

## GYMNASTICS

# Gymnastics co-op receives multiple awards

By Jack McLaughlin  
Special to the Reporter

For the Milton and Edgerton High School gymnastics co-op, the 2019 season is in the books. The campaign concluded with the group qualifying for Division 1 state competition as a team, and breaking multiple school records for all-around points in a meet.

The team managed to place several athletes on the all-state and all-district teams as well. Representing the co-op with a first team all-state nod on beam was Ireland Olstad. Second team honors went to Hannah Dunk on vault and Brooke Girard on beam. Caroline

Burki received an honorable mention nomination on floor.

Additionally, the team placed many athletes on the Badger all-conference team. Olstad received a first team selection on bars and beam, and an honorable mention for all-around. Dunk earned a first team selection on vault, a second team pick for all-around, and an honorable mention on bars. Girard received a second team pick on beam and an honorable mention on vault. Burki earned an honorable mention selection on beam.

Additionally, several members of the co-op received academic all-state selections. Gold picks (who maintained a GPA of 4.0

or higher) were Caroline Burki, Ireland Olstad, and Hannah Warosh. The silver team (with a GPA of 3.75-3.99) included Lindsay Heitsman. Bronze team members (with a GPA of 3.5-3.74) included Chrissy Hughes, Hannah Dunk, Kyla Swanson and Morgan Cheadle.

“We have had several individuals represent the team in each event, but this year it was nice to see multiple girls in each event,” said head coach Kristine Farmsworth. “Getting recognized in our conference is an honor and extremely tough, considering Mount Horeb is this year’s D2 State Champ.”

## SPORTS

# WIAA gives last lesson in teamwork

By Steven T. Slack  
Special to the Reporter

At their best, sports make us feel part of something greater than ourselves. High school sports can teach our youth about hard work, dedication, and sacrifice for the greater good.

After countless hours of that hard work being put in by student athletes, the WIAA cancelled the boys and girls state basketball tournaments, leaving forty hopeful teams without closure. The WIAA has also suspended spring sports until at least April 6.

Even though the decisions are understood by most, they’re far from popular. Nearly 50,000 people have signed a change.org

petition asking the WIAA to postpone instead of cancel the tournament.

The WIAA’s decisions to cancel the tournament and suspend spring sports were the right ones. They reinforce some of the lessons we hope sports can teach the youth: the team over the self, sacrifice for the greater good and doing the right thing instead of the easy thing.

Disappointment in the decision is normal and understandable. It’s okay to grieve the losses of these events or even smaller parts of our daily lives we’ve had to forego.

But look at the lesson here: by working together, by sacrificing together, people can accomplish something grand. By giving up these memories—

however sweet they might’ve been—you might be literally saving a life.

If the social-distancing measures work as intended, we’ll never know for sure if the cancelations and postponements were necessary or an overreaction. America would be blessed to never find out that answer.

The alternative to these types of sacrifices is seen in the bleak statistics from Italy, Spain, and New York. The alternative is an overwhelmed healthcare system. The alternative, for members of at-risk populations, is literally death.

So please, take one more lesson from high school sports: stay home.

## Coming Events

The Tri-County Community Center, 112 Swift Street, will have their annual meeting on Tuesday, March 31, at 5:30 p.m. This meeting is open to the public.

United Blackhawk Region is hosting a Game Changers event on Tuesday, March 31, at the Pontiac Convention Center. More information to come.

Friends of Carver-Roehl Park announced that the Easter Egg Hunt scheduled

for Sunday, April 5, at 1 p.m. is cancelled.

The Edgerton Hospital Auxiliary will sponsor a bake sale on April 9 in the lobby of the Hospital from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will also be a created goods sale in waiting room number 2.

The Edgerton Hospital Auxiliary will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, April 13, at 1 p.m. in the lower level of the Edgerton Hospital.

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## BASKETBALL

# Girls basketball head coach released

By Steven T. Slack  
Special to the Reporter

Girls varsity basketball head coach Mike Schmidt has been released from his coaching position.

This past season was Schmidt’s 18th as head coach, his 24th with the program.

“I want to thank Mr. Schmidt for his efforts over the past 24 years in building the girls basketball program,” Edgerton high school principal Dr. Mark Coombs wrote in an email to the Edgerton Reporter. “He has devoted time, effort, and energy to establish the foundation of the high school program”

The Crimson Tide captured one Rock Valley Conference title in the 2010-2011 season under Schmidt. Edgerton also reached the sectional championship game that season, missing state by one win.



