Fall can be a cold, but productive, time for anglers trying to land lunker muskies. Page B2

Emily McDonough, Hannah Bowen and Maggie Keefer are among the Stillwater-area athletes making news on the sports scene 10 years ago this week. Page B3

Senior Ingrid Goldstrand is chosen Most Valuable Athlete for Stillwater girls' tennis team. Page B3

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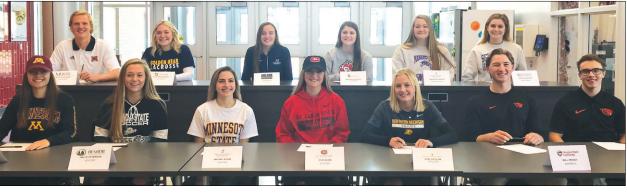
SAHS

Thirteen Ponies finalize their college plans

The NCAA early signing period kicked off Nov. 14

BY STUART GROSKREUTZ THE GAZETTE

Thirteen athletes who have contributed to an impressive run of success for Stillwater Area High School athletic teams over college commitments by 14.



the past year finalized their Stillwater Area High School seniors recently signed a National Letter of Intent to continue their athletic careers at various NCAA Division I and II colleges, including front row, from left, Sara Scalia (Minnesota), signing a National Letter Halle Peterson (Bemidji State), Abby Begin (Minnesota State Mankato), Evie Kohn (St. Cloud State), Evelyn of Intent during the early Flor (Northern Michigan), Will Frisch (Oregon State) and Drew Gilbert (Oregon State). Second row, Blake signing period, which be- Evensen (Mercer), Ellie Fedorowski (Concordia - St. Paul), Tori Chute (Augustana), Malaina Fragnito (South gan on Wednesday, Nov. Dakota), Madeline Fretag (Minnesota State Mankato) and Reece Koehler (Seton Hall). (SAHS photo)

rector Ricky Michel said. them get opportunities next level." "It's been kind of indica- and great to know they're

"It was a very fun day," last year-and-a-half, es- and passion and hopefully Valuable Player for the Po- with 1,902 career points. Stillwater Activities Di- pecially. It is great to see things will work out at the nies, signed on as part of

tive of the success the going to move on and con- ing scorer Sara Scalia, who first recruiting class. Scalia team Will Frisch and teams have had over the tinue with their interests is a three-time team Most enters her senior season Drew Gilbert signed on

Stillwater's all-time lead- coach Lindsay Whalen's championship

Two members of Still-University of Minnesota water's reigning state baseball

with defending NCAA champion Oregon State University. Senior Reece Koehler, who has helped lead the Ponies to the state volleyball tourney the past two seasons, signed with Seton Hall.

Four members of the Stillwater girls' soccer team that recently finished fourth at the state tournament signed, including Abby Begin (Minnesota State - Mankato), Evie Kohn (St. Cloud State), Evelyn Flor (Northern Michigan) and Halle Peterson (Bemidji State).

Additional seniors who participated in Signing Day at SAHS include softball player Tori Chute (Augustana University),

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GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING

GIRLS HOCKEY Stillwater tops Royals in league opener

BY STUART GROSKREUTZ THE GAZETTE

Alaina Tanski and Morgan Wohlers each supplied two goals as part of a balanced attack for Stillwater in a 7-2 Suburban East Conference girls' hockey victory over Woodbury on Tuesday, Nov. 20 at the St. Croix Valley Rec Center.

It was the conference opener for the Ponies (1-0 SEC, 2-1), who received at least one point from nine different players.

"I thought we played well," Ponies coach Lee Gillespie said. "We're putting the puck in the net. We're working on getting more consistent and we had a lot of good individual efforts and the whole team played well." Stillwater jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first period on a power play goal by Haley Eder-Zdechlik midway through the first and a goal by Lauren Einan with iust 49 seconds remaining in the period. Hayley Zwackman collected the first of her two goals for Woodbury four minutes into the second period, but Alaina Tanski answered with consecutive goals, including a shorthanded tally at 10:19 to push the lead to 4-1. Zwackman struck again for the Royals (0-1, 1-2) with a power play goal at 10:30 of the second, but Morgan Wohlers delivered another shorthanded goal for the Ponies at 16:28 to build a 5-2 lead. "We're getting better in the offensive zone of attack and getting pressure and good, quality shots," Gillespie said. Meredith Parry and Wohlers stretched Stillwater's lead with a goal each in the third period. Grace Roeske made 11 saves for the Ponies, who held a 29-13 advantage in shots on goal.



