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# Holland, Hertel are national champions

BY GENE DELISIO  
 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

MARSHFIELD -- Marshfield's Gracie Holland is an NCAA Division III indoor track and field champion.

Gracie earned first place in the women's pole vault while competing for UW-Whitewater at the national meet in Birmingham, Alabama March 11-12. Gracie's winning vault was four meters, which is the best vault in Division III women's track and field this season, and among the top ten in championship meet history. Holland also earned fifth place in the pole vault a year ago.

Also at the women's indoor meet, Melanie Kunze of Abbotsford was part of the UW-La Crosse 1,600-meter relay team that finished in fourth place. Spencer's Hannah Zastrow was 15th in the high jump for UW-Eau Claire, and Leah Zastrow of Spencer was 19th in the pole vault, also for Eau Claire.

In men's competition, Spencer's Mason Barth earned second place in the heptathlon for UW-Stout. The UW-La Crosse men's 1,600-meter relay team, which included Addison Hill and Caden Pearce of Marshfield, was disqualified, but La Crosse did win both the men's and women's



Marshfield's Gracie Holland holds up her national championship trophy, while posing with her coach, Nathan Wells, after earning first place while competing for UW-Whitewater at the national meet in Birmingham, Alabama March 11-12. Holland family photo

national championships.

Nolan Hertel of Marshfield is an NCAA Division III wrestling champion for this season. Nolan won the national title at 157 on March 11 at the Division III championships at Roanoke, Virginia.



Marshfield's Nolan Hertel captured the 157-pound national title on March 11 with an overtime decision (6-5) over fourth-seeded Tyler Shilson of Augsburg (MN). Dave Naprstek photo

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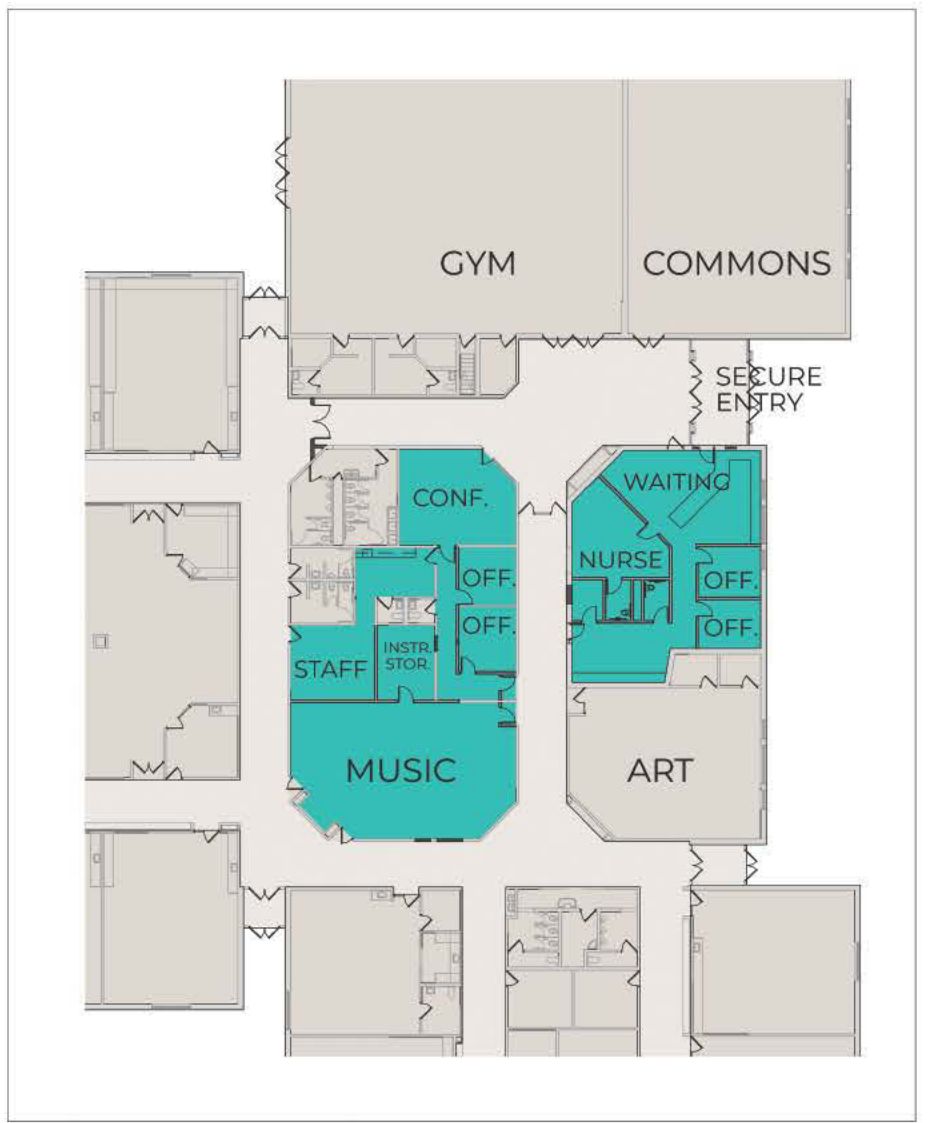
MMS, elementary schools also part of plan

