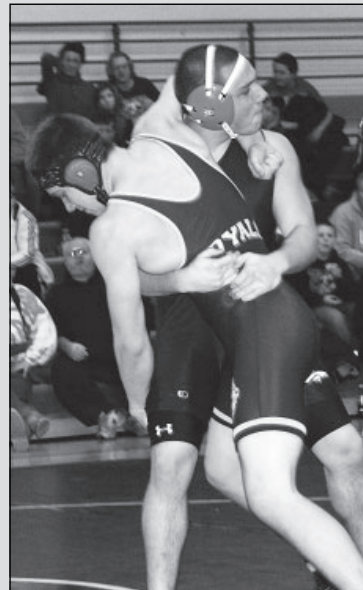
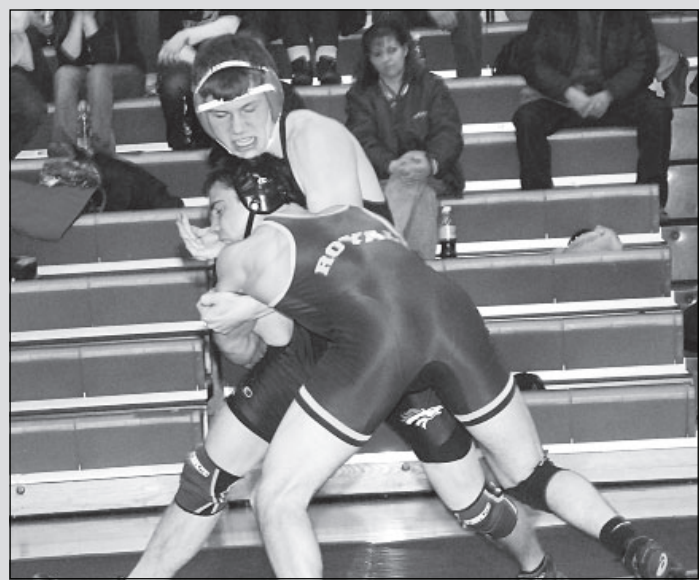


# Broncos have tough week



The Broncos wrestling team had a busy week as they hosted two home events last week. The first, was a triangular on Thursday, January 24 with Royalton/Upsala and Bertha-Hewitt/Verdale traveling to Browerville. The Broncos were defeated in both matches as they lost a close match to Royalton/Upsala 33-42 and then went on to take a major defeat from the neighboring Raiders 28-53. On Friday, the Broncos were once again host to a quad match-up. The Broncos went 1-3 on the evening as they defeated Parkers Prairie 24-40; and then lost to both BBE 18-51 and Border West 16-61. At top, Austin Butler took on his opponent from Royalton/Upsala. Individual results were not available at presstime.

Andrew Espree tried for a take down against his opponent.  
—photos by Katrina Nauber

# Tigers roll over Bulldogs

by Jim Roberts

The Browerville Tigers boys' basketball team improved to 7-1 in the conference by defeating the Swanville Bulldogs in a Prairie Conference game last week in Swanville by a score of 86-65. Browerville is now 13-1 overall. Browerville led in all statistical categories in this one, out rebounding the Bulldogs 35-15, getting 15 steals to their 9 and dishing out 25 team assists to Swanville's 12. Still, the one stat line Coach Schueller was not impressed with was turnovers...25 for Browerville and 23 for Swanville.

"We did a lot of good things offensively. Twenty-five assists is nice to see. That means we were moving the ball well and finding a lot of good shots. Twenty-five turnovers, however, I was not impressed with," said Tigers Coach Schueller.

Browerville scored first on a basket by Mitch Heid, but Swanville's Tren Dinius answered with a 3-pointer 13 seconds later. The Bulldogs would go up by as many as six points in the early goings. Browerville would soon get things going, and after back-

to-back 3-pointers by Heid, the Tigers were ahead 18 to 12.

Seven minutes remained in the first half when Browerville held a 26-21 lead. The Tigers outscored the Bulldogs 15-7 to close out the half and take a 41-28 advantage to the locker room.

Browerville gradually widened their lead in the second half and would lead by as much as 24 points. The Tigers' pressure defense caused 23 Swanville turnovers. But, 25 times, Browerville gave the ball back to Swanville.

"We had it at a point where we could close the door and then just couldn't quite get there," added Coach Schueller.

Kellen led all scorers with 27, along with 6 steals and 6 assists. Heid scored 18, grabbed 5 rebounds and had 4 assists. Seth Christensen scored 15, pulled down 11 boards and had 2 blocked shots. Kyle Petermeier finished the game with 12 points, 9 assists, 4 steals and 4 rebounds.

