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UPCOMING EVENTS

On June 1 the **UCHTA Spirng Black Belt test** will be held at Salt Lake City.

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The Academy of Martial Arts, Grafton, will hold its Spring Awards Banquet on June 2.

There will be a combined gup level and Black Belt test at **Sereff Taekwon-Do** on June 8.

Fairbanks Taekwon-Do will have a gup test on June 8.

On June 22 there is a step sparring seminar at Sereff Taekwon-Do in Broomfield to be instructed by Masters Robert **Pettijohn** and **Kevin Bushor**.



Sr. Grand Master Sereff attended a Spring Townhouse Meeting with House Representative **Ed Pearlmutter**. Mr. Pearlmutter was a former USTF Black Belt from Colorado University. His Black Belt certificate from 1976 hangs in his Congressional Office.

USTF Nationals for 2019, will be July 20th and 21st in Broomfield, Colorado.

Master Stephenson, Tournament Director Sr. Master **Ricky Todd**, Chief Referee Sr. Master **Dustin Stephenson**.

The annual Sereff Taekwon-Do **Workout in the Park** will take place August 3.

A Black Belt test will be held at **Sereff Taekwon-Do** on September 7.

The **Utah Chang-Hun TKD Alliance** will hold its **Summer Weekend TKD Camp** at East Canyon State Park in Morgan, Utah August 2 through 4.

On September 14, the **20th Annual Wyoming Invitational** will be held at Casper, Wyoming.

On August 24 a USTF Tournament will be held at Kirksville, Missouri. Promoter Grand

A **USTF Referee Course** will be conducted at Broomfield, Colorado on October 19.



On May 4th **Kirksville Missouri TaeKwon-Do** hosted the USTF Ground fighting course taught by Mr. **Tony Giese**. Grand Master **Bill Stephenson** and Senior Master **Dustin Stephenson** were the hosts of the event of around 35 participants from 8 different states (Georgia, Nebraska, Illinois, Missouri, Mississippi, Alabama, Iowa and Wyoming). The seminar was celebrated by all with a couple of rug burns and bruises- All had a great time and learned a lot. Thank you, Mr. Giese, for teaching the course. Photos: left, the instructor takes a seat on top; below left, grappling; and below right, the group.

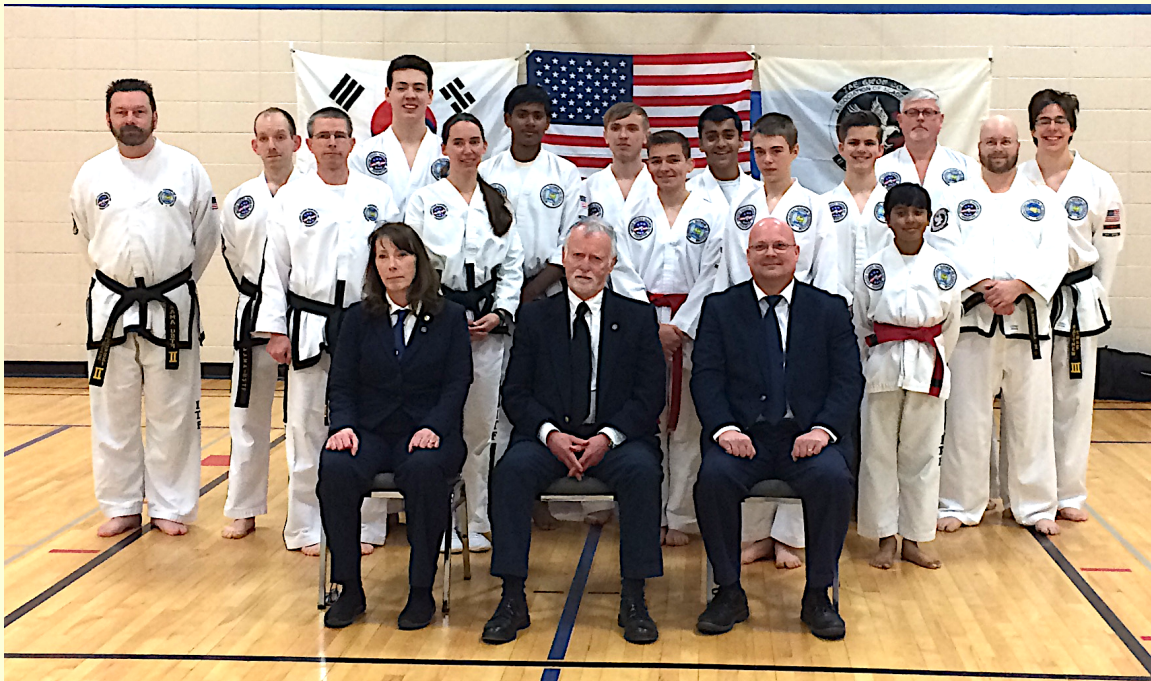
Submitted by Grand Master Stan Martin & Mr. James Rolston



On Saturday May 11, at Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin, the **Academy of Martial Arts of Sheboygan Falls** hosted a Black Belt test. At the Corner was Fifth Dan **Caren Johnson**, as **Marc Mikkelson**, Fifth Dan, Fifth Dan Mrs. **Jacqueline Karpinsky**, Wisconsin State USTF Director, Master **Mike Van Pietersom** and Sr. Master F.M. Van Hecke presided.



