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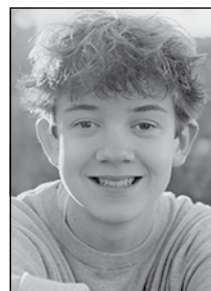
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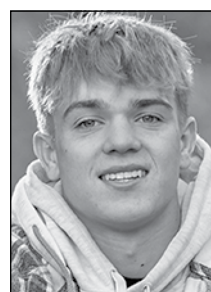
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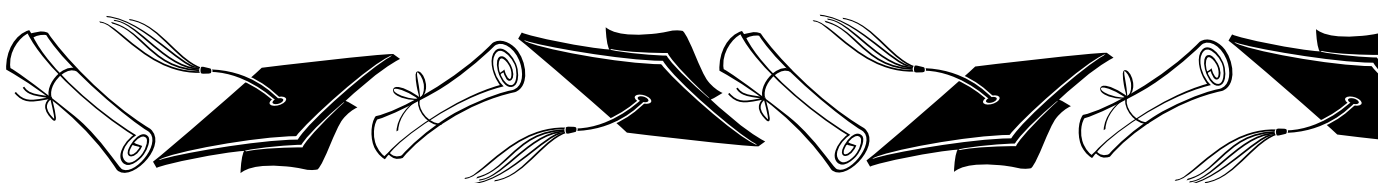
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**On the cover:** Students at Whitewater High School turn the tassels on their caps at 2024 commencement exercises.





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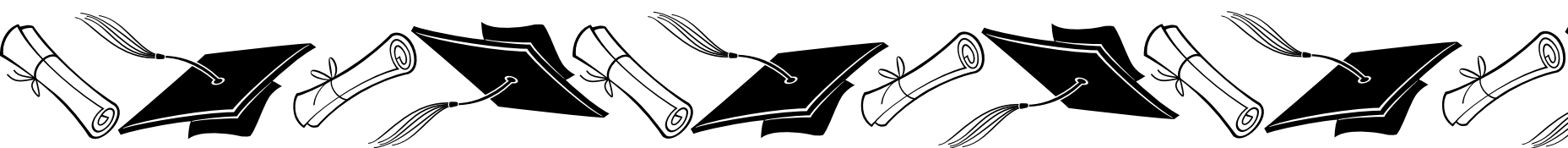
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The Whitewater High School **Class of 2025** commencement will be Friday, May 23, 7 p.m. Whitewater High School Football Stadium

**Valedictorians:** Isabel Aranda, Payton Bunker, Nola Coburn, Lucien Pomazak, Hugo Portales, Emily Schmidt, Ella Spear, Samantha Van Daele  
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# Hefty, Hefty, HEFTY!

## Whitewater senior wins state title as team takes ninth

By Jennifer Eisenbart  
COMMUNITY EDITOR

It was a day that was a cross country runner's dream.

In the case of Whitewater High School senior Jack Hefty, quite literally.

Before the state meet, Hefty – who had never even medaled at the WIAA Division 2 State Cross Country Championships but was a favorite in November – woke up from a dream.

"I had a dream Tuesday that I won," said Hefty after the meet, after pulling away in the final 300 meters to win the Division 2 crown.

"I woke up euphoric," he said, adding that he then realized some of his competition hadn't been in the dream race. "And then the euphoria drained away."

Hefty became the third Whitewater runner to win a WIAA cross country title, the others being Ben Maas in 1995 and Rick Bergholtz 20 years prior to that.

As a team, the Whitewater boys placed ninth in the 16-team field – a five-place improvement from the year prior as the entire team improved their times – at The Ridges course in Wisconsin Rapids.

"They were driven and would not waiver from the vision of being the best version of themselves by wearing a Whitewater cross country uniform this fall," Whitewater coach Chad Carstens said.

Leading the way was Hefty, who won all but one race this year. Coming into the state meet on a three-meet winning streak, Hefty

ended up plotting out a near-perfect race plan that worked to his strength – pouring it on at the finish.