Stillwater's Eva Johns swims to a sixth-place showing in the 100 backstroke during the Class AA girls' swimming and diving state meet on Friday, Nov. 16 at the Jean K. Freeman Aquatic Center at the campus of the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. Below, The Ponies placed fourth in the 400 freestyle relay with a team that included, clockwise from top-left, Johns, Sydney Rogness, Keaton Koenig and Schuyler DuPont. (Gazette staff photos by Stuart Groskreutz)

Ponies land sixth at state

Rogness sets school record while placing 3rd in 200 IM and earns all-state honors in four events

BY STUART GROSKREUTZ THE GAZETTE

MINNEAPOLIS — Sophomore Sydney Rogness earned all-state honors in four events while helping lead the Stillwater girls' swimming and diving team to a sixth-place finish in the Class AA state meet on Friday, Nov. 16 at the University of Minnesota's Jean K. Freeman Aquatic Center.

Edina racked up 365 points to secure its third consecutive state championship and 16th overall, easily outdistancing runner-up Minnetonka move up," said Luke, who added the (231) and third-place Wayzata (186). Eden Prairie (178.5) and Robbindsale Armstrong (131) followed in fourth and fifth place with the Ponies next with 117 points.

The Ponies moved up to sixth after placing fourth in the final event, overtaking Eagan (115) and St. Michael-Albertville (107) in the process. Rogness, Eva Johns, Keaton Koenig and Schuyler DuPont finished fourth in a

time of 3:31.80.

It was one of six all-state performances for the Ponies, who recorded their best showing at the MSHSL state meet since placing fourth in 2015.

"It was fun to be in the top 10 and I thought we were competitive," Stillwater coach Brian Luke said.

Trailing Eagan by four points going into the final event, the Ponies needed to finish two spots ahead of the Wildcats to move up. Eagan placed seventh in the final race.

'When you're there you're trying to True Team state meet a better indicator of a program's strength — though it doesn't stop anyone from wanting to perform well at the MSHSL state meet.

Stillwater finished fourth behind Minnetonka, Edina and Wayzata at True Team state.

"The True Team is how good the

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OUTDOORS

Fall is great time to land big muskies

BY RAY GILDOW ECM OUTDOORS

Fall fishing for muskies can be magical!

It is the time of the year where the temperature can be super winter clothes.

It is also the time of the year when real serious muskie anglers like other fresh water predators, engages in a fall feeding binge and some real giants have been caught over the past three years in Minnesota during this period of time.

Mille Lacs Lake has produced

some of the biggest fall muskies.

before Thanksgiving by Domi- not for everyone. Even the tough- muskie websites that claim bignic Hoyos of Stillwater. That fish est anglers find the numbing cold was 57-inches long and had a 30inch girth. Hoyos estimated the weight at 61 pounds.

Sixteen days earlier, Robert warm or absolutely freezing. One Hawkins - who owns a fly-fishday you're in shorts, the next day ing shop — caught and released for big fish, not necessarily world you're wrapped in heavy duty a 57-inch fish with a girth that measured 26.5 inches. That could have been a word record fly fishing musky and Hoyo's fish could can be found pounding the water also have been a world record looking for giants. The muskie, had they been kept for official measurements.

Both were released on site, so we will never know for certain if they were world record fish.

pleasant. Late fall fishing can be sucker minnows. absolutely miserable.

In 2015, a potential world re- 25-mile-per-hour wind with tem- on Michigan's Lake Bellaire in *columnist*

cord musky was caught the day peratures in the mid-to-low 20s is October 2013. There are other hard on the body and some anglers resort to heaters and other harsh conditions.

> Fall musky anglers are looking record fish. The joy for most is just the opportunity to see and catch a real trophy.

A real trophy is defined by each individual angler. For some, a 42inch fish is a fish of a lifetime for others it is a 55-incher. Casting and trolling are two of the most popular angling techniques, but some anglers bobber fish with Early fall fishing can be very quick strike rigs hooked on large

The certified world record Casting for muskies in a muskie of 58 pounds was caught Ray Gildow is an ECM outdoors

ger fish but they have not been certified. There seems to be little doubt that a potential world remeans to warm up under such cord muskie is probably swimming in Minnesota today.

