

Thursday Pool Results

TEAMS	W	L	Pts	Opp
Hagen	20	2	225	105
Nelson	19	3	228	102
Ott	17	5	201	129
Heisz	16	6	192	138
Dusters	13	9	185	145
Olson	9	13	160	170
Knoble	11	11	156	174
Larson	8	14	161	169
LaLande	7	15	147	183
Clark	3	19	121	209
Allen	7	7	103	107
Meyer	3	19	123	207

WOMEN	W	L	Pts	Opp
M. Forde	40	26		
M. Larson	35	31		
R. Hagen	38	28		
K. Hammond	33	33		
G. Nelson	39	27		
S. Olson	22	41		
J. McBride	25	35		
S. Heisz	23	37		
K. Kelter	22	41		
T. Hird	19	47		
S. Swadley	23	40		
B. Anderson	20	43		
J. Gill	21	45		
J. Lalonde	18	42		
S. Muller	16	41		
K. Bartel	12	15		
J. Conner	16	23		
M. Decker	7	20		
T. Hughes	4	14		
V. Ingle	2	1		
A. Strait	2	1		
J. Lee	4	5		
K. Soback	1	5		
J. Meyer	5	10		
A. Pucket	1	2		

MEN	W	L	Pts	Opp
Lance Hagen	56	10		
Jeremy Thayer	56	10		
Rick Salmon	53	13		
Tim Erickson	53	13		
Tim Albert	45	21		
Ivan Heisz	46	20		
Delon Olson	45	21		
Dave Nelson	43	23		
Dan Chapman	45	21		
Ed Heisz	42	24		
Mike Heisz	38	22		
Mark Sherry	42	24		
Jack Ott	39	27		
Jordan Gardner	40	26		
Mark Meyer	39	27		
Matt Meyer	38	28		
Nathan Hagen	41	19		
Vernon Smith	40	20		
Shawn Sherry	35	31		
Trevor O Kane	36	30		
Charlie Heisz	35	31		
Ron Soback	32	34		
Dan Hooverson	38	22		
Bryant Olson	33	30		
Andy Meyer	34	32		
Thomas Holt	32	25		
Todd Brudos	32	25		
Ryan Smith	32	31		
Dale Fisher	30	33		
Darren Martin	35	25		
Tony Clark	30	36		
Lee Hagen	30	36		
Larry Clark	24	42		
James Robert	28	38		
Ray Gill	22	44		
Xzavier Zellman	20	40		
Randy Heisz	20	31		
Scott Allen	25	20		
Bob Allen	21	24		
Joe Rosera	22	27		
Gary Wickman	17	31		
Jason Knoble	12	6		
Ken	9	3		
Ray Erickson	7	2		
Dave Cook	7	14		
Derrick Heisz	11	1		
Theron	5	7		
Skip Fortney	5	4		
Dave Gunderson	4	8		
Ralph Swadley	4	5		
Dean Hartley	4	2		
Cody Gardner	3	0		
David	3	0		
Keith Sandvick	2	1		
Jim Showen	2	4		
Barney Conner	2	4		
Doug Abbie	1	2		
Billy Heisz	1	2		
Austin Abbey	1	2		
Roger Meyer	1	2		
David Puckett	1	14		

Soup Supper is on!

There are varieties of soups, chillies, sandwiches and more and it all supports a great cause.

It's the Ocooch EMS Soup Supper on Saturday, March 25 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the EMS Building at 111 N Royal Avenue in Gays Mills, Wisconsin. Support Ocooch Mountain Rescue.



The last moment of the last game

Seneca's Evan Payne (3) leaves the WIAA Regional Final Game after fouling out with just 16 seconds remaining and the Royals trailing the Wauzeka-Stauben Hornets 62-54. Payne exchanges a few words with Seneca freshman Carson Sime (23) on his way to the bench. The Hornets defeated the Royals and went on to the WIAA Sectionals, where they beat the Potosi Chieftains in the first round. As for Payne, he had a few nice markers to hang his brilliant high school basketball career on including breaking the 1,000-point career mark and being chosen the Ridge and Valley Conference Player of the Year after the season ended. Congratulations to Evan and all the Seneca Royals on a well played season and winning the Ridge and Valley Conference Championship! We're looking forward to seeing you out on the ball field pretty soon. Go Royals! Go Big Blue!