BY MIKE WARREN  
EDITOR

*Part IV of V*  
**MARSHFIELD** - All seven Marshfield schools would see improvements, should voters approve a \$99.5 million facilities referendum April 4. As our series continues, we take a closer look in this edition at the proposed plans for Marshfield Middle School and the district's five elementary facilities.

The proposed improvements were identified by the district's Community-Based Facility Planning Committee, a group of school officials and residents who have been working since May 2022 to create a new, long-range facility plan for the district.

"The major part of the work at the middle school is with the plumbing system," said Dr. Ryan Christianson, during a recent program Hub City Times produced in cooperation with Marshfield Broadcasting. "In fact, when we ran the community survey back in November this last fall to get feedback from the



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This graphic shows what the new configuration would be at Grant Elementary, should the school district's proposed referendum be successful April 4. The main office and music functions would essentially be swapping spaces. Bray Architects image

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# Fire, Police Chiefs present referendum details

BY MIKE WARREN  
EDITOR

MARSHFIELD — An increasing number of calls and insufficient staffing are two of the main talking points Fire Chief Pete Fletty likes to highlight, when speaking on the city's proposed public safety referendum. Chief Fletty has joined Police Chief Jody Geurink and City Administrator Steve Barg at two recent public listening sessions on the topic, with a third and final presentation scheduled for Thursday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. at UW-Stevens Point at Marshfield.

"Since ten years ago, our call volume has risen 55 percent and we've seen a zero percent staff increase," Chief Fletty has told audiences, who've gathered for the first two listening sessions at the 2nd Street Community Center and Hotel Marshfield March 13 and March 15, respectively. "What that's doing is actually leaving



Marshfield Fire Chief Pete Fletty, presenting details of the city's proposed public safety referendum, during a public listening session March 15 at Hotel Marshfield. Fletty's presentation included an illustration on response times, when having to rely on assistance from neighboring departments in Pittsville, Loyal, Stratford and Spencer. **Mike Warren photo**

our station short in a lot of instances. Twenty-five percent of our calls are concurrent," Fletty said. What that means is that on one of every four calls, the department is sending out two or more vehicles. "So, what does that do to our staff? Right now, we have 11 people maximum in our station, eight minimum. So, if you think of an

ambulance going out the door, that's two people out the door right off the bat," says Fletty. "Another ambulance follows within a couple minutes, that's four people, out of our eleven- or eight-person crew for that day. So that leaves us with very few people left in the station to respond to a fire call. And that's the whole basis of

the problems we're facing right now."

The referendum, if passed, would allow the department to fill three firefighter/paramedic positions which were cut last year, and add another two people per shift, for a total of nine.

Fletty added the current staffing shortage is taking a toll on the current rank-

and-file, and it's leading to more and more overtime.

"Last year alone, we had 6,500 hours of overtime paid out," Fletty noted. "6,500 hours of people coming back into the station on their day of rest. And a lot of this is mandatory overtime, in order to keep our staffing levels where they need to be for us to respond to scenes."

Exacerbating the problem, Fletty says, is the availability of volunteers from surrounding departments for backup.

"We love our volunteers. They're great," says Fletty. "But, they are volunteers, and a lot of times you can't just leave work to come in on mutual aid to help us out on a fire scene."