Sixth at the one-mile mark and third at two miles, Hefty said he knew which runners he had to keep an eye on.

Facing the final uphill stretch of the Ridges course, Hefty put on speed over the final 300 meters to pull away from a fairly closely packed group – and literally didn't look back.

"I hate looking back," Hefty said, adding

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The Whitewater High School boys cross country team finished ninth as a team in November at the WIAA Division 2 state meet. **above:** The Whitewater team and coaches at state were, from left: Coach Quinn McKenzie, Hefty, Luc Pomazak, Andrew O'Toole, Xavier Zie, Isaac Straight, Onyx Thompson, and coaches Chad Carstens and Matt Green. In front is Miles Nickelsburg. **at left:** Whitewater senior Jack Hefty offers a shrug while on top of the podium at the WIAA Division 2 state cross country meet last weekend. **below:** senior Jack Hefty puts on the gas while racing to the finish to win the individual title.

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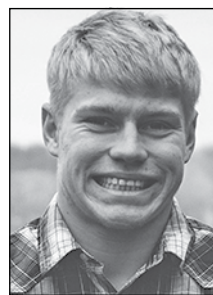
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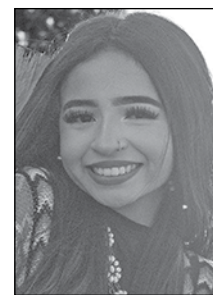
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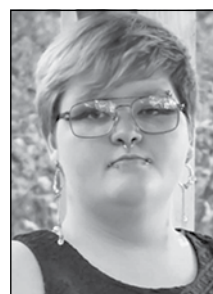
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Isaac Straight  
Alexander Vazquez  
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Chase Wilcox

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### HEFTY • CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

that his dream from earlier in the week left him “terrified” coming up the final stretch. “I just ran for it,” he added.

Hefty finished in his fastest time ever at state, 15 minutes, 46.5 seconds – the final margin more than five seconds to second-place Owen Lencki of Waupaca, who passed Monroe’s Tre Dammien in the final meters to cross in 15:51.6 and 15:52.9, respective.

Hefty’s time was good enough to finish in the top 10 of all runners at state to earn first-team All-State honors. He also finished with the sixth-fastest Division 2 time on the course ever, and the ninth-fastest in WIAA Division 2 history.

For the senior-dominated Whitewater squad, it was a fitting way to wrap up the season. All seven runners at state were seniors, though not all of them raced a year ago when Whitewater finished 14th.

The experience proved invaluable, as every runner shaved time off their previous course time – one by nearly two minutes.

Miles Nickelsburg, Whitewater’s No. 2 runner a year ago at state, did the same this year, shaving close to 30 seconds off his time to take 30th in the team standings (53rd overall, the difference being individuals in the state field) in 17:47.5.

Nickelsburg said the previous year allowed him to figure out how the course moved from start to finish.

“Where to push a little harder, where to ease a little bit off,” he said.

Xavier Zei, meanwhile, dropped almost a minute from the year previous, taking 46th in the team standings and 78th overall in 17:35.8.

Luc Pomazak, meanwhile, was just a spectator last year after running on the JV team. He ran as Whitewater’s fourth runner most of the season, and ended up 63rd/101st in 18:01.9.

“I had the most fun that I’ve ever had racing,” Pomazak said. “It was a great experience.”

The biggest drop for the Whippets came from its final scoring runner, Andrew O’Toole. The seventh runner a year ago, O’Toole dropped almost two minutes off his finishing time, moving to 89th/128th in 18:31.1.

“Last year, I was sort of struggling with some pain,” O’Toole said. “(This year), I definitely took note of all the hills, which definitely paid off for me.”

Rounding out the team for the Whippets was Onyx Thompson (95th/134th, 18:55.7) and Isaac Straight (111th/150th) 20:18.3.

Straight said he felt he did all right, and that the team did pretty well, thoughts Thompson echoed.

“I’m excited about all of our futures in running,” Thompson said.