Watershed alliance considered

Bad Axe Watershed Council enjoys meeting

By AMBROSIA WOJAHN

Community, funding, and upcoming events were topics discussed at the Bad Axe Watershed Council's meeting last Thursday night. The meeting was held at the Pedretti's Vernon Vineyards just before dark, as the rain was turning back to snow.

A group of around 25 people were in attendance, with some arriving late due to overlap with a Town of Harmony meeting.

All were greeted with pizza and beverages. The Pedretti dog, Daisy, paced gallantly around the room during a brief social hour with dinner. Travis Klinkner kicked off the meeting.

There was a discussion of the Council's committees, which include Finance, Events and Demonstrations, and Promotion and Outreach. Council members were encouraged to join the committees.

"The success of our organization is really dependent on member involvement," Klinkner emphasized.

Amy Oliver went over some initiatives of the Promotion and Outreach committee, including a new Bad Axe Facebook page and yard signs advertising that property belongs to a Bad Axe Watershed Member.

"These signs are great conversation-starters and will help us educate people about watersheds," Oliver explained.

The Council moved on to go over the Vernon County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Each member was given a multi-hazard risk assessment survey to fill out, identifying hazardous occurrences they've noticed in the area and the level of risk associated with them.

The intention of the survey is to pinpoint specific areas of need for more permanent repairs or solutions for natural disasters. Members introduced some ideas to suggest in the surveys, such as increased infiltration in uplands and refurbishing existing flood control structures.

Travis Klinkner moved on to introduce a proposal

to develop a "hill country watershed alliance," which would be qualified to become a SOLC-3 and open the program up to various grants.

"The goal is that this alliance would become self-sustaining, with the ability to sequester funds through avenues other than DATCP," Brad Robeson said. "There's more to it than just the financial side...it will bring exposure to the coordination of watersheds and foster county unity and pride."

Individuality important

Members emphasized the need to maintain individuality between various watershed groups within this coordination.

The meeting went on to consider event-planning and outreach measures to be taken.

Lorne Goede suggested using the county farm, which has become a 'blank slate' in recent years, to demonstrate sustainable farming practices. There was talk of adding parameters to the farm's new lease which would enforce such measures.

Cover crop BINGO tours will take place this spring and again in late fall. These events will give people an opportunity to take note of what cover crops other farmers are using and to learn from those methods.

Two Grassland 2.0 Hands-on Workshops are happening this spring; one on March 22 in Baraboo and another on April 6 in Spring Green.

The next joint watershed meeting will be held on March 29 at the Eagles Club. RSVPs are required for those who plan on eating.

Another joint watershed meeting is being tentatively planned for August 18-19 to discuss and demonstrate water infiltration, particularly geared toward educating people who live in towns on how groundwater flows.

A standard monthly meeting was set for the second Thursday of each month. The next Bad Axe Council meeting is planned for the second Thursday is March at Al Seelow's farm. After the meeting, many stayed for more refreshments and cards.

Bail amendments and welfare referendums reviewed

Ballot amendments

The Bail Amendment will appear on Wisconsin voters' April 4 ballot. There will be two questions. The League of Women Voters urges voters to vote 'no' on both.

What is a constitutional amendment?

This is a change to the Wisconsin Constitution. The current Wisconsin Constitution has been amended only 100 times. Amendments may only be proposed by the legislature and then put on the ballot.

What will the amendment do?

The amendment will increase the number of people who are held in jail pending trial by expanding the conditions for judges to consider in determining whether an individual is eligible for pretrial release and for cash bail.

Additionally, it would require a judge to consider a defendant's potential risk to public safety, including his

or her criminal history, when setting bail. Currently, cash bail is set as a means to ensure the person appears in court.

What are the questions?

Question 1 is about conditions of release before conviction.

Question 2 is about cash bail before conviction.

What are the issues with this amendment?

Increased pretrial detention and denial of bail will:

- violate rights of those who are innocent until proven guilty
- increase costs for local jails, including rural areas
- increase racial disparity in the justice system
- adversely impact people with low-income.

