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Welcome to Western Kenosha County, where residents and visitors alike can visit multiple attractions, from Interstate 94 to the Walworth County border.

Western Kenosha County, comprised of two high schools and multiple elementary schools, has attractions ranging from Aquanuts Water Ski shows during the warm summer months to Old Settlers Park in Paddock Lake.

Old Settlers Park, part of the Kenosha County Parks System, welcomed a new bandshell after several years of fundraising from the nonprofit organization, Old Settlers Oktoberfest.

Other attractions include Richard Bong State Recreation Area in the Town of Brighton as well as Pringle Nature Center, which is next to Bristol Woods County Park, in the Village of Bristol.

Additionally, while many attractions are available for residents and visitors, both Westosha Central and Wilmot Union high schools have something to offer.

Wilmot Union High School continued its academic decathlon dynasty last year by winning a fifth consecutive national title and 10th straight state championship.

At Westosha Central, the community stepped up to support students, who organized the first Powderpuff football tournament in at least a decade.

These achievements are highlighted in this year's annual Our Town edition presented by The Report Group.

In addition to achievements, Western

Kenosha County welcomed two new top law enforcement officials, with the Sheriff's Department having a new leader in David Zoerner while Katie Hall assumes the role of police chief in the Village of Twin Lakes.

Aside from area attractions, Western Kenosha County delivers many annual events, such as the Kenosha County Fair, Bristol Progress Days and Libertyfest in downtown Twin Lakes.

Western Kenosha County, home to nearly 40,000 people, has something to offer residents as well as visitors looking for recreational opportunities and activities.

This annual edition is packed with vital community information, including contact details for municipalities and school districts, along with places to explore the area.

Looking ahead, the Report will continue to make a concerted effort to highlight community events and residents, and give well-deserved recognition to students who call Western Kenosha County home.

We aim to serve residents in numerous communities, from as far west as the towns of Randall and Wheatland and the village of Twin Lakes, to the Village of Bristol and Town of Paris near the Interstate 94 corridor, as well as the Village of Salem Lakes and the Town of Brighton.

I'm always willing to listen to what community members have to say. Please feel free to email me at jarndt@ southernlakesnewspapers.com.

– Jason Arndt

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above: The Aquanut's ballet line delivers a routine during the 2023 season-opener at Lance Park Beach in the Village of Twin Lakes. on the cover: MacKenzie Thomas, of Westosha Central High School, runs along the sideline last fall during the school's first Powderpuff competition in at least 10 years.

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Three generations of Wisconsin women embarked on Yosemite adventure for disaster relief

hree generations of women from a Wisconsin family with Kenosha County roots set out on a demanding hike through California's Yosemite Valley last year to raise money for the international disaster relief organization ShelterBox USA.

Frances Wargolet, Katrina Wargolet Kyne, and Sophie Kyne, who was 13 at the time, began their hike Aug. 13.

For three days, they climbed one of Yosemite's iconic domes, the North Dome, as well as the nearly 10,000-foot Mountain Hoffman.

They are hiking for ShelterBox, a global nonprofit that provides emergency shelter and other lifesaving supplies after disasters and in conflict zones.

Frances, who lives in Bristol, said she was drawn to ShelterBox because it seeks to address one of the biggest challenges



Katrina Wargolet Kyne, Sophie Kyne, who was 13 at the time, and Frances Wargolet, embarked on a challenging journey last fall for ShelterBox. SUBMITTED PHOTO Westosha Our Town

in the world.

More than 110 million people have been forced from their homes. She became more involved after the war in Ukraine broke out two years.

"There are more displaced people in the world than ever before," Frances said in 2023. "I was astonished by Russia's attacks on Ukraine last year and the recent earthquakes that devastated areas of Turkey and Syria. I thought, 'What can I do to help?' I responded by becoming an ambassador for ShelterBox."

Frances was joined on the hike

by her daughter, Katrina, a 22year Army veteran who served in Bosnia, Afghanistan, and Iraq and has seen firsthand the devastation caused by conflict in those countries. Frances' granddaughter, Sophie completed the family group participating in the hike. The trio has experience hiking together. They frequently hiked in Oahu when Katrina was stationed there.

