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“Stay focused. Your start does not determine how you’re going to finish.” HERM EDWARDS

# Eagles Edge Clippers for Door County Classic Harris Cup

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The rain and cold weather canceled only the girls pole vault Monday when Gibraltar hosted the annual Door County Classic track-and-field meet involving the county’s four mainland high schools.

With team points of both the boys’ and girls’ results combined to determine the winner of the Harris Cup – named after the late Chan Harris, longtime publisher and editor of the *Door County Advocate* – Southern Door edged out Sturgeon Bay by a single point for first, 191-190. Gibraltar was third with 101 points, and Sevastopol fourth with 37.

In the girls’ results, the Clippers took top team honors with 109 points, followed by the Eagles (71),



Sturgeon Bay sophomore Xavier Jandrin clears the bar while competing in the boys pole vault in Monday’s Door County Classic. Jandrin placed second with a vault of 9 feet.



(Left) Sturgeon Bay’s Ricky Carlson (right) and Southern Door’s Zach Lynch sprint to the finish line in the boys 100-meter dash during Monday’s Door County Classic. Carlson won the race in 12.06 seconds. / Gibraltar’s Remy Carmichael competes in the girls high jump in Monday’s Door County Classic.

Vikings (40) and Pioneers (30). Southern Door topped the boys’ standings with 120 points, followed by Sturgeon Bay (81), Gibraltar (61) and Sevastopol (7). The top individual point total among the girls came from Southern Door junior

Brooke Strege with 18. She placed first in the 800-meter, 1,600 and 3,200 runs. Two Sturgeon Bay girls tied for the second-most individual points at 13.5: Senior Hannah Sternard placed first in the long jump and triple jump and was part of the winning 4 x 400 relay team,

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# Property Access Wanted

Local team will help property owners kill invasive phragmites

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Property owners: Have you seen 10- to 20-foot-tall grasses with feathery seed heads on or near your land? If so, the Door County Invasive Species Team (DCIST) seeks access to eliminate these alien weeds.

As in previous years, DCIST will work to eliminate tall phragmites grasses from public lands and highway rights-of-way. But this year, DCIST director Samantha Koyen said she’s excited that the organization has received \$59,000 in grant money specifically to cover the costs of phragmites elimination on private properties, with permission.

The Sustain Our Great Lakes funding comes from the Forest Service and the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, and a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources grant for \$49,700.

DCIST is also receiving \$75,800 in funding for phragmites control from the county through its American Rescue Plan Act funding.

Koyen said nonnative phragmites have a few attributes that make them unlike other nonnative and invasive grasses.

“An easy identification tool is to look where the leaves meet the stem,” Koyen said in a DCIST newsletter. “Nonnative phragmites will have prominent white hairs at this juncture. The hairs become more prominent when the leaf is pulled away from the stem.”

In addition to phragmites, the DCIST team continues its battle against three other invasives: teasel, Japanese knotweed and wild parsnip. She said the team has made headway in its war on the four invaders and would like to eliminate several patches and stands of phragmites it has seen on private properties.

The team is also taking aim at a few acres of phragmites-infested land near Tru-Way Road in Southern Door.

Plus, team members will watch for phragmites popping up along the shore as Lake Michigan waters continue to recede from historically high levels. The grasses spread by rhizome (a network of roots) and by seed. Koyen said that wave action has probably fractured some of the older roots, and seeds that were at the water line could germinate.



Sam Hoffman bundles phragmites as a first step in a bundle-and-cut control method employed by the Door County Invasive Species Team on public lands.

She said she has renewed hope that DCIST can win the war on phragmites, teasel, wild parsnip and Japanese knotweed.

“We have the funds, and we have the energy to deal with it,” Koyen said.

She encourages property owners who want their land checked for invasive species or who will allow a team to kill phragmites on their property to contact her 920.746.2363 or skoyen@co.door.wi.us.

### Garlic-Mustard Pull in Egg Harbor

In addition to being encouraged by the grant funding, Koyen said she’s glad that DCIST and other groups can resume some of the public outreach and activities that had ceased during the pandemic.

The Village of Egg Harbor is inviting members of the public to a garlic-mustard pull starting with a presentation by Koyen on May 17 (May 18 is the rain date), 9 am, along Highway G near the golf course. Garlic mustard is not one of the top-four weeds that DCIST is targeting right now, but Koyen said that because it has a strong foothold countywide, it’s great for the public to learn how to identify and control it.

Learn more about the garlic-mustard pull at [villageofegggharbor.org](http://villageofegggharbor.org).

### No Mow May

The Village of Egg Harbor and Lawrence University encourage residents to participate in No Mow May: to leave their lawn mowers idle in May in order to give bees and other pollinators access to flowers in the lawn, including dandelions.

Egg Harbor invites residents to register their lawn on the village website, to “commit to leaving at least 75% of their lawn uncut until the fourth week of May, and proudly post a No Mow May sign in

their front yard,” according to the village website. The village also encourages people to email photos to [jreinke@villageofegggharbor.org](mailto:jreinke@villageofegggharbor.org) and download the free iNaturalist app.

## NOTES



Restoration consultant Jason Miller of Silver Creek Ecological Services holds a flat of native grasses to be planted as part of the habitat-restoration work being done at Crossroads at Big Creek’s 200-acre nature preserve in Sturgeon Bay.

### CROSSROADS LAUNCHES LAND RESTORATION SCHOOL

Crossroads at Big Creek is establishing a Land Restoration School (LRS, [landrestorationschool.org](http://landrestorationschool.org)) to provide educational immersion in the principles, practices and planning of ecological restoration for degraded lands.

The LRS is designed to teach a cohort of six to 12 adults every year. Participants may be those who are refining or redirecting college experiences, following a noncollege learning path or seeking a career change, but all will share a goal of working in ecological restoration or an affiliated field.

Crossroads approached Dan Collins and Nancy Aten, owners of **Landscapes of Place**, to be the LRS’s founding directors.

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