



## 'An Important Addition'

Mayville native Jane Benson, far left, poses with her family in front of the Yellowstone National Park Heritage and Research Center in Montana. The family submitted old photographs and notes from matriarch Vera (Chamberlain) Theiler's collection, which she took and wrote while working at Yellowstone in the 1920s. The Heritage Center referred to the submitted materials as "an important addition" to its museum and said the items would be "preserved and made available" in future exhibits. Also pictured with Benson (Vera's granddaughter), from left, are Noah Weide (Vera's second great grandson), Seth Weide (Vera's great grandson) and Emma Weide (Vera's second great granddaughter). **submitted**

## Time Travel During The Pandemic

*How a Mayville matriarch's photographs and notes ended up preserved by the Yellowstone Heritage and Research Center*

**JANE BENSON**  
DAUGHTER OF  
MARGUERITE BACHHUBER

My 91-year-old mother, Mayville-native Marguerite (Mugs) Bachhuber, came to live with me and my husband in May 2020 as a protective measure – knowing she was more vulnerable to the virus at

the assisted living facility where she was staying – as the vaccine was not available yet.

While she was with us, she decided on a "project" to bring her joy during the months of lock down. Boxes of very old family photos came out and the time travel began.

Mom loves music and told us many times that her mother was the activities director at Yellowstone National Park: America's very first "National Park."

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## Just Enjoying The View

A bald eagle was photographed roosting between Easy St. and Krieser Dr. in the City of Mayville the morning of Monday, Jan. 10. The large raptors have made an incredible comeback in the state with sightings of the nation's bird reported in every Wisconsin county (including Milwaukee). **courtesy photo by Andy Shoemaker**

## Cougars and Lions To Meet on Mats and Reignite Historic, Dormant Rivalry

*Campbellsport wrestling returns to the Flyway Conference, and a Jan. 20 dual at Lomira will be the marquee event of the Flyway season*

**CLARICE CASE**  
JOURNALIST

For the first time since 2009, the Campbellsport Cougars and Lomira Lions will wrestle one another in Lomira's "Den" on Thursday, Jan. 20, with the first match scheduled for 7 p.m.

The last time these two teams met, Campbellsport was running roughshod through the Eastern Wisconsin Conference (EWC); Campbellsport left the Flyway Conference after the 1999 season, and the Cougars won five conference titles in the EWC before moving, again, to the East Central Conference (ECC) where they won three more titles.

"From 1971 to 1999, Campbellsport won 29 straight Flyway Conference titles and never lost a dual in the conference," shared retired Lomira head coach David Meyer. "Lomira did not beat Campbellsport in a dual or in a tournament until after they left the conference."

Once the Cougars left, however, Lomira became the powerhouse of the Flyway, and without their neighbors in blue and gold taking up the top spot, Lomira has won or shared 20 of the last 22 conference titles.

With Campbellsport's return to the Flyway this season, the power structure of the conference is now, on paper, a two-team race between two programs that have regularly sent individuals to the WIAA State Tournament.

Lomira, having never been able to topple their Goliath in the form of CHS wrestling, has the chance to beat the Cougars in a conference dual for the first time ever at next week's dual.

Campbellsport, having never lost to Lomira since both programs' founding, will hope to keep things that way.

Even though more than one decade has passed since the two teams faced off, to those close to each team, it will feel like nothing once the first match finally begins on Jan. 20. After all, this rivalry spans decades, with seminal figures to the sport having represented both sides and it all starts in the 1960s with a then-inexperienced coach in Campbellsport.

That coach was Gerald "Sarge" Marking, who passed away last summer, and who was honored by the program after print time at a home dual on Jan. 13.

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### HORICON

#### Horicon Doubles Down for Conference Tri

The Marshmen wrestling team defeated both Palmyra-Eagle and Johnson Creek at a home triangular on Monday, Jan. 3.

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### LOMIRA

#### December LHS Academic Lions

Meet last month's eight academic Lions from Lomira High School.