ShelterBox was founded in 2000 by a Rotary Club in England with the goal of providing families everything they need immediately after disasters. It remains Rotary International's official project partner for disaster relief, and Frances is a local Rotary Club member.

Since its founding, ShelterBox has helped more than 2.5 million people, responding to more than 300 crises in nearly 100 countries.

Known for its iconic green box, ShelterBox works with disaster-struck communities to provide customized aid packages that can include tents, cook sets, solar lanterns, mattresses, mosquito nets, water filters, and other items.

"We are so grateful for supporters like Fran, Katrina, and Sophie," said ShelterBox USA President Kerri Murray. "They are personifying so much about ShelterBox by translating their passion and determination into a project that will help those who need it most around the world."



Local teen aspires to become a pilot

Zubor, of Twin Lakes, savors Civil Air Patrol experience

By Jason Arndt

EDITOR

enny Zubor, of Twin Lakes, always had an interest in flying an aircraft. As a youngster however, the Wilmot Union High School student and two-sport athlete had limited options to pursue that interest until she joined the Walworth County Civil Air Patrol.

The Walworth County Civil Air Patrol, which meets regularly at the Wisconsin National Guard Armory in Elkhorn, has a rich history dating back decades.

An official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, the Civil Air Patrol began one week before the bombing of Pearl Harbor, which sparked the U.S.'s entry into World War II.

Since then, the volunteer group has evolved, with many new missions, including search and rescue, emergency services, humanitarian relief, youth development and aerospace education for students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

For Zubor, a member of Wilmot co-op gymnastics, which includes Union Grove and Williams Bay high schools, she learned about the Civil Air Patrol through her mother, who sought new opportunities for her daughter.

"I really want to become a pilot. I like the travel aspect of it and I really don't want to be in an office," Zubor, a Cadet Senior Master Sergeant with the Air Patrol, said last year. "My mom was looking up things to do when you are younger ... and we found Civil Air Patrol."

At her first meeting in Elkhorn, she remembered playing laser tag with other

members, and soon became hooked on the organization because it offered several learning opportunities she had not seen anywhere else.

Zubor, who was 15 at the time, daughter of Holly and Bob and older sister to Lillian, took an orientation flight as a member of the organization and became involved in several initiatives and events.

She assisted the Civil Air Patrol during the annual Burlington fly-in last year at the Burlington Municipal Airport, where aircraft and classic Porsches sat on display for residents and out-of-town visitors.

While she enjoyed helping in Burlington, her most memorable moment came in Oshkosh, where Zubor assisted at the prominent EAA fly-in and convention.

"I really enjoyed the EAA and working up at the EAA," Zubor said. "You get to spend the day at the air show and you get to spend the night at the armory."

BALANCING ACT

As a freshman, Zubor finished fifth in the floor exercise for Wilmot at the Division 1 Mukwonago Sectional, advancing to the WIAA State Gymnastics Tournament in Wisconsin Rapids.

She also lettered in track and field during the spring sports season.

Zubor acknowledged being involved in two sports, her studies at Wilmot and her participation in the Civil Air Patrol presents a balancing act.

However, through those challenges, Zubor said she has learned time management skills and how to take advantage of every opportunity to study



Zubor, of Twin Lakes, stands beside an aircraft while assisting as a member of the Walworth County Civil Air Patrol. The Walworth County Civil Air Patrol helped visitors with parking and other needs during the Burlington fly-in last year.



Penny Zubor, of the Wilmot co-op gymnastics team, has learned to balance sports and participation in the Civil Air Patrol. SUBMITTED PHOTO Westosha Our Town

and/or practice.

"I am okay with it. I have a study hall in school, so I take advantage of that," Zubor said.

She said participating in gymnastics has brought many benefits with skills learned there transferring over to other sports and activities.

Zubor began in gymnastics when her parents enrolled her in the sport more than a decade ago.