> The muskie warriors who are pounding the water just before Christmas are not likely to ever kill one of those monsters. It is just not in their makeup — and the outcry on social media for killing a big fish is probably not worth the title anyway!

> So for now, we will just have to be satisfied looking at pictures of those monster fall muskies. One thing is for certain, the men and women who fish muskies in late fall are a special breed.

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Носкеу

Stillwater did take seven penalties, compared to just one for the Royals.

"We can't get seven penalties in a game," Gillespie said. "That's been a problem in all three games.'

Woodbury Stillwater

First period — 1. St. Halev Eder-Zdechlik (Grace Arkell, Lauren Einan) pp, 8:34; 2. St, Einan (Eder-Zdechlik, Sophie Schuster) 16:11.

Second period — 1. Wo, Hayley Zwackman (un) 4:09; 3. St, Alaina Tanski (Sydney Scheel) 6:25; 4. St, Tanski (un) sh, 10:19; 2. Wo, Zwackman (Lexie Decker) pp, 10:30; 5. St, Morgan Wohlers (Eder-Zdechlik) sh, 16:28.

Third period — 6. St, Meredith Parry (Lexie Ligday) 5:27; 7. St, Wohlers (un) 8:24.

Penalties — Wo, 1-2:00; St, -14:00.

- Wo (Allison Beix) 7-8-Saves -7-22; St (Grace Roeske) 3-4-4-11.

SIGNINGS

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boys lacrosse player Blake Evensen (Mercer University), girls lacrosse player Ellie Fedorowski (Concordia University - St. Paul), swimmer Malaina Fragnito (University of South Dakota) and track and field thrower Madeline Fretag (Minnesota State - Mankato).

Listed below are photos and short questionaires completed by the Stillwater athletes who signed a National Letter of Intent.

ence with the Ponies - Coming back from a first-round loss in sections to win sections and then go on to win state

What Vikings head coach Gretta Melsted is saying -"Between Ava (Dueck), Olivia (Hazelbaker), and Torri, I believe we landed the top hitters in the state of Minnesota," Melsted said. "The sound the ball makes coming off Torri's bat makes heads turn. She can hit both for average and for power. Defensively, she is a very smooth catcher and also can play first base.

Why Northern Michigan? -Nursing school, modern campus/facilities, and athletics. Major/academic interests -

Sport - Women's soccer

Nursing

Other SAHS Activities Track and soccer

Most memorable experience with the Ponies - Ending my high school soccer career on the "road to U.S. Bank" with some of my best friends. The state tournament was incredible to experience together.



Malaina Fragnito

College attending - Univer-

Sport - Women's swimming and divina

coach, the program and the academ-ICS

Most memorable experience with the Ponies - All of the team's conseuctive wins.





Gilbert

Drew Gilbert

College attending - Oregon State University

Sport - Baseball Why Oregon State? - High

level baseball, academics, coaching staff, campus and the atmosphere.

Major/academic interests -Undecided.

Most memorable experience with the Ponies — Winning state championship in 2018.



Koehler

Reece Koehler

working style to the team. Each are motivated and committed to being wholehearted student-athletes. We believe their best soccer is in front of them and we are grateful and excited to be part of that journey."



Peterson

Halle Peterson

College attending - Bemidji State University

Sport - Women's soccer

Why Bemidji State? - I loved the atmosphere, I felt at home. The coaches, players and other students were super welcoming and nice.

Major/academic interests -Exercise science

Most memorable experience with the Ponies - Playing soccer at U.S. Bank Stadium.

What Beavers head coach Jim Stone is saying - "I first saw Halle at the Minnesota State Cup," Stone said. "Her touch, vision and ability to switch the point of attack really jumped out. As I continued to watch her, I soon found out that she can head the ball as well as anyone I've seen. She has a great personality to match her game with lots of leadership potential. We are really excited about her."



Begin

Abby Begin

College attending - Minnesota State Mankato

Sport — Women's soccer Why Minnesota State

Mankato? — They have a strong soccer program with a great coaching staff. I love the campus. They have excellent academics and it's my mom's alma mater.