This week Browerville hosts West Central Area on Tuesday and the Upsala Cardinals, who have been on a hot streak as of late, on Friday.

# Tigers pound Bulldogs for 5th victory

by Coach Middendorf

Browerville 72—Swanville 50

Eighth grader Paige Callahan scored the first 12 points for the Tigers on her way to a career high 29 points as the orange and black topped the Bulldogs 72-50 on Thursday night in Browerville.

It was a great team win for the Tigers who had to go deep into their bench in the first half and received productive play from Candra Gould and Quinn Kircher. Each member of the team knew their role and played it very well which helped the Tigers avenge an earlier season loss to the Bulldogs.

The Tigers jumped out to an early lead and never looked back as they cruised to a 35-23 half-time lead. Browerville ran their offense with patience and precision in the second half which led to a number of easy baskets.

Eighth graders Kendra Buchta and Crystal Pearson played exceptionally well in the second half and finished with 11 points apiece. Kale Knutson sparked the Tigers late in the first half and finished with 7 points. Haley Piotrowski and Katelyn Middendorf each poured in four points while MaKenna Hegseth, Gould and Kircher each provided timely buckets.

The Bulldogs were led by Ma-

rissa Evans' 17 points.

West Central 68—Browerville 31

The Tigers jumped out to an early 8-2 lead, but West Central's full court pressure eventually frustrated the young Browerville squad into a number of turnovers as the Knights beat the Tigers 68-31 on Friday night in Barrett.

Pearson scored all of her team high 12 points in the first half, as the orange and black played tough defense and stayed competitive for the first 18 minutes. West Central came out firing in the second half and exploded for 35 points as they physically wore down the Tigers.

Callahan played well in the post for Browerville with 8 points and 6 rebounds. Hegseth and Middendorf each chipped in three points while Kellen and Andi Buhl each tallied a bucket.

Jen Froemming led a balanced West Central attack with 13 points.

Browerville is now 3-7 in the Prairie Conference and 5-12 overall.

On Thursday, the Tigers return home to face Upsala at the Browerville gymnasium. On Saturday, February 18, the boys and girls basketball teams will host Nevis in their annual Coaches vs. Cancer game.

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# Bertha-Hewitt 6th grade boys take 2nd place at NYM Tournament



The Bertha-Hewitt boys played three close game on Saturday, January 21 in New York Mills. The first game Bertha-Hewitt won by one point as they defeated Barnesville 22-23. The second matchup came against Lake Park-Audubon who they defeated 16-18. The championship game found the Bears against a tough Detroit Lakes team where they lost 19-28. Pictured are the members of the 6th grade team who took place in the tournament. Front row: Blake Baumgartner, Andrew Becker, Hunter Rushmeyer and Charles Bakken. Back row: Coach Bauch, James Follmer, Nate Chaffin, Adam Bauch and Luke Follmer.

—submitted photo

## ★ Bowling

Monday Nite Ladies		
January 23, 2012		
	W	L
Baso/Cuchna Insurance	16.5	3.5
Bob's Team	14	6
Shirley's Gas & Grocery	13.5	6.5
Clarissa Family Dental	13	7
Eagle Lanes	11	9
Klein Insurance	9	11
Beauty Inn	3	17

**High games:** Amy Irlbeck 225; Tammy Schlichting 222; Janice Benson 190  
**High series:** Amy Irlbeck 547; Tammy Schlichting 509; Janice Benson 473  
Splits: Virg Noska 5-9-10; Tammy Schlichting 5-7

Wednesday Inter-City League		
Results from January 25:		
	W	L
Benson Construction	15	5
Clarissa Ballroom	13	7
Central Ag	13	7
Baso Insurance	9	11
Busy B. Café	7	13
Berg Electric	3	17

**High games:** Scott Woida 248; Jack Schultz 246; Al Woida 224; Kevin Dezell 224; Al Blommel 224  
**High series:** Scott Woida 644; Kevin Dezell 639; Jack Schultz 619

Thursday City		
Results from January 26:		
	W	L
Harms	90.5	44.5
NAPA Auto Parts	80.5	54.5

EB Vets II	79	56
SCW Construction	72	63
EB Vets I	69	66
Alisha's Care Center	44	91

**High game:** Scott Woida 226, 209; Robin Woida 202

**High series:** Robin Woida 572; Scott Woida 561; Doug Dvorak 544

**High ladies game:** Cindy Haase 205; Amy Claseman 173; Bambi Woida 165

**High ladies series:** Cindy Hase 483; Amy Claseman 470; Bambi Woida 365

Friday Daytimers		
Results from January 20:		
	W	L
Creative Floors	9	3
Al's	8	4
Gene Captain's Pro Shop	4	8
Stampin' Up	3	9