"When I was younger, my parents put me in gymnastics so that I could have allaround body strength, so if I ever wanted to go a different route, it would transfer," Zubor recalled.

The experience, she added, paid off when she started with the Civil Air Patrol.

"With the Civil Air Patrol, you need to pass a physical fitness test, and

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Local teen bolsters leadership through FBI program

hen people receive a phone call from a law enforcement official, particularly an FBI agent, it could bring rattled nerves and anxiety since conversations always involve a criminal topic.

But for Aubree Phillips, of Bristol, she welcomed the phone call because it served as an invitation to join the Teen Experience and Mentorship Program at the FBI Milwaukee office in St. Francis.

"When she got the phone call, she actually missed the call from the agent, he had left her a message," said Brian Phillips,



above: Westosha Central sophomore Aubree Phillips, a multi-sport athlete including basketball, has shown an interest in the criminal justice field. She also plays volleyball and soccer. **top:** Aubree is shown dressed in professional attire before attending the Teen Experience and Mentorship Program at the FBI Milwaukee office in St. Francis.

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Aubree's father. "I don't think she could sleep until she heard back from him and found she was selected for the program."

She and about 30 other students, some from as far away as La Crosse, earned selection to the program after a rigorous application process.

According to the application, all of the students were evaluated based on grade point average, school activities, community involvement and an essay.

Aubree, who attended the program in June 2023, acknowledged she needed to show self-discipline because of the serious nature of the program.

"We couldn't have any electronics, obviously, but you also had to wear a uniform, so I had to wear a polo and khakis," Aubree said. "They treated us like you would be treated in any professional job."

"You were selected for the program, so you don't want to mess that up," she added.

SIMPLE ROAD TRIP

Aubree, a sophomore at Westosha Central, became interested in criminal justice while on a road trip with her family to Washington, DC in the eighth grade.

She, her parents Brian and Jennifer, her identical twin sister, Jora, and her younger sister visited several attractions before reaching the U.S. Capitol.

Aubree recalled seeing several federal agents, including members of the Secret Service, during the visit and found their work fascinating.

"I kept seeing all of the service people and I brought it up to my parents and said 'I thought it would be kind of cool to do," she recalled. "Since then, it has been in the back of my mind that that is a job I could do."

While she showed an interest in criminal justice, specifically the FBI, Aubree didn't learn about the Teen Experience Program until she was a freshman at Westosha Central.

Brian, a battalion chief with the City of Racine Fire Department, discovered the program through a conversation with an FBI agent during a meeting at work.

"I was talking to an FBI agent at a meeting I was at and, of course, we ended



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Westosha Central and Wilmot Union high schools held their annual commencement ceremonies to celebrate the Class of 2023. Westosha Central presented the Class of 2023 on June 3 while Wilmot did the same the next day in the school's Veterans Memorial Fieldhouse. **above:** Kate Bergmann addresses fellow classmates and people in attendance during Westosha Central's graduation ceremony last summer. Bergmann served as Class of 2023 speaker after being selected by her classmates. **top right:** Grace Lasch (left) holds her well-decorated cap alongside classmate Allison Streitmatter before the June 4 commencement ceremony at Wilmot Union High School. **at right:** Wilmot faculty member Tara Smith holds a light-hearted conversation with student Madelyn Hansen before the school's 2023 commencement. **below:** Senior Class Vice President Brooke Smith and Treasurer John Kinzler unveil the Class of 2023 gift – which was a stuffed Falcon, to family and friends during Westosha Central's June 3 graduation ceremony.