Evensen

Blake Evensen

College attending — Mercer sity of South Dakota University

Sport — Men's lacrosse Why Mercer? - The amazing campus, academics and lacrosse pro-

gram. Major/academic interests -Business and finance

Other SAHS Activities -Football and wrestling (10th grade).

Most memorable experience with the Ponies - Winning the conference championship 10-5 over Park Cottage Grove.



Why South Dakota? - The

Major/academic interests Communication arts

Other SAHS Activities - National Honor Society

Most memorable experience with the Ponies - Taking fourth in state my senior year and playing at U.S. Bank Stadium.

What Mavericks head coach Brian Bahl is saying - "Being that this was going to be a smaller class, we were extremely selective and critical of what we were looking for in regards to the type of player and person we wanted to bring into to the program," Bahl said. "I could not be more impressed with these six young ladies and how well we believe they align with our program values and the goals we have moving forward.

"The 2019 class will be joining an incredibly motivated team that is hungry to continue our pursuit of a national championship. This class will help us solidify the future of our goalkeeper position for years to come and will add tremendous talent and versatility to our attack. This is also an extremely competitive group that brings a relentless determination and energy to the field. They will fit in very well with our current roster.3



Chute

Tori Chute

College attending - Augustana University Sport – Softball Why Augustana? - It is very good both academically and athletically.

Major/academic interests -Business and sports management Other SAHS Activities - Bas-

ketball

Most memorable experi- Michigan University



Fedorowski

Ellie Fedorowski

College attending - Concordia University - St. Paul

Sport — Women's lacrosse

Why Concordia - St. Paul? · Great fit academically and love the location.

Major/academic interests -Nursing - medical field

Other SAHS Activities -Cheerleading, soccer

Most memorable experience with the Ponies - Comradeship of lacrosse.

What Golden Bears head coach Heather Coppola is saying — "Ellie is mainly an attacker but has the ability to make an impact all over the field," Coppola said. "Her quickness to the cage and speed in the transition on top of a high lacrosse IQ makes her unstoppable.'



Flor

Evelyn Flor

College attending - Northern state in 2018.

Fretag

Madeline Fretag

College attending - Minnesota State - Mankato

Sport — Women's track and field Why Minnesota State Mankato? - It has an amazing track program and offers a good engineering program.

Major/academic interests -Mechanical engineering

Other SAHS Activities Pony Power, basketball and volleyball (last year).

Most memorable experience with the Ponies - Working with all of the incredible coaches from all of the sports I have participated in.



Will Frisch

College attending - Oregon State University

Sport – Baseball

Why Oregon State? - Coaching, player development system, culture

Major/academic interests -Physics, engineering, chemistry

Most memorable experience with the Ponies - Winning

College attending - Seton Hall University

Sport – Volleyball

Why Seton Hall? - I chose Seton Hall because I loved the campus. I got a good vibe from many people: coaches, players, studetns, etc. Other reasons were strong academic fit with my interests, the location (close to NYC), and while there I could easily see myself being a Seton student!

Major/academic interests -Undecided, but possibly mental health therapy, healthcare or business.

Other SAHS Activities Concert orchestra (viola)

Most memorable experience with the Ponies – Playing at the Xcel Energy Center two years in a row in the Minnesota state volleyball tournament and having team-bonding sleepovers!



Kohn

Evie Kohn

College attending — St. Cloud State University

Sport - Women's soccer

Why St. Cloud State? - The welcoming team and coach and several of my family members have or are attending St. Cloud so it has always felt like home.

- Special education/elementary education

Most memorable experience with the Ponies – Making it to U.S. Bank Stadium for the 2018 state tournament.

What Huskies head coach Gretta Arvesen is saying -"This group is all business," Arvesen said. "They know what they want and tor and a Minnesotan with a lot of pride will add a skilled dynamic and hard- for this state and our university.'



Scalia

Sara Scalia

College attending - University of Minnesota

Sport — Women's basketball

Why Minnesota? - I think it is really cool to be able to represent my home state and be able to have family and friends come to watch me play. I have also watched coach (Lindsay) Whalen play in the WNBA for eight years and looked up to the way she played since we were the same position. I am looking forward to have her teach me more about the guard position. I developed a close relationship with the new coaching staff and felt it was the right thing to do.