Zei said the team committed to performing well this year and putting in the hard work.

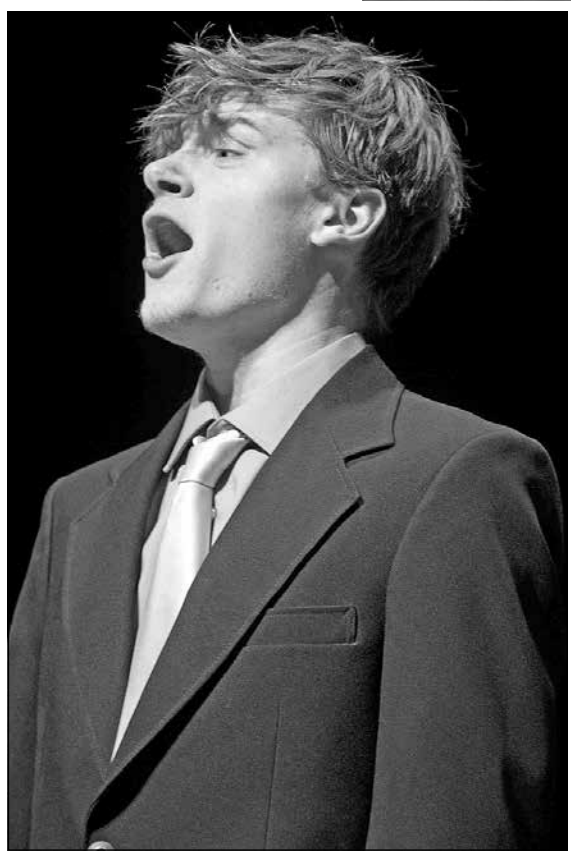
“I think we all just cared about cross country,” he said. “We all love the sport.”



# Not just all athletics

The Whitewater High School arts department has been responsible for several seniors putting out senior recitals (Alex Clarksen and Alex Sullivan, below from left), as well as having a heavy senior presence in the fall musical, "White Christmas."

TOM GANSER *Graduation 2025*



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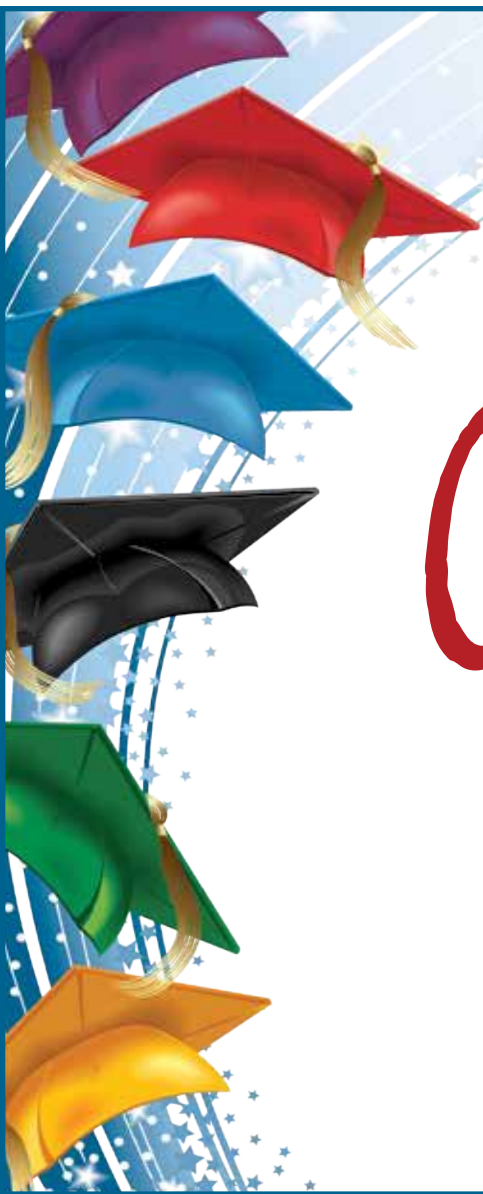
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