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OUR SCHOOLS

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Brighton School

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20121 83rd Street Bristol, WI 53104 262-857-2334 www.bristol.k12.wi.us District Administrator: Jack Musha Principal - Curriculum/ Instruction: Keri Heusdens Principal School Safety/ Culture: Thomas Blair School Board: Meets at the school in the library on the second Wednesday of the month. President: Adam Scheele Vice President: Corie Bies Clerk: Tina Elfering Treasurer: Stephen Grimm Deputy Clerk/Treasurer: Danielle Whitaker

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1020 Hunter's Ridge Drive Genoa City, WI 53128 262-279-1053 Principal: Jeremy Lubus

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Miron Construction hard hats sit on a table at Salem Grade School before the school's ceremonial groundbreaking last June. The school expanded its facility following support through a capital improvement referendum. SUBMITTED PHOTO Westosha Our Town

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Twin Lakes Police Chief Katie Hall's children conduct the ceremonial pinning of Hall's badge. VILLAGE OF TWIN LAKES PHOTO Westosha Our Town

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New Sheriff David Zoerner speaks after taking the oath of office at a swearing-in ceremony in early 2023 inside the Ceremonial Courtroom at the Kenosha County Courthouse. Zoerner, a nearly-24-year-veteran of the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department, was elected in November.

Central graduate shows grand champion steer at area fair

By Jason Arndt

EDITOR

Jacob Lois, of Wheatland, had many options to consider when selecting a steer for the Kenosha County Fair.

However, in late 2022, Lois, then 19, decided on the first steer he saw and spent countless hours working with him in the barn on his grandparents' farm.

Those countless hours formed a strong bond, which played a key role for Lois, who raised his 1,450-pound crossbred steer he named Tripp to become a grand champion at the 2023 Kenosha County Fair.

For Lois, of Wheatland Willing Workers 4-H Club, the victory came in his final year as a junior exhibitor.

"I have been showing since fifth grade," he said. "It feels really good to win in my last year."

Lois, a 2022 Westosha Central graduate, recalled the moment he saw Tripp as a young calf and immediately found him as an ideal grand champion candidate.

"When I bought him, he was the first one I saw, and he had everything that I liked," Lois said after winning. "I named him Tripp. I actually didn't know what I was going to name him. One of my family friends who helped us a lot told me to name him Tripp and I liked it a lot."

Since Lois began working with Tripp, he learned the steer had many qualities, including his calm demeanor in the barn and pasture.



For many months, Lois spent time grooming, feeding, and walking Tripp leading up to the victory.

"He has been an extremely calm steer. Whenever I walk up to him in the pasture and put a halter on him, he just walks along," Lois said. "He just has a great personality and never does anything out of the ordinary. He has been a really good steer."

Jacob Lois, son of Pam and Mike, has two older brothers, Brian and Kyle.



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above: Becky Springer, then 19, of Brighton Bombers-Explorers 4-H Club, walks her reserve grand champion steer in the show ring at the 2023 Kenosha County Fair.
 top: Jacob Lois, then 19, of Wheatland Willing Workers 4-H Club, showcases his grand champion steer at the 2023 Kenosha County Fair.

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The Lois brothers have seen success at the Kenosha County Fair as well as the Wisconsin State Fair.

In 2021, Kyle won reserve grand champion steer at the Wisconsin State Fair, just behind Union Grove's Tori Crisp.

"(Kyle) has taught me a lot about showing," Jacob said.

Jacob Lois, however, had more than a grand champion steer.

He also captured the senior showmanship contest with Tripp.

"For showmanship, you've got to know what your steer is capable of, and what it can do," he said. "It pretty much takes practice and you've got to practice all of the time."

SPRINGER SHOWCASES RESERVE CHAMPION

Rebecca Springer, then 19, who graduated with Jacob from Westosha Central, exhibited the reserve grand champion steer named Winston.

Springer, a member of Brighton Bombers/Explorers 4-H Club, had a similar experience as Jacob, with the 2023 fair being her last as a junior exhibitor.

"It is my last year showing," she said. "It was a good experience and I wasn't expecting it either. I was happy and surprised and was a good finish."

Springer said capturing reserve grand champion was the best finish she had while an exhibitor during the annual event in Wilmot.

As for Winston, a 1,393-pound

Officials honored Wilmot decathletes for national title

Team has been a state, national dynasty for several years

Kenosha County officials and other dignitaries joined Wilmot Union High School's Academic Decathlon team for a special luncheon last year to celebrate the team's Division II National Championship.