Major/academic interests -Undecided

Other SAHS Activities -Track and field

Most memorable experience with the Ponies - Scoring my 1,000th point my sophomore year against Roseville and celebrating with my team after.

What Gophers head coach Lindsay Whalen is saying . "I'm really excited to announce our staff's first early signing class," Whalen said. "These five young women are not Major/academic interests only great players on the court, but exemplify and embody what it means to be a Gopher. With four seniors graduating this spring, this class addresses some needs to our roster and adds some depth in both the guard and post positions.

"Sara was one of the first kids I saw play when I took the job. She is a lights-out shooter, tenacious competi-



LOCAL SCHEDULE

Friday, November 23 Girls basketball - St. Louis Park at Hamline, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 24 Girls basketball – Hopkins at Hamline, 8:15 p.m. Girls hockey - At Forest Lake, 2 p.m.

> Sunday, November 25 Nothing scheduled

Monday, November 26 Nothing scheduled

Tuesday, November 27 Girls hockey - At Tartan, 7 p.m. Nordic skiing - SEC meet at Como Park GC, 3:45 p.m.

> Wednesday, November 28 Nothing scheduled

Thursday, November 29 Nothing scheduled

Friday, November 30 Boys basketball – Fridley at SAHS, 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 1 Girls basketball – Lakeville South at Hopkins, 3 p.m. Wrestling - At Faribault Invitational, 10 a.m.

> Sunday, December 2 Nothing scheduled



Goldstrand chosen MVP for Ponies

GIRLS TENNIS

BY STUART GROSKREUTZ THE GAZETTE

Making the most of her first and only senior with the Stillwater girls' tennis team, senior Ingrid Goldstrand was honored as the team's Most Valuable Athlete during its postseason awards banquet.

Goldstrand played first singles this season and was seeded No. 5 for the individual Section 4AA tournament, where she was stopped in the quarterfinals by fourth-seeded Lauren Splett of Mahtomedi.

Goldstrand and the Ponies finished with a 15-3 record, including 7-1 to finish second behind Mounds View in the Suburban East Conference standings. Two of Stillwater's three losses this season came against Mounds View, including a 4-3 setback in the section finals.

The 15 victories was the most in a season for the Ponies since going 17-3 on the way to conference and section titles in 2012.

The Ponies reversed their only other loss from the regular season while upending second-seeded Mahtomedi in the semifinals to earn a spot in the section finals.

Senior Claire Gorman, freshman Jana Myers, junior Molly Anderson, senior Rosie Braun and junior Catherine Monty joined Golstrand in earning all-conference honors. Junior Erin Gallion, sophomore Allison Benning, junior Elizabeth Milker and senior Lauren Friedrichs received honorable mention



Senior Ingrid Goldstrand was voted the Most Valuable Athlete for the Stillwater girls' tennis team. (Gazette staff photo by Stuart Groskreutz)

all-conference recognition.

Ingrid and Anna Goldstrand, Braun, Gorman, Friedrichs and Ally Shaw each received Academic All-State honors. As a team, the Ponies also received a Gold Academic Award from the state coaches association.

Also announced at the team's banquet is that Anderson, Monty, Gallion, Milker and Anna Lindeberg will serve as captains for next year's squad.

Girls tennis All-Conference: Ingrid Goldstrand,

Claire Gorman, Jana Myers, Molly Anderson, Rosie Braun and Catherine Monty; All-Conference Honorable Mention: Erin Gallion, Allison Benning, Elizabeth Milker and Lauren Friedrichs; Academic All-State: Anna Goldstrand, Ingrid Goldstrand, Rosie Braun, Claire Gorman, Lauren Friedrichs and Ally Shaw; Senior Letter Winners: Rosie Braun, Claire Gorman, Lauren Friedrichs, Tara Naugle, Lauren Mathaus, Alexandra Snow, Brooke Feyen, Kendra Lundquist, Kate Pelletier, Molly Harris, Ally Shaw, Ingrid Goldstrand, Anna Goldstrand, Natalie Peterson, Lauren Smithberg and Celia Hanson; Most Valuable Athlete: Ingrid Goldstrand; Captains elect: Molly Anderson, Catherine Monty, Erin Gallion, Elizabeth Milker and Anna Lindeberg.