The Marshfield Fire and-Rescue Department is seeking a Staffing for Adequate Emergency Response (SAFER) grant, which - if received - would fund the nine additional firefighters/paramedics for up to three years. The city would have to pick up the tab for those staff members after three years or cut them.

"We're still going to apply for that grant," Fletty says. "If we are successful, and if the referendum does pass, we can defer those payments for three years and use that SAFER grant money (instead)."

Even if the referendum passes, and the nine firefighters/paramedics are added, Fletty says his department's problems are not going away. In fact, he says, they will only keep getting worse.

"We see call volume increasing. We expect that to continue," he says. "All

studies point towards rising call volume over the next 10, 15 to 20 years. It's due to an aging population. And fires are growing a lot faster than what they used to," says Fletty. "Forty years ago you would have had 17 minutes to escape your home in the case of a fire. In today's world you have under four minutes. That's due to what we're filling our homes with, with plastics, with other things."

The proposed referendum would total \$1.13 million, and would occur annually going forward. That amount would cover nine firefighters/paramedics plus turnout gear, one police officer plus equipment, one full-time police department records specialist and one administrative assistant position to be split between the fire and police departments.

The tax impact on a \$100,000 home would be an additional \$78.45 annually. On a \$200,000 home, the public safety referendum would add another \$156.90 each year. The actual mill rate impact would add an additional 78 cents to the current tax rate of \$10.58.

The city is holding one more public informational meeting for those interested in learning more about the public safety referendum. The third and final meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m., in the UWSP-Marshfield Campus Connector hallway between Science and the Stem buildings.

For additional information, please refer to the city website at [ci.marshfield.wi.us/referendum](http://ci.marshfield.wi.us/referendum).



Twenty-one Marshfield youth wrestlers have qualified for state competition, and will be heading to the Alliant Energy Center in Madison March 24-25. **Submitted photo**

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community on whether to move forward with this referendum, we had a specific question about investing money in upgrading the plumbing system at the middle school, and the results of that community survey were favorable," Christianson added.

Christianson noted much of the middle school's plumbing system is original to a building that dates back to the late 1930s.

"We're doing a lot of maintenance work on it, and our maintenance crew does very good work, but a lot of this material is so aged they go in to fix stuff and it just kind of crumbles and falls apart, and you can only continue to deal with that patchwork so far to where you really need to change the overall infrastructure of that plumbing system," Christianson said.

"Like all systems for plumbing, they're buried," says current School Board Vice-President Dan Neve, who spent nearly four decades working in the construction and building trades industries. "They're hidden in the walls, they're underneath the floors. So, for us to do the bathrooms, when you walk in the bathrooms in the middle school you walk in and you realize you took a step back in time," Neve adds.

Each of the district's five elementary schools would also see improvements under the referendum plan. The largest of those projects would occur at Grant Elementary, where the plan is to replace the roof and windows, add air conditioning to areas which currently do not have it and reconfigure the entrance to include a relocated and secure office entry point.

"Grant School is the (elementary) school that we've identified as having the greatest needs," says Christianson. "It's important to begin with reminding people that Grant Elementary School, which may seem like a new building, is already 30-plus years old. The building was on-boarded in 1992."

Christianson adds that an air-conditioning upgrade is one of

the biggest needs at Grant, which serves as the hub of activity for the district's elementary-level summer school program.

"When the building was built it was set up with air conditioning only on the internal part of the building," Christianson points out. "So, it's just the internal portions of the building that have air conditioning. The exterior classrooms do not. The intent in the design from the early 90s when this was constructed is that the cool air from the interior would filter out and hopefully cross the hallways and maybe make its way into other parts of the building. That's, first off, not a very efficient system, but secondly, that pre-dates a lot of the school safety measures we have in place now," Christianson adds. "We operate during the school day with doors closed and locked, so that in particular really is not an effective system anymore. On top of that it's important because Grant Elementary School is the location of our summer school program, so we have a large number of kids that are in there during the hot months of the summer that would really benefit from a more thorough coverage of air conditioning within the building."

The main focus of the work at Grant would relocate the main office to the front of the building, and would essentially swap places with a current music room.