County Executive Samantha Kerkman on bestowed upon the team a Certificate of Recognition last May, while Anna Carroll of Sen. Van Wanggaard's office presented a state proclamation. Carroll, now a student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and an intern in Wanggaard's office, is herself a Wilmot alumna who competed in Academic Decathlons.

Other guests included County Board Chairman Gabe Nudo and Vice Chair Erin Decker, Wilmot Union High School Board President Nate Colborn, Superintendent Michael Plourde and Principal Rob Kreil.

Team coach Don Serkowski spoke on the team's current and past successes.

Wilmot has now won the state Academic Decathlon championship for 10 consecutive years, and has taken five national titles since 2015.

Last year's victory came April 27 and 28 in Frisco, Texas.

Wilmot, which collected 47 total medals, saw every decathlete take home an individual medal from the two-day



The Wilmot Union High School academic decathlon team won its 10th consecutive state title in March 2023 at the Ki Center in Green Bay (from left) Allison Steitmatter, Lorelei Glassmann, Isaac Keen, Emilee Olenick, Evan Kerkman, Daegan Fragale, Mary Catherine Slagle, Charlie Fielder, and Mac Keen.

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competition in Frisco.

ISAAC KEEN LEADS THE TEAM

Now graduated senior Isaac Keen, a three-year decathlete, posted the third highest score in the nation across all divisions, competing in the honors division.

He earned a \$1,000 cash scholarship after he earned first overall in Division II.

In addition to posting the top economics score, regardless of division, Isaac Keen also had the highest point total in the social science exam at 980.



Wilmot Union High School Academic Decathlon team coach Don Serkowski stands on a chair to take a photo of his team members' medals during a May 2023 luncheon to celebrate the students' Division II National Championship.

Keen, meanwhile, had three other teammates join him on the Division II allnational team.

His teammates consisted of graduated senior Emilee Olenick, then-sophomore Evan Kerkman and then-sophomore Charlie Fielder.

Olenick, in her last decathlon, achieved a career high and finished first in the scholastic division.

Kerkman, who finished third overall in the scholastic division, posted his highest score of the season.

In the varsity division, where Fielder competed, the sophomore became the third highest scorer overall.

INDIVIDUAL MEDALS

Isaac Keen - (Gold) Overall, Economics, Social Science, Essay, Literature, Music, Science, Art; (Bronze) Math.

Mary Catherine Slagle - (Silver) Interview; (Bronze) Economics

Daegan Fragale - (Silver) Art

Olenick - (Gold) Overall, Essay, Literature, Art; (Silver) Science and Social Science; (Bronze) Economics, Math, Music

Kerkman - (Gold) Social Science, Art, Music; (Silver) Literature; (Bronze) Overall

Mac Keen - (Silver) Economics; (Bronze) Speech, Social Science, Literature

Fielder - (Gold) Overall, Music, Essay, Social Science, Art, Literature, Science, Economics.

Allison Steitmatter - (Silver) Social Science, Music, Literature; (Bronze) Essay, Art, Economics

Lorelei Glassman - (Silver) Literature; (Bronze) Essay and Art

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Converted rail bed offers a flat, traffic free path to connect Kenosha to communities to the North and South. The trail follows the old North Shore rail bed North-South through Kenosha County. There are two separate segments on either the north or south side of the city of Kenosha. The sections can be bridged with the separate Pike Bike Trail through Kenosha along the lake front, creating a seamless trail through Kenosha county.

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New Bandshell

Old Settlers Park in Paddock Lake unveiled the long-awaited band shelter after several years of fundraising from nonprofit organization Old Settlers Oktoberfest. Old Settlers Oktoberfest, which held its 13th annual event in September 2023, welcomed hundreds of visitors to the Kenosha County Park to experience the new band shelter. **top:** Lindsey Fuchsberger, Miss German American Societies, and John Hartz from the Milwaukee-based D'Oberlanders dance group, perform at the 2023 Old Settlers Oktoberfest event. **above:** People dance in front of the new band shelter during the 13th annual Oktoberfest event at Old Settlers Park in Paddock Lake.