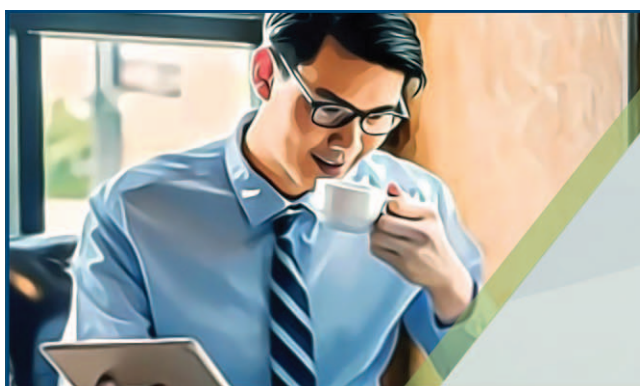
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### MAYVILLE

#### RCI Engineering Receives AE50 Award for T-Series Ag-Baggers®

RCI Engineering was awarded a 2022 AE50 award from the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) for the T-Series Ag-Bagger Product Line.

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| SPORTS |

**RIVALRY** *from page 1*

Marking began the tradition of excellence at CHS in 1966, after earning a first-season record of 4-5. Despite the losing record in his inaugural year as coach, Marking, who had never wrestled and knew nothing about the sport when he accepted the position as head coach, never looked back.

Marking's teams were conference champs for 23 consecutive years; the first three won in the Scenic Moraine Conference and 20 more in the Flyway Conference. In 1979, the Cougars placed second in their first WIAA Class B State Championships and won in 1980.

Meanwhile, further west on 67, Lomira's wrestling program was developed in 1968; two years after Campbellsport's was founded. While the Cougars were gaining momentum, the Lions struggled in their first decade.

Meyer replaced Dick Field as head coach after one year as an unpaid assistant in 1979.

"Wrestling didn't come easy at first," Meyer said. "The first year we had a losing record and no individuals in the conference finals. That first year, I was learning a lot about structuring practices and wrestling technique."

In addition to participating in coaching clinics and wrestling camps, Meyer learned a lot from his brother Bob who was a 1976 state champion and wrestler for UW-Madison. He also had the advantage of observing two other successful area coaches, Larry Marcionda of Fond Du Lac and, of course, Marking.

These two future Wisconsin Wrestling Coaches Association Hall of Fame members were the catalysts in creating the ongoing rivalry between these schools.

"The biggest hump we had to overcome was developing wrestlers good enough to qualify for the state meet," Meyer said. "It hadn't happened in the first ten years under coach Field, and it hadn't happened in my first eight years."

In the '87-'88 season, Lomira finally saw three wrestlers qualify for state and, three years later, Ryan Mielkie became their first state champion.

Lomira's luck was beginning to change.

The Lions were nipping at the heels of the Cougars for years; from 1982-1999, Lomira placed second behind Campbellsport 10 times in the conference.

In 1995, Mark Peterson took Marking's place as head coach for the Cougars, and in 1997, Dan Heisdorf, current co-head coach, joined the program as an assistant coach.

The rivalry between these two schools was going strong until Campbellsport moved to the EWC in 2000, and for more than the last 20 years, Campbellsport has been out of the Flyway; the Cougars spent around 14 years in the EWC and another seven in the ECC.

In the time away, like Marking had done before him, Peterson earned his 300th win, and the Cougars earned their 500th program win. They also earned 18 conference titles before Peterson's retirement in 2019, making the current total 41 for Campbellsport.

With the Cougars out of the way, the Lions were able to shine.

On top of the 20 conference title wins, the Lions won the team sectional in 2005 and 2017 and were the team state runner-up in 2005 and team state qualifier in 2017.

Despite the success in the other conferences, Heisdorf said, "I think we feel back home in the Flyway."

He and co-head coach Alex Costello have heard from other coaches this season that they felt Campbellsport always belonged in the Flyway.

Even Heisdorf and Costello's chief rival, Lomira head coach Jon Marx, was happy to see the blue-and-gold back in-conference.

"It is great to have Campbellsport back in the Flyway," said Marx. "Traditionally, Lomira and Campbellsport have had a great rivalry. Having that rivalry and competition back in our conference can only make us and our conference better."

Dave Meyer mirrored that sentiment.

"I see it as a very good thing," he said. "Working harder to be competitive with Campbellsport was what first helped build the success of our program. Now, we travel all over the state, seeking good competition for our wrestlers to challenge them and hone their skills. With the renewal of this rivalry, I see both teams benefiting."