"Grant Elementary School is our only elementary building where the main office is not located at the front entry of the building," Christianson notes. "So, the plan is to flip-flop those areas - music and the main office - to relocate the main office to the front entry with a proper secure entry that would allow visitors to enter directly into the main office."

Other work planned for Grant includes kitchen remodeling.

"Grant School is twice the size of our other elementary buildings and we continuously are serving more and more meals at all levels and the kitchen facility needs some work to put us in a position to better serve students meals at Grant School," added Christianson.

The final phase of work slated for Grant includes a reconfiguration of the parking lot and the circle drive, to make for a more efficient and safer drop-off/pickup area.

At the nearly 70-year-old Lincoln Elementary at 17th-and-Felker, the plan is to replace aging and deteriorating plumbing systems and add air conditioning

to areas which currently do not have it.

"The renovated new portions of the building, which includes the main office and the library, are the only areas that are currently air conditioned, so the idea here, for improved learning space for our kids, is to outfit the full building with air conditioning," Christianson said.

He adds the plan would also replace original plumbing dating back to when the school was constructed in 1957.

"We have original plumbing systems in place there that really are due for replacement to put that building in a better operational mode," Christianson adds.

The referendum plans also call for roof replacement, as needed, at Nasonville Elementary.

"I think it's important to remind people that building is already more than twenty years old," says Christianson. "It was built in 2001 and we have parts of the roof that need to be replaced."

Christianson adds the plan at Nasonville also calls for a reconfigured drop-off/pickup area.

"The traffic out on Highway 10 is not getting any lighter," he says. "That's an area that obviously is a safety concern, so the improvements at Nasonville do involve expanding the parking lot area, expanding the circle drive, installing a better-dedicated turn lane on the westbound lane of Highway 10 to make for a safer arrangement for parents dropping off in the morning, as well as when cars start to line up for pickup at the end of the day," Christianson added. "The circle drive situation and traffic congestion was the No. 1 identified need of improvement at Nasonville Elementary."

The district's newest schools are Madison and Washington elementaries, both built in 2006, and each would see minor upgrades.

At Madison, the referendum would allow for an expanded parking lot and the addition of a sidewalk on the north side of the school. At Washington, Christianson says there is a need for a special-needs bathroom that was not installed at the time the school was built in 2006.

The district has information related to the referendum on its website at www.marshfieldschools.org/referendum.

In-person voting takes place on April 4. All polling places open at 7 a.m. on spring election day and close at 8 p.m.



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Mid-State hosts spring career exploration event

FOR HUB CITY TIMES

WISCONSIN RAPIDS

Program Showcase at Mid-State Technical College drew a record high of nearly 700 students from area high schools to explore careers across many of the college's 85-plus programs. Students from Granton, Loyal, Neillsville, Amherst, Assumption, Rosholt and Stevens Point Area Senior high schools went to the Wisconsin Rapids Campus March 7 for the popular biannual event, which included interactive demonstrations, as well as information about student services and student life activities.



Program Showcase students learn how to provide CPR using a dog and a human manikin in a hands-on career exploration activity for Mid-State's Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic Technician programs during the event on the college's Wisconsin Rapids Campus, March 7. Submitted photo

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Nolan beat Tyler Shilson of Augsburg 6-5 in overtime in the championship match. He won three consecutive matches to win the championship,

improving to 36-2 for the season. Hertel won by sudden victory (2-0) over third-seeded Zeke Smith of Loras College (Iowa) in the semifinals. Seeded second in the tournament, Hertel won by decision (6-1) over Matthew Sacco of

The College of New Jersey in the first round and by decision (2-1) over Peter Kane of Williams College (Mass.) in the quarterfinals on March 10.

Nolan, who also finished fifth in the nation at 157 last season, is the first wrestler in UW-La Crosse history to win the 157-pound national title. He is the first UWLa Crosse wrestler to capture an individual crown since Adam Sheley won the 141-pound division in 2013.

In addition, Marshfield's Bentley Schwanebeck-Osterman earned fourth place at 184, finishing the season 31-8. Bentley was sixth in the nation at 197 in each of the last two seasons. His Augsburg wrestling team won the Division III national championship with 101 points, with Wartburg second at 66.5. La Crosse was fifth with 61 points.