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Holiday spirit

Trees on Parade and Holiday Shopping returned to St. John's Community Center last December with plenty of opportunities for people to find the right gift for their family and friends at Christmas. The annual event, which carried a theme "Christmas

in the Movies," included craft and retail vendors, a tree decorating contest, a gingerbread house contests as well as concessions for people needing refreshments. The Twin Lakes Area Chamber and Business Association sponsors the annual event. **top:** Landon Mueller, then 2, of Union Grove, meets with Santa and Mrs. Claus at St. John's Community Center on Dec. 2. **middle:** Owner Jason Dalke, of Rubber Ducky Country Market in Twin Lakes, explains product offerings to a customer attending Trees on Parade and Holiday Shopping. **above:** Lori Winders, of Pell Lake, and her son, Ryan, browse Pampered Chef items at the 2023 annual event.

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OUR TOWN 2024

For the By Jason Arndt EDITOR

Central Powderpuff tournament raised thousands for breast cancer group

Westosha Central High School's revived Powderpuff football tournament last October brought enthusiastic participants and spectators who watched the seniors prevail over the sophomores in the title match.

While the seniors stormed the football field, hoisting the championship trophy after winning 16-11, the event served an important cause in raising \$3,217.02 for the Wisconsin Breast Cancer Coalition.

The Wisconsin Breast Cancer Coalition, a nonprofit group with members across the state, is an alliance of residents and organizations committed to educating the public on the women's health topic while advocating for change through legislation and collaboration.

President Lindsey O'Connor, of the WBCC, said the nonprofit group planned on using the funds to bolster education and advocacy initiatives.

O'Connor said she felt honored to have the WBCC be the chief beneficiary for the event, especially considering the group seldom visits communities such as Paddock Lake.

"We are a statewide organization, but most of us reside in the Milwaukee area," O'Connor said at the event. "When they reached out to me, I was like 'Holy cow, this is amazing."

"It's amazing to get support from outside the areas where we are normally in," she added.

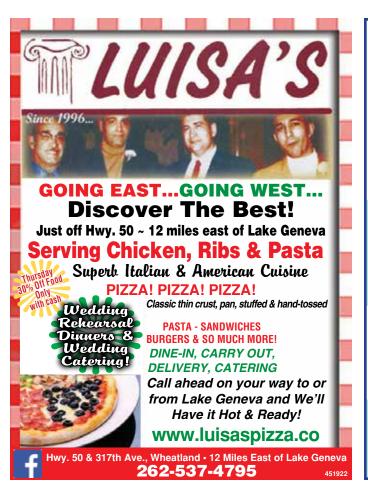
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from top: Westosha Central senior Ani Minic presents Lindsey O'Connor, of the president of the Wisconsin Breast Cancer Coalition, with a check from proceeds brought in during the school's revived Powderpuff tournament last October while classmate MacKenzie Thomas looks on; seniors gather on the field to celebrate while hoisting the championship trophy after winning the Powderpuff Tournament; Lila McNeill (left) and MacKenzie Thomas kiss the Powderpuff trophy after defeating the sophomores 16-11. JASON ARINDT PHOTOS Westosha Our Town









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Aquanuts notch third at state championships

The Aquanuts Water Ski Show team, which calls Twin Lakes home, saw Ethan Shulda take home several pieces of hardware and finished third during the Wisconsin State Water Ski Show Championships in 2023.

The state championships hosted by the Wisconsin Rapids Aqua Skiers at South Wood County Park along Lake Wazeecha was held July 20-23 last summer.

According to results, the Aquanuts accounted for 1,763.18 total points in Division 1, just behind second place Mad-City at 1,850.18 and winner Rock Aqua Jays at 1,929.46.

The Aquaducks boasted numerous winners, including Shulda.

Shulda earned the highest scoring jump act, was awarded the Most Outstanding Trick Skier Award, and also picked up the Outstanding Male Skier Award.

Kailey Koehler and Carter Boerman tied with a Rock Aqua Jays duo for the highest scoring barefoot act while the Aquaducks presented the Best Comedy Act called "Men in Tights."

