Stats



Average - .345

Hits - 39

RBI's - 22

Homeruns - 5

showed when they won the state championship. This year there are new goals for the baseball team.

"Our goal is to improve every day and be playing our best baseball at the end of the season when the playoffs start," Agnew said.

One of coach Agnew's biggest values is respect. "I think it is very important that we have a consistent approach with all of our players. Treat players with respect and be honest with them and hopefully that leads to a winning culture," Agnew said.

Supporting the players is also big for Agnew as he wants them to achieve their own goals. "I'll be there for them as much as possible and let them know that they can always talk to me about anything and give them my time."

Although once goals are achieved, they are set higher. "My goals this season are to be an all American, win a national championship, and be the best teammate I can," Kilen said. While Campbell said, "For the season my goal will be to get back on the field before the season is over, as of recently fractured my foot while playing."

The more you grow older the more you think on the past. Kilen and Campbell both loved playing baseball for Milton. "One thing I miss about highschool baseball is

playing with my best friends that I grew up with and being able to compete with them," Campbell said. While Kilen said, "One thing I miss about high school baseball is the team itself. A lot of those guys I spent almost everyday with and about half of the team I grew up playing baseball with since I was around 10-11 years old."

Campbell and Kilen never got the advice they wish they would've gotten about highschool baseball. They don't want the same thing to happen to highschool baseball players today. "One piece of advice I would give high school baseball players is to take the weight room seriously as it is just as important as baseball skill itself," Kilen said.

While Campbell said, "One thing I would tell someone who is playing right now would be to never take a day for granted. Sometimes practice seems long, but really enjoy the moment you get to play highschool baseball, because you will always look back on it and wish you had one more game. This is one of the most fun baseball experiences you will have getting to play everyday with the guys you grew up with. The bus rides to and from the games were really one of the best things about it too."

From "Track" p. 6

Not everything is in the all clear though with it being a new season that brings some challenges for everyone from athletes to coaches, like coach Peterson just having a newborn baby.

For Brenon the challenges were, "Dealing with an Achilles and ankle injury, and worried about underperforming," Banushi said.

This is something a lot of perseverance will take, but with the help of an amazing supporting staff in his team, he hopes to come back even stronger.

But not everyone's struggles are the same, "Having a new role of being a vocal leader to the younger athletes, and mentally preparing myself for track," Mitchell said.

But it won't just be the 2 coaches, Ethan Mitchell and Brenon Banushi who are the main focus

of this track team.

There is a lot of other help from some amazing athletes who are going to get this team to reach their goals and more.

Some of those athletes who will help this team succeed are Senior distance runner Johnny Flowers, Senior sprinter Laney Gill, Senior sprinter Adrian Vernon, Senior thrower Caitlin Zingsheim, Sophomore Lucas Weinert, and Sophomore Broden Dwyer. It's amazing to see kids discover their abilities, while also getting to compete with other great athletes.

"When I was in high school, I competed with and against future Olympians and pro athletes. It really inspired me to want to make coaching track and field a part of my future," Peterson said.

From "Rimrockers" p. 5

championship game by a score of 61-40. "The first half was a battle. We were down by 4 and I called a timeout, I reminded the boys this is the last time they get to play organized basketball together," Terrill said.

Going back to 2022, the team was just getting started. "I was ineligible for the school team because my grades were atrocious," Getchel said.

He was looking to play and decided to join the Rimrockers with his buddies. "Our sophomore season was a blast, we were playing against all older kids, and it was a real challenge," Getchel said.

The Rimrockers began bonding on and off the

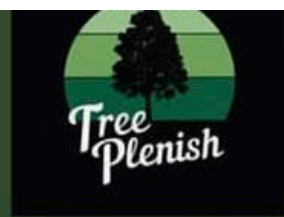
court, "Some of the best memories just came from hanging out with the guys, whether that be getting food, or playing pick-up at the YMCA," Getchel said.

The team regularly met up at the YMCA to practice and play against each other.

This practice helped sharpen their skills and lead to a close bonded team.

The team didn't have set plays on offense, but on defense they ran a 2-3 zone.

"Watching the team grow up over the past three years has been a blessing. This was an unexpected opportunity for me, but looking back, it was a great experience," Terrill said.



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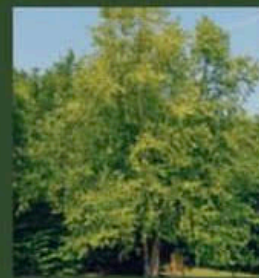
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- Saplings cost \$5 each
- <https://tpevents.org/school/4078>



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Saplings will come as bare root saplings. This means they are dormant until they are planted and typically bloom 4-6 weeks after being planted.

I'm Just Here For The COOKIES!

Created By: Brooklynn Hill

A student from each grade as well as a teacher were asked what their favorite Girl Scout cookie was and why. These are their responses



Hayden Foster  
10th grade

"My favorite Girl Scout cookie is a samoa. It is just the best flavor out of all of them"



Lydia McGuire  
9th grade

"My favorite Girl Scout cookie is a thin mint. My favorite flavor is mint, so I love them"



Mrs. Steffen  
Math Teacher

"My favorite Girl Scout cookie is a thin mint. My mom raised me right and showed me thin mints, they are best in the freezer"



Ryan Pinter  
11th grade

"My favorite Girl Scout cookie is a thin mint. I like the minty and chocolate flavor together"



Holly Morehart  
12th grade

"My favorite Girl Scout cookie is a tagalong. The peanut butter and chocolate mesh together into deliciousness"

Five FBLA Headed to Nationals

Tuesday, April 9 five members of Milton's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) competed at the State Leadership Conference and qualified for the national competition in Orlando, Florida this June. Congratulations to the following national qualifiers: Emma Steinke (4th - Business Management), Max Olson (2nd - Parliamentary Procedure), Raeden Dorsey (5th - Intro. to Programming), Sage Grady (1st - Personal Finance), and Kooper Propp & Nolan Erickson (1st - Website Coding & Development).