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## Boy Scouts of America Samoset Council scouts for food



Pack 387 and Troop 387 out of Marshfield collected 757 pounds of food last year, during the annual Scouting for Food service project. Submitted photo

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CENTRAL WISCONSIN -- Samoset Council is kicking off its annual Scouting for Food service project to help local families and children facing food

insecurity.

Scouts will begin canvassing neighborhoods on Saturday, March 25. They will leave an orange flier on the doors of homes with instructions on how

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**Family farming for the future showcased at Mid-State's annual Farm Tour**

**FOR HUB CITY TIMES**  
WISCONSIN RAPIDS -- Approximately 130 people turned out for the Mid-State Technical College annual Farm Tour on March 15, where they explored viable options for family farms to innovate as they look to meet the agriculture demands of the future.

This year's Farm Tour included a showcase of Marshland Dairy in Spencer, owned and operated by Josh and Sarah Moga. Since taking over the dairy in 2015, the Mogas have modernized the farm through gradual budget-minded investments, including installation of automatic alley scrapers and a used robotic milker in repurposed existing buildings. They also converted to all Jersey cows and began breeding and selling cattle to increase profitability.

Participants also toured Bells' Runway Acres, a 1,250-acre corn and soybean farm in Marshfield, co-owned by Josh and Ken Bell. Converted from a dairy farm in 2015, the Bells showcased their move to a dedicated grain operation, with all aspects of the business performed in-house, including soil management, planting, harvesting, grain drying, storage and trucking.

As always, the day included opportunities for networking, discussion and sharing of ideas between current agriculture students, agribusinesses and those interested in agriculture. Attendees also enjoyed interacting with different agriculture vendors at the Vendor Show.

The Farm Tour also featured a lunch presentation from the 75th Alice in Dairyland, Taylor Schaefer of Franksville. During the lunch presentation, Norm-E-Lane Farm in Chili and Seehafer's City View Dairy in Marshfield were unveiled as the Farm Tour stops for 2024.

"This tour was a great showcase of what a family-owned farm can do to keep up with the changes in agriculture," said Mid-State Marshfield Campus Dean Dr. Alex Lendved. "The farms we toured took different paths, yet both demonstrate tangible opportunities for family farms to innovate their practices for long-term success."

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grocery bag filled with non-perishable food donations. After retrieving the food donations, Scouts then head to their local food pantry or church to drop them off. For example, Soup or Socks in Marshfield is one dropoff location.

Samoset Council partners with over 50 food pantries in 13 counties. Last year, Scouts collected more than 42,000 pounds of food. Not only does this project help to fill a need in local communities, but it also teaches young boys and girls the importance of giving back to their communities.

Scouts will be with adult leaders when dropping off the fliers and picking up the donations, however, please keep an eye out as you are driving, especially in communities where there are large snow piles remaining.

**EVENT**  
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"The Program Showcase Mid-State Technical College provides is an outstanding event for students to be exposed to various career pathways they may not have

**Our Mission & Purpose**

The Samoset Council has a strong tradition as one of the nation's premier Scout Councils. Since 1910, the Boy Scouts of America has instilled timeless values of character, citizenship and leadership in each young person who has entered the Scouting program. The purpose of the Samoset Council is to manage and control the quality of the program, assemble and train volunteers, and gather resources to implement and to promote the program to parents, youth and the general community in the thirteen counties of north-central Wisconsin. The mission of the Samoset Council, Boy Scouts of America, is to prepare young people for life by providing opportunities to live the Scout Oath and Law through safe, accessible, and inclusive educational programs.

otherwise known about," said Brigitta Altmann-Austin, assistant principal and career and youth apprenticeship coordinator at Stevens Point Area Senior High School. "The hands-on interaction that each of the departments provide for the students is an excellent way to get them enthused about the next steps in their education after high school," Altmann-Austin added. "We are grateful for the partnership and the opportunities Mid-State provides without hesitation to our high school students."

Program Showcase allows students the opportunity to meet with current Mid-State students, staff and program faculty, while seeing campus labs and experiencing the hands-on learning that Mid-State offers. Students are provided a bingo card of all participating programs with the goal of stopping by as many stations as they can.