Additionally, the Aquaducks saw multiple performers finish among the top three in individual contests, according to results from the championships.

Top three finishers included Maggie Kelly (open swivel, second place), Makayla Bazeley and Zeke Tiedt (strap doubles, third



Members of the Aquanuts form a pyramid on Lake Mary in the 2023 season-opener at Lance Park Beach in the Village of Twin Lakes. JASON ARNDT Westosha Our Town

place), Kelly and Delaney Emering (swivel pairs, third place) and Shulda (freestyle jump, second place).

The Aquaducks perform twice weekly at Lance Park Beach on the shores of Lake Mary in the Village of Twin Lakes. Show times are every Wednesday and Saturday at 6 p.m. with the season concluding on Labor Day weekend. The Aquaducks, directed by Michael

Walker, followed the theme of "Peter Pan" for the 2023 season.



Sisters Mary Gillmore, then 15, and Madison, then 13, completed a sweep during the 2023 Kenosha County Dairy Show with both claiming the top dairy prizes at the annual event, titled "Barnyard Mardi Gras." The sisters are members of Bristol Challenge 4-H Club. **left:** Mary Gillmore, who had supreme champion dairy, walks her cow in the show ring during the Kenosha County Fair livestock auction last August. She auctioned off a gift basket during the show. **right:** Madison Gillmore, who had reserve champion dairy, showcases her cow at the livestock auction during last year's county fair. She also auctioned off a gift basket.

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O'Connor, who was on hand for the event, witnessed the energy in the tournament that saw the seniors defeat the freshmen 32-6 and the sophomores edge the juniors 11-3 in the semifinals.

"I am energized. I am excited and everybody is having fun and laughing," O'Connor said. "It just seems like everyone is having a really good time. This seems like an event that has brought the community together."

RAISING AWARENESS

Senior Ani Minic, along with classmates MacKenzie Thomas and Madyson Loberger, organized the event to raise awareness breast cancer as well as empower girls to play flag football.

Minic noted the event, which returned after more than a decade, exceeded expectations. She commended the community for its support.

"It feels amazing to see all of the support from our student body, from our faculty members, from our community members," she said. "Everybody really showed up tonight and it showed in everything that we were able to do."

Community support consisted of contributions from countless businesses, including some serving as chief sponsors, with spectators paying a \$2 admission price to see the tournament.

"This exceeded our greatest expectations. It still feels surreal at how much support and excitement that was built around the event," Minic said.

Minic, Thomas and Loberger began planning for the tournament as juniors last May.

The three seniors decided to make the WBCC the main beneficiary.

"We chose the Wisconsin Cancer Coalition as our beneficiary due to a few personal connections with community members battling the disease," Minic said during the planning stage for the tournament.

The fundraiser also coincided with Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the students wanted to select a charity dedicated to the cause, Minic explained.

O'Connor said she was impressed with the turnout and believed the event inspired women to show support for flag football.

"What I learned is that they brought this back after 10 years of not hosting it," she said. "It is amazing and empowering women at this high school."

Minic said she hopes to see the Powderpuff tournament become an annual tradition at Westosha Central.

"Powderpuff is really only a starting

point for what we hope to achieve in our school and in our community," she said.

"We are really looking forward to seeing this expanding, not just as Powderpuff, but as a sanctioned form of flag football for girls in Wisconsin."

GRADUATE

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Maintainer, Springer found him an ideal animal to work with.

"He is very personable and big boned," she said. "When you get him out in the ring, he knows what he is doing. He was very easy to work with."

PAYING IT FORWARD

While both have concluded their junior show careers, Lois and Springer each have no plans on walking away from the Kenosha County Fair entirely.

Both plan to serve as mentors for future generations.

Springer said she looks forward to helping youngsters with their animals in the future.

Jacob Lois has family members who will continue the tradition at the fair.

"I've got three or four cousins that show steers, so I will be back to help them get their steers ready," he said.



up talking about our kids," Brian said. "I had mentioned that I had a daughter who seemed to be interested in the criminal justice path. I told him about the Secret Service stuff and he said she should check out this (FBI) program that they do,"

After reviewing the program, Brian presented the opportunity to Aubree, who eagerly began the application process.