So far this season, both teams have performed as expected, with the possibility of a team state appearance never too far out of reach, and the high likelihood of at least one state qualifier from both schools making the trap to Madison.

"Our current season is going well," Marx said. "We are fairly young on the sarsity level, but we are improving every day and learning every tournament."

Costello said the same of his Cougars.

"Guys are stepping up to the plate for duals and putting the team on their back in certain occasions," he said.

The stakes will be high for both teams when they face each other once again, and it is likely that whichever team emerges victorious will be the frontrunner to win the whole conference come February.

For Campbellsport, the undefeated bragging rights will be something to watch, as the Cougars are determined to keep their perfect 209-0 dual record (209-0) running in the Flyway.

"The boys... They are ready for it," Costello said. "They have been thinking about it since they knew we were coming to the Flyway."

Meanwhile, Lomira has won 12 consecutive conference titles, and they are working towards number 13.

"The upcoming dual with Campbellsport will be a great one," Marx said. "Campbellsport has a very strong team, and we will have to wrestle very well to beat them."

For Costello, he knows that the buck doesn't stop at the dual, either.

"We are going to have a dog fight at the dual, we are going to have a dog fight at the conference tournament and then we are going to have a dog fight for the regional title," Costello said. "Granted everybody stays healthy, it should be very close."

"No Pressure," joked Heisdorf.

*The Campbellsport/Lomira wrestling dual will be held at The Den in Lomira on Thursday, Jan. 20, with the first match scheduled for 7 p.m.*

| PIONIER GAME OF THE WEEK |



Horicon's Kevin Wenninger works from the mat against a Johnson Creek opponent during last week's home triangular. Horicon defeated both Creek and Palmyra-Eagle to capture a shutout team victory on Jan. 3. **Clarice Case photo**

## Horicon Doubles Down for Conference Tri

**CLARICE CASE JOURNALIST**

The Horicon Marshmen wrestling team hosted a triangular with Trailways Conference opponents Palmyra-Eagle (P-E) and Johnson Creek for parent's night last week Monday, Jan. 3.

The Panthers of P-E were first to face the Marshmen on the mat, and it was a clear sweep for Horicon en route to a shutout victory.

In the first match, Kylee Firari pinned Yoselin Soto in 1:37 for the first win.

Ian Emery was pinned by Austin Zamorano in 2:27.

Kevin Wenninger beat Dylan Riener by fall in 1:23.

In the final match, Brady Elvers pinned Kurtis Frink in 2:22.

As a team, Horicon defeated Palmyra-Eagle in a 60-0 victory.

After the Horicon wrestlers and managers acknowledged their parents, it was time for the Blue Jays to take their turn on the mat against the Orange-and-Black.

In the first match, Bryce Twardokus won by a 4-2 decision over William Mattered.

Kylee Firari fell in her second match to Connor Gerstner.

Brady Groenewold pinned Noah Westrich in 1:14.

There was only one other loss for Horicon as Kevin Wenninger fell by an 11-1 major decision.

Horicon won its final two matches when Brady Elvers and Shane Fluhr pinned both their opponents.

Horicon beat Johnson Creek 51-22.

In all, it was a successful night at home for the Marshmen, who will gear up for the Trailways Conference Meet, which is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 5 at Markesan.

## Mayville Football Awards Banquet

Iron Ridge Inn | (all photos submitted)

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### Mayville Football Flyway All-Conference

Members of the 2021 WIAA Division 5 State Runner-up Mayville football team on the Flyway All-Conference list. Pictured from left, in front, are Adison Mittelstadt (First Team), Jackson Wade (Honorable Mention), Kaden Hardesty (First Team & Honorable Mention), Braedon Vollmer (Second Team) and Ty Hockers (First Team). Top row: Riley Nadolski (Second Team), Logan Arroyo (First Team\*), Garrett Olson (Honorable Mention), Zane Vetter (Second Team & Honorable Mention), Blake Schraufnagel (First Team\* & Second Team) and Bradley Bushke (First Team\* & First Team\*). \*(indicates unanimous selection).



### Mayville Football All-Region

Members of the 2021 WIAA Division 5 State Runner-up Mayville football team on the All-Region list. Pictured from left are Bradley Bushke, Cadon Hardesty, Braeden Vollmer, Ty Hockers and Blake Schraufnagel. **submitted**