Students participated in science experiments (Liberal Arts-Associate of Science), a lock and key activity (IT Software Development), a car tire change simulation (automotive programs), a vertical jump activity (Criminal Justice studies), an augmented reality demonstration (Civil Engineering Technology-Highway Technology), an animal CPR simulation using a dog manikin (Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic Technician), plus many more fun activities. The day concluded with Mid-State prize giveaways.



## Honoring Marshfield's 150th

# Marshfield 150 for 150: Charles E. Blodgett

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### SMITH, GREAT GRANDSON

Charles E. Blodgett (1860-1929) was a city builder and pioneer in the development of Marshfield. He carved out of the circumstances of his life a career of success which was of benefit to hundreds who came within the sphere of his influence. The constructive value of that which he accomplished remains today a treasured heritage of the people of central Wisconsin.

Charles Blodgett was born in Millville, in Grant County, on June 8, 1860, a son of Erastus and Marie (Sellock) Blodgett. He was educated in the local public schools, and began his active career early in life, serving as a clerk for three years in a store in Stevens Point. When only sixteen, he went west to the Black Hills seeking adventure and perhaps fortune.

In 1880, he returned to Wisconsin, and in partnership with his brother, conducted a grocery store at Stevens Point for four years. Then with a new partner, a Mr. Talmadge, he engaged a wholesale lumbermen's supplies business at Wisconsin Rapids.

In every period of his life, Blodgett strove to find the largest opportunities, both for success and for service. It was this which led him to sell out in 1886, and then after he had operated a refreshment parlor for three years in Rhinelander, moved to Marshfield, which was then only a little town. It might have remained a little town if Charles E. Blodgett had not been able to communicate to others

the enthusiasm which he felt over its possibilities. But he inspired confidence inevitably, and others were glad to follow where he led. The first thing he did was to take over the old Tremont Hotel, which he operated for more than thirty years as the Blodgett Hotel. Under his guidance it gained wide renown and was known as one of the finest in the country for cities of this size. In 1926 he built the Charles Hotel, a new and more elaborate hostelry. Both these hotels were centers for the traveling men of the country, and one might hear words of praise for them back in New York, as well as out on the Pacific coast. They added much to the attractiveness of the city, and contributed much to its growth.

But Mr. Blodgett's interests spread to many other fields. From 1905 to 1910 he was engaged in the lumber business as a member of the Blodgett and Booth Lumber Company of Marshfield. In 1911 he established here the C.E. Blodgett Cheese, Butter and Egg Company, which he developed into the largest enterprise of its kind in Wisconsin. As an outgrowth of this

venture, cheese-receiving plants were maintained in Marshfield, Stratford, Wisconsin Rapids, Athens, Greenwood, Merriman, Osseo, Rice Lake, Stanley, Prentice, Alma Center and Ashland. In 1926, Blodgett purchased the Oneida Hotel at Rhinelander, and in 1927, erected a large annex there. The bulk of his investments, however, were in Marshfield, and in this way, he demonstrated his confidence in the city of his residence. Here he became president, in 1922, of the First National Bank, and again his services were of the greatest importance to the success of this important institution. The value of his leadership in all business affairs may be judged from the following paragraph, which formed part of an editorial tribute to him at his death:

"Marshfield and central Wisconsin will miss C.E. Blodgett's leadership. This city's steady growth has been due to him in a large measure. It is regrettable that he could not have been spared for another decade, at least, because he was intensely proud of the city and his close friends know of other plans which he hoped to materialize.



Most Wisconsin cities of this size and larger have mourned the death of a pioneer who was a business leader and an inspiration to community up-building. In none of these cities has there risen a man of greater foresight, more community pride, and a man with a greater record of achievement, both personal and public, than C.E. Blodgett."

And then speaking of another phase of his life - his constant generosity and consideration for others:

"While the rank and file of people in this community will miss him as a benefactor, there are scores who will miss his generosity in time of great need. Only Mr. Blodgett's close friends and those who have thus benefited know of his generosity. He was not a man to wear his heart on his coat sleeve, but those who

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# High school basketball players, programs recognized

BY GENE DELISIO  
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**MARSHFIELD** -- Wisconsin Valley All-Conference girls' basketball team members have been announced.

First-team selections include Danielle Minsaas, Marshfield; Emma Jossie, Stevens Point; Lexie White and Kelly Kray, Wausau-West; and Mia Ott, Merrill.