Testing successfully were Mr. **Edward Girdaukas**, for Fifth Dan, Mr. **Aaron Prohuska**, for Fourth Dan, Mssrs. **Noah Jacoby**, **Jacob Scholten**, and **Shantanu Chaudhuri**, for Second Dan, and Mssrs. **Yash Jha** and **Zach Warnke** for First Dan. Below, the group; right, Mr. Prohuska breaks. More photos on page 4.



On November 2 the 2019 **UCHTA State Championship Tournament** will be held at Salt Lake City.

A Junior Ho Sin Sool Course will be at **Sereff Taekwon-Do** on November 9.

The **Utah Chang Hun Taekwon-Do Alliance Fall Black Belt Testing** will be held on November 23.

On December 7 **Sereff Taekwon-Do** will conduct its last Black Belt test of 2019.

AROUND THE COUNTRY

Snowy Range Taekwon-Do travelled to **Rock Springs Taekwon-Do** for a Black Belt testing presided over by Grand Master **Stan Martin** on April 20. Hopefully, some information in the next Flash.

The 2019 **Utah Chang Hon Annual Utah Cup** tournament was held on May 18 in Salt Lake City.



From the May 11 test, Sheboygan Falls, clockwise from 12:00 are Jacob Scholten, Zac Warnke, Yash Jha, Ed Girdaukas, Noah Jacoby and Shantanu Chaudhuri.



On May 4 the **A.A.M.A. Spring Classic** was held in Grafton, Wisconsin, for the 11th year. Participants came from Wisconsin, Michigan, the U.P., Illinois, and Minnesota. The Tournament Directors were **James Pals** and **Christin Herzfeld**. Serving as Chief Referee was Master **Rick Bauman**, who was assisted by **Valerie Locklair**. There were too many distinguished guests and “old hands” on hand to enumerate. Left, Jenna, Austin and Ty celebrate the Reender family’s success. Right: “Ouch.” Bottom, “OK, guys, let’s line up.”



Alaska’s **Fairbanks Taekwon-Do** enters the Splits Club challenge with a vengeance, although the cold weather makes it hard to be flexible, right?



The Sequim Irrigation Festival is the oldest continuing civic festival in Washington State, having been kicked off May 1, 1896 to celebrate the arrival of water from the rivers via irrigation. Master **Brian Stoppani** and his students at **Bodystrong Taekwon-Do** more literally kicked off the festival this year by demonstrating their Taekwon-Do at the opening ceremonies. Along with patterns, Ho Sin Sool, step sparring and breaking the crowd was captivated for the 30 minutes of action that took place in the middle of what was once the main street in town over 150 years ago.

Students, faculty, and family members ended the week with

a barbecue celebration in front of the dojang while enjoying the parade. A huge thank you to Mr. Farenholtz, II Dan, for his invaluable work organizing in a short period of time, and to Mr. Muckley, II Dan, for putting together the BBQ and doing all the cooking. [Photos: Above, Hunter Muckley breaking, right, Mr. Golbeck breaking, and below, White and Yellow Belts performing in a circle,]

Dr. Linda Allen, F.S.





On Sunday, May 12, at Grafton, Wisconsin, the following tested for Third Dan: Miss **Alyssa Jankowski** and Miss **Valerie Locklair**. Presiding at this test were Master **Mike Van Pietersom**, Fifth Dan **Mary Lubner** and Eighth Dan F.M. Van Hecke. At the Corner was Third Dan **Matthew Thur**. A Wisconsin tradition is the “Introduction” of each candidate to the Board by a person with a special connection to the person testing. However, these two elected, instead, to introduce their mothers on Mother’s Day and present flowers. Moms and daughters did outstanding work....

From left, front row, First Dan Prof. O.J. Locklair, Ho Sin Sool Destroyee for new Third Dan Miss Valerie Locklair, to his right, and new Third Dan Miss Alyssa Jankowski and her Ho Sin Sool victim Third Dan Matthew Thur, and, peripherally right, Mr. Shantanu Chaudhuri, assistant; In the back row, Master Van Pietersom, Sr. Master Van Hecke, and Fifth Dan Mrs. Mary Lubner.