**High games:** Char Blommel 180, 156; Betty Woida 166, 163; Lucille Hagedorn 155

**High series:** Char Blommel 461; Betty Woida 447; Carolyne Bisel 438

Results from January 27:		
	W	L
Creative Floors	12	4
Al's	9	7
Gene Captain's Pro Shop	8	8
Stampin' Up	3	13

**High games:** Betty Woida 139, 136; Lucille Hagedorn 137; Vinnie Whitaker 134

**High series:** Tammy Anderson 394; Betty Woida 391; Vinnie Whitaker 365

# Alumni tourney success



The nine teams that participated in the Eagle Valley alumni volleyball tourney last Saturday played 16 games throughout the day long event. Most of the proceeds from the event benefited the school's junior olympic volleyball team. The winning team, above, included: Jenni Johnson, Mary Irsfeld, Kim Steinmetz, Ashley Brown, Kim Perlinger, Kristy Finck. Kayla Finck and Gail Olson (not pictured).

# DNR Enforcement names new operations manager

Captain Phil Meier, a 34-year veteran of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, was recently promoted to major and named the Division of Enforcement's operations manager.

The operations manager directs the division's field operations, which includes public contacts and field response, customer service, human-wildlife management conflict, and law enforcement.

Major Meier began his career with the DNR in 1976 with Fish-

eries before becoming a conservation officer in 1990.

In 1995, he was promoted to lieutenant and served as a district supervisor in Mille Lacs Lake, Park Rapids and Fergus Falls before being promoted to captain and DNR's southern region enforcement supervisor at New Ulm in 2009.

Meier succeeds Lt. Col. Rodmen Smith who was recently promoted to assistant director of DNR Enforcement.

# DNR issues citation for cougar shooting in Jackson County

Charges have been filed today by the Jackson County attorney's office against a Jackson County man in southwestern Minnesota for allegedly shooting a cougar on November 27, 2011, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Daniel Hamman, 26, was charged by citation with shooting a protected animal.

Hamman allegedly shot the cougar after being contacted by a neighbor, who saw the cat run from a rural grove of trees into a culvert. The cougar was shot as it flushed from the culvert.

Maximum penalties Hamman could face include a fine up to \$1,000 and up to 90 days in jail.

The DNR has filed an affidavit of restitution requesting the court to order Hamman to pay \$1,000 to the state for the cougar. Criminal charges are not evidence of guilt. A defendant/suspect is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

The cougar shot in Jackson County was a 125-pound male, estimated to be one to three years



**Cougars are protected animals in Minnesota. Since 2007 there have been 14 confirmed cougar sightings in the state.**

—photo by Philadelphia Zoo

old. The DNR conducted a necropsy of the cougar to assess the condition of the animal, look for signs of captivity and collect additional samples to help determine the origin of the animal. No obvious signs of captivity were present such as being declawed, exhibiting excessive pad wear, or having tattoos or microchips. Samples have been submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Wildlife Forensics Lab in Missoula, Montana, to do a DNA

analysis; results are pending. The DNR plans to have the cougar mounted and used for educational purposes.

Since 2007, the DNR has confirmed 14 cougar sightings across the state. Eleven have been from trail cameras or video. One was road killed, one was found dead and one was shot. Dozens of other, unconfirmed sightings have also been reported.

Why might cougars show up in Minnesota? Cougars are solitary, roaming animals. As young males reach maturity, they begin to look for new territory and will travel considerable distances. The timing of many of Minnesota's verified cougar sightings (mid- 2000s and forward) is not unexpected given the somewhat rapid increase in the cougar population in the western Dakotas that began in the mid-1990s. Extensive research in the Black Hills has documented the changing cougar dynamics that typically lead to increased dispersal of young males.

Although verifications have

increased, evidence of cougars in Minnesota remains extremely rare.

Cougars are protected animals in Minnesota. State statute makes it illegal for a citizen to kill a cougar in most circumstances. Minnesotans can kill a cougar if a life threatening situation arises. Public safety officials are authorized to kill a cougar to protect public safety. If a cougar poses an immediate threat to public safety, a DNR conservation officer or local law enforcement person should be contacted as soon as possible.

Minnesota Statutes section 97A.301, Subdivision 1(1) states: Misdemeanor. Unless a different penalty is prescribed, a person is guilty of a misdemeanor if that person: (1) takes, buys, sells, transports or possesses a wild animal in violation of the game and fish laws.

According to Minnesota Statutes section 97B.641, there is no open season for cougars in the state of Minnesota.