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team is," Luke said. "The scoring system at MSHSL is what it is, but it's not always indicative of the team strength. I think we have the fourth best team in the state."

Rogness broke the Stillwater school record in the 200 individual medley during the prelims with a time of 2:04.00, which was the second fastest qualifying time. The sophomore broke her own record in the finals while finishing in an All-American Consideration time of 2:03.52 to place third behind Anoka's Reese Duhen (2:02.10) and Wayzata's Jordan McGinty (2:02.83).

Rogness eclipsed Kaela Anderson's previous



Stillwater's Sydney Rogness sets a school record while recording a third-place finish in the 200 individual medley during the Class AA girls' swimming and diving state meet on Friday, Nov. 16 at the Jean K. Freeman Aquatic Center in Minneapolis. (Gazette staff photos by Stuart Groskreutz)

200 freestyle relay in the ning the consolation finals a time of 1:55.36.

prelims, but was replaced to place ninth overall. She Stillwater featured two MSHSL state meet closed Johns (St) 24.52. by Rauker for the finals to trimmed more than seven state entries in the 100 out another exceptional school record of 2:04.19 prevent Johns from hav- seconds off her time in breastroke, where Malai- season for the Ponies, who

to do well, but you want to have fun, too. You want to do both and luckily this year we had both."

Team standings (top 10)

1. Edina 365; 2. Minnetonka 231; 3. Wayzata 186; 4. Eden Prairie 178.5; 5. Robbinsdale Armstrong 131; 6. Stillwater 117; 7. Eagan 115; 8. St. Michael-Albertville 107; 9. Prior Lake 92; 10. Andover 81. Individual results

200 medley relay — 1. Eden Prairie, 1:44.15. Prelims: 21. Stillwater (Eva Johns, Malaina Fragnito, Sydney Dettmann and Dorothy Chislett) 1:52.69.

200 freestyle — 1. Claudia Chang (Edina) 1:49.49; 7. Schuyler DuPont (St) 1:54.15. Prelims: 5. Du-Pont, 1:52.92; 18. Grace Rauker (St) 1:55.36

200 individual medley — 1. Reese Duhen (Anoka) 2:02.10; 3. Sydney Rogness (St) 2:03.52. Prelims: 2. Rogness, 2:04.00; 32. Malaina Fragnito (St) 2:13.25.

50 freestyle - 1. Lily Grem-A strong showing at the mels (Edina) 23.66. Prelims: 18. Eva

Diving — 1. Megan Phillip (Edina) 517.00. Prelims: 27. Peyton

she set while winning an individual state championship in the event in 2008.

"I went into it really open minded," Rogness said. "I just wanted to relax and have a good race. I'm pleased with it. It was my best time and that's what I was going for."

Rogness wasn't finished as she also placed sixth in the 100 freestyle with a time of 51.85.

She also led off Stillwater's 200 freestyle relay team that also included DuPont, Grace Rauker and Dorothy Chislett and finished eighth in a time of 1:38.47.

Eva Johns swam on the

which is the 10th out of 12 events, to earn all-state honors with a time of 56.78. She also had plenty letics," Luke said. "She's left to deliver a strong leg really an excellent swimin the 400 freestyle relay.

'That worked out and efficient.' she was fresh for the fistyle relay and she was in a time of 5:09.57. faster than in the prelims so it worked out for us."

Schuyler DuPont responded from some adver-

ing to compete in three of prelims (5:07.67) while re- na Fragnito (1:08.19) and also won Suburban East the last four races. Johns cording a time of 5:00.56 seventh-grader finished sixth in the finals in the finals — a time that Reed (1:10.32) placed 19th 4AA championships. of the 100 backstroke, would have ranked the fourth fastest if achieved in the championship heat.

"That's the world of ath-

Rauker joined DuPont nals in the backstroke and in the B finals of the 500 fresher for the 400 free- freestyle and placed 15th

> DuPont also placed seventh in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:54.15.

Rauker narrowly missed sity in the prelims of the qualifying for the finals in 500 freestyle to deliver a the 200 freestyle event, finstrong showing while win- ishing 18th in prelims with

and 21st. Fragnito also joined Rogness in the 200 team," Rogness said. "We individual medley and all work together and we placed 32nd with a time of 2:13.25.

mann and Chislett finished 21st in the 200 medley relay with a time of 1:52.69.