Why are the ballot questions ambiguous and misleading?

Voters are not advised that:

- a consideration for pretrial

detention of "serious bodily harm" is being changed to "serious harm, as defined by the legislature". This will enlarge the number of people affected by this.

- the five proposed additions to considerations of bail are new language, not included in the current statute
- the use of ambiguous and misleading ballot questions will result in costly legal challenges, if passed.

Welfare referendum

This week we are taking a look at the Welfare Referendum that will appear on every Wisconsin voters' ballot. The League is urging voters to VOTE NO!

What is an advisory referendum?

The results of this referendum will have no impact on the current law. However, legislative leadership said the results of this referendum will be used to guide future legislation.

What is the question?

"Shall able-bodied, childless adults be required to look for work in order to receive taxpayer-funded welfare benefits?" Voters can visit MyVote.WI.Gov to see the full sample language on their ballot.

What are the issues with this referendum?

It is misleading. The question does not properly inform voters and this vague wording could cause problems down the line.

1) Voters do not know what taxpayer-funded welfare benefits are being referred to. This could apply to a number of public benefit programs.

2) Additionally, the term "able-bodied" is not defined. Are there exceptions? For example, does this apply to a person who is able-bodied, but who has a mental health condition?

Voters can't make a reasonable decision when casting their vote on this vague advisory referendum.

Milwaukee Bears were state's only Negro league club

By TOM EMERY

The Negro Leagues were a loose confederation of seven baseball associations that date to 1920, and featured teams in cities across the nation. Only one, however, was in Wisconsin.

The Milwaukee Bears were a member of the Negro National League in 1923, and featured one of the great black players of all time in Pete Hill, who also managed the team. Unfortunately, the Bears struggled both on the field and at the box-office, folding after one season.

The Milwaukee franchise replaced two teams that had ceased operations in the NNL (there was also a Negro American League, which was more financially successful). One of the defunct teams was the Pittsburgh Keystones, which supplied most of the players on the Milwaukee roster.

The most notable name on the Bears, however, was Hill, who is widely considered one of the best Negro League players of all time. Though statistics from black baseball are woefully incomplete, Hill is credited with a sparkling .326 average in a 27-year career. He also spent six winter seasons in Cuba, where he hit a combined .307.

Though largely forgotten today, Hill was one of the most feared black players of all time. One peer said that Hill "will probably never have an equal as a hitter" while one sportswriter wrote in 1951 that Hill "helped put Negro baseball on the map." In 1994, researcher James Riley declared that "if an all-star team had been picked from the Deadball Era," [Ty] Cobb and Hill would have flanked Tris Speaker.

In addition to the old Keystones players, the Bears hosted tryouts in Chicago to fill out their roster. Home games were at Borchert Field, where the Green Bay Packers played a total of eight games between 1921-33, and the longtime home of the minor-league Milwaukee Brewers.

However, the Bears' franchise struggled with low finances, and the Milwaukee media provided spotty coverage of games. Hill batted .296 in his role as player-manager, and the Bears also received strong performances from outfielders Pete Duncan, who hit .321, and Percy Wilson, a .314 hitter.

But there wasn't enough talent, and too few fans showed up to watch. Eventually, the Bears played most games on the road, and folded altogether in July with a record of 12-41.

Hill earned a spot in the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2006 though, sadly, he is rarely remembered today for his remarkable career that spanned over a quarter-century. He later worked for Ford Motor Company, as well as a railroad porter, prior to his death in 1951.

The Bears, however, have been brought back to light over the years, particularly by the Milwaukee Brewers, who wore Bears throwback jerseys for games at least seven times from 2006-11. The sole season of the Bears is also remembered by a Wisconsin State Historical Society marker at the site of Borchert Field.

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Don't miss StrongBodies

Join Extension Crawford County for the upcoming Virtual StrongBodies Program. Classes held twice a week and include progressive resistance training, balance training, and flexibility exercises.

Attend the sessions at the County Administration Building, 225 N. Beaumont Road, Conference Room 236 on Prairie du Chien, or at home or away on vacation. April 4 to June 22 on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9-10 a.m. For information or to register visit: go.wisc.edu/1xtow8 Or call 608-326-0223

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