Second-team members

include Ayana Bousum and Ashley Grancorvitz, Marshfield; Lauren Strasman, Stevens Point; Braelyn Beiler, DC Everest; and Molly Anderson, Wausau-West.

Honorable Mention selections are Raella Schueller and Zaida Kolbeck, Marshfield; Kristin Radtke and Aliyah Jennings, Wisconsin Rapids; Tahlia Moe and Brittany Beadles, Stevens Point;

Katie Schultz, D.C. Everest; Charlie Place, Wausau-East; Kenzie Deaton, Wausau-West; and Alayna Pozorski and Prayla Pyan, Merrill.

Player of the Year honors go to Emma Jossie, Stevens Point, while Coach of the Year honors go to Kraig Terpstra, Stevens Point.

Meanwhile, WBCA All-State girls' basketball teams have been announced.

In Division 1, Danielle Minsaas of Marshfield and

Emma Jossie of Stevens Point are both Honorable Mentions.

In Division 4, Honorable Mention honors go to Annamarie Aue of Auburndale, and Delaney Rochester and Paris Opelt, both of Neillsville.

In Division 5, first-team selections include Reagan Borchardt of Edgar, Addison Lavicka from Athens and Sarah Shaw from Wisconsin Rapids Assumption. Honorable Mention honors go to Sophia Coker of Athens, Tatum Weir of Gilman and Anna Schooley of Assumption.

Some basketball players from central Wisconsin are receiving special recognition from the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association, as members of the Elite Academic All-State team. These are 31 seniors from around the state who carry grade point averages of at least 3.5 and ACT scores of at least 25. That group includes Davin Stoffel of Mosinee; Marcus Hall of D.C. Everest; Lexie White of Wausau-West; and Julianna Ouimette of Lakeland.

In addition, some central Wisconsin basketball

programs are receiving team academic all-state awards. In boys' basketball, Stratford has the highest team grade point average in the state in Division 4 at 3.861, while in Division 5, Marshfield Columbus has the second-highest GPA at 3.728, and Wausau Newman is third at 3.709.

In girls' basketball, Tomahawk leads Division 3 with a team GPA of 3.968, while Altoona is third at 3.939, and the Northland Lutheran girls are second in Division 5 with a team GPA of 3.908.

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## Noel Denniston remembered

BY GENE DELISIO  
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history to date. Noel also served for four years as Pittsville Athletic Director.

**MARSHFIELD** -- Former Pittsville High School boys' basketball coach Noel Denniston died March 9 at the age of 79, at House of the Dove in Marshfield.

Noel was a Pittsville native who played basketball for the Panthers, and led the Marawood Conference in scoring during the 1960-61 season.

Denniston obtained his teaching degree at UW-La Crosse, and after teaching in Oshkosh for two years, joined the Pittsville High School staff. He served two terms as boys' basketball coach, between 1968 and 1978, and also between 1986 and 1994. Noel compiled an overall record of 244-148, winning or sharing three Marawood Conference championships. His 1990 team was 25-2 and advanced to the WIAA Class 'C' state tournament, the only one in school



Denniston

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knew him best were aware of the fact that his heart was easily touched and that he responded generously. He spent little time at play. His was a busy life, devoid of many pleasures which surrounded the average businessman. He loved children and found pleasure in bringing happiness to sorely beset deserving boys and girls and so unostentatiously was his generosity demonstrated that few were aware of it."

On March 15, 1866,

Charles E. Blodgett married Nettie E. Booth, daughter of Andrew J. and Sarah Lydia (White) Booth, of Stevens Point. They became the parents of six children: Zoa Irene, married Harry McCain; Jerrie Booth, married Genevieve Regina Burns; Pauline Florence, married Anson James Campbell; Guy Erastus, married Charlotte Anderson; Lucile Jeanette, married Wilbur M. Johnson; and Marjorie Ruth, married Ralph Warnecke.

Mr. Blodgett's death occurred on June 3, 1929, at Marceline, Missouri as he

was on his way to California in the interest of his health, and while his passing was not unexpected, it came, nevertheless, as a severe shock to the city where he had been a leading figure for so many years. Everywhere words of deep regret were heard as officials of Marshfield joined with those in other walks of life to pay tribute to him who was gone.

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