"We just all wanted to

In the diving competition prelims and semi- the Ponies also stretched finals, which were held their on Wednesday, Nov. 14, streak to 17. Stillwater senior Peyton Classon was unable to most fun seasons I've overcome a slow start and had," Luke said. "The sefinished with a score of niors this year were just 141.55 after five dives in super great leaders and a the prelims. She finished team to be totally successabout seven points out of ful has to have leadership the final qualifying spot from within, it cannot all for the semifinals.

error there," Luke said.

Maddie Conference and Section

"I'm really proud of our just tough it out. I'm just really proud of our team The team of Johns, for all just being a team. mer, very smooth and very Fragnito, Sydney Dett- We're all really close and we just love each other so much and I think it really helps."

> The Ponies went undo our best and see where defeated while extending we ended up," Rogness their dual meet winning said. "We all did really streak to 158. The con-well." gram's 16th in a row and section winning

"This was one of the be coach driven. These "Her fourth dive was senior captains were phereally good, but unfortu- nomenal and they made it Contact Stuart Groskreutz nately there's no room for fun for me. When you get at stuart.groskreutz@ecmdown to the end you want inc.com

100 butterfly — 1. Peyton D'Emanuele (Minneapolis Southwest) 54.45

100 freestyle - 1. Jordan Mc-Ginty (Wayzata) 50.54; 6. Sydney Rogness (St) 51.85. Prelims: 3. Rogness. 51.78.

500 freestyle — 1. Claudia Chang (Edina) 4:54.64; 9. Schuyler DuPont (St) 5:00.56; 15. Grace Rauker (St) 5:09.57. Prelims: 10. DuPont, 5:07.67; 13. Rauker, 5:09.18.

200 freestyle relay — 1. Edina, 1:34.43; 8. Stillwater (Sydney Rogness, Schuyler DuPont, Grace Rauk er and Dorothy Chislett) 1:38.47. Prelims: 7. Stillwater (Schuyler DuPont, Eva Johns, Dorothy Chislett and Sydney Rogness) 1:38.11.

100 backstroke — 1. Chloe Skoog (Eden Prairie) 54,47: 6, Eva Johns (St) 56.78. Prelims: 5. Johns, 56.71.

100 breastroke — 1. Emma Lezer (St. Michael-Albertville) 1:01.98. Prelims: 19. Malaina Fragnito (St) 1:08.19; 21. Maddie Reed (St) 1:10.32

400 freestyle relay — 1. Edina, 3:26.73; 4. Stillwater (Sydney Rogness, Eva Johns, Keaton Koenig and Schuvler DuPont) 3:31.80. Prelims: 3. Stillwater (Schuyler DuPont, Eva Johns, Keaton Koenig and Sydney Rogness) 3:32.94.

Schuyler DuPont swims to a seventh-place finish in the 200 freestyle event with a time of 1:54.15 at the state meet on Friday, Nov. 16.

10 years ago this week

Volleyball — Sophomore Emily McDonough is chosen the Most Valuable Athlete for the Stillwater volleyball team (23-7), which surpasses the program's previous mark for most victories in a season. Taylor Stippel and Kayla Zeno join McDonough in earning allconference honors for a team that advances to the Section 4AAA finals.

Girls swimming and diving — Stillwater scores 290 points to outdistance Edina (234.5) and Eden Prairie (198) to win its third girls' swimming and diving state championship in four seasons. The Ponies finish first in five events and set four all-time state records. In addition to winning the 200 and 400 freestyle relays, Stillwater receives first-place performances from Hannah Bowen in the 50 and 100 freestyle and another gold medal in diving from Maggie Keefer.



Bowen

College basketball — Three former Stillwater basketball players were involved as St. Scholastica, led by 2005 SAHS grad Troy Miller, defeats UW-River Falls 95-91 in double overtime. Miller scores 18 points to help lead the Saints past the Falcons, who receive 12 points from Aaron Anderson and seven points from Danny Johnson.

This is a look back at some of the people and teams making news in the St. Croix Valley 10 years ago, as reported in the Stillwater Gazette.