Mike Schmidt

Since 2003, Schmidt led the program to a 156-215 record. Schmidt was grateful for the time spent with the Tide players.

“Working with so many great kids and having the opportunity to help not only in their basketball lives but there’s more to it than just

that,” Schmidt said. “I’m just thankful that I had that opportunity”

Principal Coombs mentioned Schmidt’s mentorship in the email to the Edgerton Reporter.

“Mr. Schmidt has been a mentor to our student athletes and is a valued member of our district,” wrote Coombs. “Mr. Schmidt will continue to be a valuable teacher in our district and coach two other sports.”

Schmidt referred to one “silver lining” as being able to see all of his daughter Kellan’s basketball games at UW-Steven’s Point next season, her senior year.

Coombs confirmed the head coaching position would be posted in the coming weeks but interviews will not be immediately held as schools continue to be cognizant of social distancing measures due to the coronavirus.

## SPORTS

# Spring sports on hiatus as schools face extended closures

By Jack McLaughlin  
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With Wisconsin schools in the midst of extended closures due the COVID-19 outbreak, athletics have also fallen by the wayside. Currently, all Edgerton High School athletics are postponed until Wisconsin schools reopen, which could happen as early as April 9, but will likely face an even longer extension.

Edgerton spring sports include baseball, soccer, softball, tennis and track.

According to Jonathan Dupuis, the Edgerton School District’s Athletic Director, the District is currently without answers about whether or not any part of the spring sports season will be played this year. “The Rock Valley Conference [athletic directors] and administrative teams are working together to try and figure things out,” Dupuis said. “However, this is a very fluid and ever-changing situation.”

Should Wisconsin schools reopen, Dupuis says, Tiger athletes will be able to play

an abbreviated spring sports season.

During the current closure, the WIAA has implemented rules that restrict student contact with coaches, meaning teams are not able to meet or practice together.

One step Edgerton coaches have taken to combat this is the implementation of the app PLT4M. Billed as an “Educational fitness platform for high schools” by its developers, it allows coaches to connect electronically with athletes who engage in strength and conditioning exercises to stay in shape

for the possible upcoming season. “We use this app for our strength and conditioning classes throughout the year as well as our summer programs. I hope our kids get a chance to play, but our number one priority is to keep our student body and community safe,” Dupuis said, “I just want to thank our district administrators, teachers, support staff, maintenance crew, food service and our community members for working through this crisis. I am very thankful to be part of this community as we work through the unknown.”

## Agriculture Trivia

We saluted our farmers and ag industry in last week's Edgerton Reporter. It was in honor of this week's National Agriculture Week, March 22-28. We had part one of two of food, crops and farm trivia. Here is part two. Credit this week goes to Ag Hires, American Farm Bureau and previous Edgerton Reporter, Trivia columns. When you see a farmer or a friend in the ag business — say Thank You to them. Good Luck, Diane

- How many cheese varieties, styles and types are produced in Wisconsin?
- What percent of U.S. Cheese is produced in Wisconsin?
- Wisconsin has more dairy farms than any other state. How many?
- Wisconsin has many top commodities. Can you name four?
- There are more than 6,000 types of apples grown around the world. What country grows more apples than any other country?
- Farming of domesticated species created food surpluses that enabled people to do what?
- What state produces 60 percent of the fresh mushrooms grown in the U.S.?
- Even though Georgia is named "The Peach State," it ranks 3rd in the U.S. What states are #1 and #2 in Peach production?
- What is the most consumed animal protein worldwide?
- Goats are raised for three things. Can you name two?
- The average ear of corn has \_\_\_\_ kernels in \_\_\_\_ rows. Hint most corn has an even number of rows.
- Twelve states make up the "Corn Belt." Can you name eight?

**Bonus question #1** There are six cities in the U.S. named Peanut. Can you name three?

**Bonus question #2** A sheep can produce between 2 and 30 pounds of wool each year. One pound of wool can make up to how many miles of yarn?

**Bonus question #3** For Football fans, “pigskins” were originally made out of animal bladders—sometimes the bladder of a pig, which is thought to be how the moniker “pigskin” came about. Now footballs are made with two different things. Name them.