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Sixers Win Firecracker Classic Title

By the Stevens Point Journal

The Sixers capped a perfect run through the Ed Kardach Firecracker Classic with a 5-4 win over Beloit on July 4th at Bukolt Park to capture the tournament championship for the first time in four years. The Sixers never trailed in winning five tournament games, and have won 10 straight games overall.

Jake Tepp's bases-loaded single past Beloit shortstop Jordan Harris scored Logan Mallek with the winning run with one out in the seventh. Mallek led off the inning with a walk before Dillion Schmenk sacrificed him to second. Nick Yenter was intentionally walked and Ryan Williams drew a walk to load the bases and set up Tepp's heroics. "I was just trying to get the ball in play where someone's not and get the run in," Tepp said. "(The win) was big; we haven't won this tournament in quite awhile.

Matt Dana earned the win for the Sixers as he pitched the seventh in relief of starter Derek Kawlewski, and allowed one hit. Aaron Roth took the complete-game loss for Beloit.

Stevens Point beat Wausau 8-0 late Sunday behind a complete game performance from the Sixers' Brad Stroik. The Bulldogs' Ryan Zweck allowed three runs before leaving after seven innings, and the Sixers scored five times in the eighth. The game counted in the Wisconsin Valley Legion conference as well, and with the victory the Sixers moved a half-game ahead of Plover for first place.

Point came into the Beloit matchup having outscored its previous four tournament opponents 39-10, including 10-0 in the first inning. That trend continued as Mallek singled to open the game and Schmenk was hit with a pitch before Nick Yenter followed with a home run to left-center to give the Sixers an early 3-0 lead.

Beloit responded with two runs in the second inning off Kawlewski and then tied the game at 4-4 with a pair of runs in the fifth. Beloit's Kyle Woodworth was tagged out at home by Point catcher Adam Bartlett with one out in the sixth trying to score from second on after Aaron Roth's hit glanced off Point second baseman Jake Tepp's glove and went into short right field.



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From the Commander

By *Cmdr Louis LaCroix*



Legionnaires:

I hope that all of you had a great 4th of July. On the 3rd of July Post 6 did a rededication of Romulus Berens Headstone. The day was perfect and the firing/with Taps was spot on. The Sixers baseball team took the Ed Kardach trophy, the picnic and Legion night at the park was great. All in all it was a good weekend. I am writing these comments from the Appleton State Convention. I only wish more of our Legionnaires could be here. I was chosen to chair the Children and Youth Committee and lots of good ideas came out of the meeting. Ideas yes, but we would need members' assistance in getting out to the schools, Boy Scout Troops, Cub Scout Packs and Girl Scout Troops to talk to them about veterans, the flag and Americanism. We also have to teach them about how our city runs. This topic comes under youth government. We can't just sit back and let someone else do it. We as veterans have changed history because of our service. Let's not let them down when they are looking to us for a firm foundation to start life on.

A hardy congratulation to Bob Kowalski, our 2010-2011 Legionnaire of the year, this award has been a long time coming to him for all the hard work he puts in at Cub Mancheski Field and volunteering he does for the Post. So Great job Bob you deserve it. Also, thanks to all who helped Dennis Kaminski in taking the flags at Guardian Angel Cemetery.

Lastly, I recently went to the Armory and gave a talk on why it would benefit them by becoming a member of Post 6. There seemed to be a lot of interest because of the Q&A I got after the talk. Well I guess I will keep this short and sweet until next month. Till we meet again, God bless each of you and your loved ones, God Bless our Troops and God Bless America.

For God and Country.

Junior News

Meridith Homann was chosen as the State Miss Poppy and Mariah Pursley has been re-elected as the Honorary Department Junior President. Both girls spoke at the department Convention and did a fantastic job. Ellen Rathe was elected as the Department of Wisconsin Junior Delegate to the National Convention. We will be having 3-4 juniors representing Unit 6 at the National Convention this year.

Congratulations to the Pinwheel drill team who did a great job in the 4th of July Parade. Mariah Pursley also attended Badger Girls State and will be at the August Auxiliary meeting to tell us all about it.

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Message from the President

By Lorrie Barber

I have been re-elected Unit President and Sarah has left me some big shoes to fill. If you haven't already heard Sarah's husband was transferred to California and they will be moving out there the end of July. We will certainly miss the Stiff family. Sarah has done a fabulous job as president this past year. We want to wish them all the best and thank you Sarah for a job well done.

I just returned from State Convention where I was installed as your new District 8 President. It was inspiring to talk with a lot of the Auxiliary members in attendance and see the enthusiasm for the Auxiliary philosophy and its programs. I learned something new too; it only is the American Legion Auxiliary the largest women's patriotic group, but it is the only women's patriotic group that is an entity on its own and not just a program of a Veterans group. How awesome is that.

This group is great because of its members. Each one of us has specific talents and it is the bringing together of those talents that enables us to do great things. A donation of items for the rummage sale, baking pies for the fall pie sale, volunteering a couple hours a month to help with BINGO, buying a raffle ticket, sending cards to the troops, just something as simple as continuing your membership in the Auxiliary all helps to insure the future of this organization. You may think that your membership is insignificant, but how wrong you are. It is the numbers we have that make us so powerful.