Brian said Aubree worked diligently on her essay, which showcased her volunteer work, her family's dedication to service and why she had interest in the program.

STRONG LEADERSHIP

In the essay, Aubree said she wanted to join the program because it would bolster her leadership skills, which she learned early on from her parents.

"Good leadership has been a skill that has always stuck out to me," she wrote. "Many members of my family, including both of my parents, have had public leadership roles. My mother has been a public school teacher for 20 years and my father has been a firefighter at the Racine Fire Department."

Aubree noted she always seeks out opportunities to help the community.

She volunteers through the Kenosha County Youth Foster Closet and even contributed to Dan and Ray's Thanksgiving Feast, an annual event held at Festival Hall in Racine, where the community delivers free thanksgiving feasts to members in need.

During her volunteer experiences, she learned the community has many needs, and that she wants to be part of the solution as a leader.

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(gymnastics) helped immensely," Zubor said. "It became easy because of the strength I got from gymnastics."

Zubor said she has no plans to leave the Civil Air Patrol as still has more to learn, and even recruited a friend who attends Westosha Central.

"I would definitely like to continue. I think I can get experience and get many scholarships that I couldn't get anywhere else," said Zubor, who joined around the time she began attending Wilmot.

She said the Civil Air Patrol helps area youth bolster their skills, while picking up new interests, including search and rescue and building leadership qualities.

For more information, including how to join, visit the Civil Air Patrol website at www.gocivilairpatrol.com. "Leaders make action plans and motivate others to help in order to make change possible," she wrote. "The Milwaukee FBI Teen Experience and Mentorship Program would be a beneficial opportunity for me to learn those skills."

As a freshman, Aubree noted she had an interest in a criminal justice career.

Additionally, she said the program would help her become a better leader both inside and outside of Westosha Central.

"Leadership skills that I will learn at the FBI Teen Experience and Mentorship Program will help me in almost all situations," she wrote. "Being a part of the program will also benefit my own school. Westosha Central needs leaders and positive peer role models."

MULTI-FACETED PROGRAM

The Teen Experience and Mentorship Program included presentations from multiple disciplines of law enforcement and public safety.

She learned about roles within the Department of Natural Resources, local police departments, among others, and how they work together.

"What clicked for me is seeing how everything works together as one big program It is not just the FBI, it is not just the Evidence Response Team doing one things, but how every department works



Aubree Phillips (left), who attended a Teen Experience and Mentorship program with the FBI, and her identical twin sister, Jora, visit an attraction during a family trip. SUBMITTED PHOTO Westosha Our Town

together," Aubree said. "That was the coolest part because I never really thought about how many different there really was."

Aubree worked on a mock criminal case during the program.

Aubree encourages any teenager, even if they don't have an initial interest in criminal justice, to apply for the program because it opens up new opportunities.

"Even if you aren't sure if you want to do the program, just apply and do it, because even if you don't want to go into criminal justice, you will learn about all the different types of jobs in professional atmosphere for a week," Aubree said.

The program is for ninth through 12th grade students.

She also found networking with other students, who have similar objectives, and various agencies just as valuable.

CONTINUOUS ENRICHMENT

At Westosha Central, Aubree is a multisport athlete, playing volleyball, soccer and basketball.

While she remains active in sports, Aubree also participates in multiple organizations, like the Key Club and plans on joining the Freshman Mentor Program to help incoming freshman at Westosha Central.

"Aubree is a very dynamic young lady. She is very smart, she works really hard, she is very athletic," Brian said. "Any kind of challenge that is in front of her, she goes after it as hard as she can. She is very competitive."

Aubree also plays for Sky High Volleyball Club, which is based in Lake Barrington, Illinois.

Penny Zubor, of Twin Lakes, takes an orientation flight with the Walworth County Civil Air Patrol in early 2023. SUBMITTED PHOTO Westosha Our Town

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