So spread the word and encourage all those that are fortunate enough to be eligible to join us to come aboard. Let's make the American Legion Auxiliary even bigger and better.

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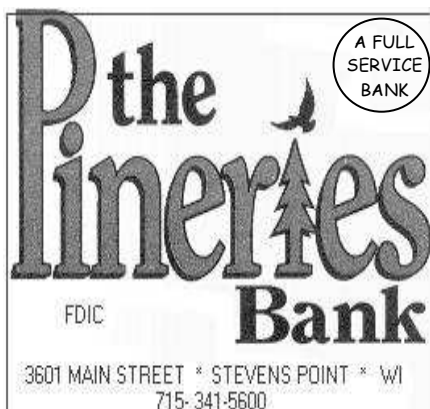


Attention Voyageurs of 831,

This is my first newsletter as your Chef De Gare again. At the last Promenade we had 11 Voitures in attendance, which I think is a great turn out, but it would be nice to see more of the old and new member. Only \$20 a year gets you 12 get-togethers for fun and business.

Join us every second Monday at the Olympian Restaurant; social hour is at 6:00 pm and dinner will be at 7:00 pm. We are open to any veteran.

Chef Dave Strelke - SSBN 623



Upcoming Events & Information: August, 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 40 & 8 Mtg	9	10 Post Meeting Aux Meeting	11	12	13 Aux Brat Sale @ Trig's
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 National Conv Begins	27
28	29	30	31			

Honor Guard Commander Needed

Post 6 is looking for a new Commander to lead our Honor Guard for the coming years. After years of faithful and selfless service Cecil Coats has decided to retire.

If you are interested in continuing to provide service to your fellow veterans and the Post, contact Adjutant Jason Nagorski.

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WANTED: Dedicated, organized Legionnaire to do a phone survey for American Legion Post 6. Contact Dennis Kaminski 715-341-2276.

WANTED: We need Legion members to attend funeral rituals at the funeral homes for deceased Legion members and/or Veterans. A good attendance makes a good impression for our Post. We may someday be there for you.

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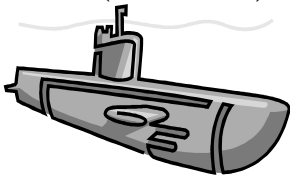


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Legion Youth Programs This Summer

By the American Legion

Summer for The American Legion and its youth signifies three weeks filled with education, competition and teamwork. It's during these warm months that three of the Legion's top-notch youth programs get under way: Boys Nation, Shooting Sports Air-Rifle Championship and baseball World Series.

On July 22, The American Legion and 98 Boys Nation senators will celebrate the program's 65th year in Washington, D.C. The weeklong program will educate the young men on the structure and function of the federal government, all while providing the senators an opportunity to visit historical landmarks around the Washington area. Stay updated on the young mens' daily activities by reading stories, viewing photos and watching videos on the **Boys Nation website**.

The Legion's 21st annual Junior 3-Position Air Rifle National Championship will once again be held at the USA Shooting Range Facilities at the Olympic Training Center in, Colorado Springs, Colo., August 2 - 7. During this event, 30 competitors are entered in either the precision or sporter category and shoot a .177 caliber air rifle in the prone, kneeling and standing position. The 30 competitors will be narrowed down to the top 16 until a winner is crowned in both the sporter and precision categories. Visit the Legion's **shooting sports website** for updates during the event.

And the highly anticipated American Legion Baseball World Series swings into action Aug. 12-16 in Shelby, N.C. The 86th Legion World Series will be filled with military events, concerts and patriotism. More importantly, fans unable to attend the World Series will have the ability to view game highlights and photos via legion.org/baseball and watch all 15 games live on ESPN3 for free. Fans can visit the **Legion website** during the event to find a direct link to ESPN3.





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President Obama to Address National Convention

President Barack Obama has accepted an invitation from American Legion National Commander Jimmie L. Foster to speak in person at the nation's largest gathering of veterans and their families Aug. 30 in Minneapolis.

"It is always an honor to welcome the commander-in-chief at our national convention, but it is more meaningful than ever this year, as we look back on recent progress regarding the compassionate care of our nation's wounded warriors, veterans, and the families who care for them, and as we look forward to challenges and opportunities alike for the Department of Veterans Affairs," Foster said. "The nation's largest organization of wartime veterans is deeply interested in the administration's vision for the future of our economy, our national security and VA. We are all in this together."

Foster, who met with Obama earlier this year in the Oval Office to discuss a variety of high-priority American Legion issues, said he is excited to hear the president address the Legion.

Foster added that "The American Legion stands ready to welcome home the men and women of our armed forces. They have fought with courage, skill and selflessness in the global war on terrorism. They come home to rural towns, urban neighborhoods and everything in between. It is our duty as a nation to extend appreciation for their sacrifices, and help ensure they can succeed and prosper here at home."

Foster said The American Legion's nationwide corps of service officers, Heroes to Hometowns coordinators and Family Support Network volunteers is working diligently to help returning troops and newly discharged veterans successfully readjust to civilian life. "And as it has done since 1919, The American Legion will continue to stand in honored remembrance of those who made the ultimate sacrifice under our flag, in the name of all it represents."

More than 10,000 Legionnaires and others will be in Minneapolis for the 93rd National Convention. Minneapolis was the site of the first American Legion National Convention, in 1919.