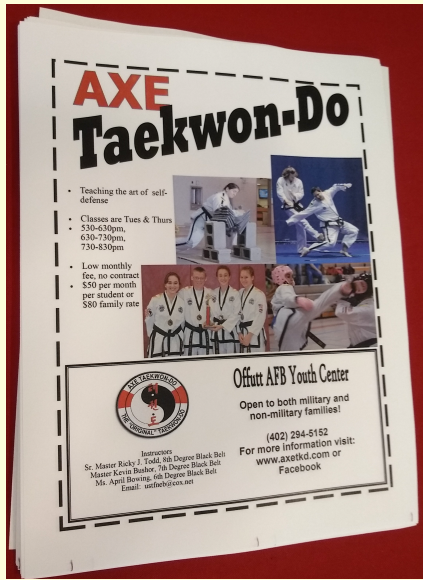
Left, maybe you DON'T want to know what happens next, right, it's getting whipped with that braid that really smarts. A break below, and see next page.



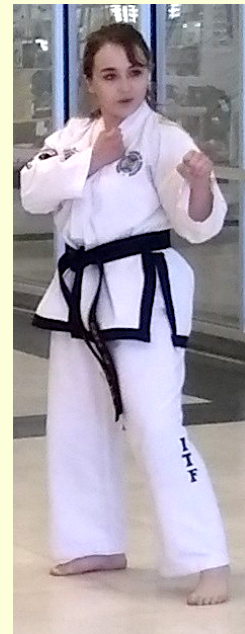


More from Grafton
on May 12.





On Saturday, May 18th, **Axe Taekwon-Do** conducted a demonstration of technique at the Offutt Air Force Base Exchange. The demonstration was in recognition of Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Several students joined the Base Exchange on their day of celebration by performing patterns, flying kicks, sparring, and breaking. The Base Exchange thanked us as “ambassadors” by our showing of love for the Korean martial art. Participating were Sr. Master **Ricky Todd**, Master **Kevin Bushor**, Ms. **April Bowling**, 6th dan, Mr. **Sean Toppi**, 4th dan, Ms. **Staci Chamberlin**, 3rd dan, Mrs. **Lizzie Chamberlin**, 2nd dan, Ms. **Brianna Grant** 2nd dan., **Anthony Garber**, black stripe, **Tyler Jensen** red belt, **Daemon Garber**, red belt and **Alysia Garber** red belt. [Photos: top left, the flyer advertising the event; top right, Ms. Grant, Second Dan; bottom right, Ms. Grant, Third Dan; and bottom left, the group.]





On Saturday May 18 a Black Belt test was held at **Marquette Taekwon-Do** at Marquette, Michigan, in the U.P. Marquette is on the south shore of Lake Superior, and while the next thing across is Canada, we're still in the USA and proud members of the USTF. In fact, Marquette Taekwon-Do is one of the oldest clubs in the US at 48 years of continuous operation.

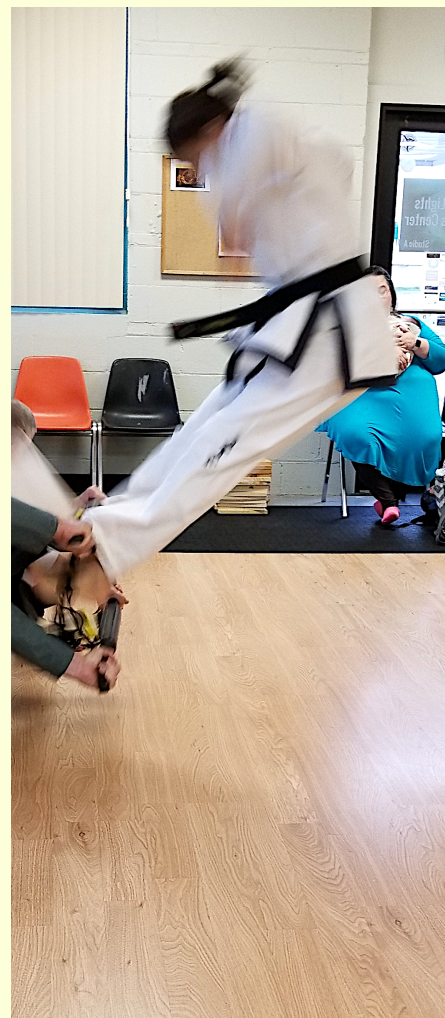
Master **Mike Van Pietersom** and Sr. Master F.M. Van Hecke presided, ably assisted by Mr. **Jack Eibler**, Fourth Dan, at the Corner. Testing for Second Dan was Mr. **Robert Ross**, at 75 the most mature of the group, far more so than

Mrs. **Sara Wisuri**, who nevertheless bears the distinguished title of grandmother and tested for her Third Dan. Mr. **Brian Sowers** and Mr. **Charles "Chuck" Giotto**, the USTF U.P. State Director, tested for Fifth Dan.

Other than Mr. Sowers nobody was really required to break due to age exemptions, of course, so, needless to say,

the entire group plowed through a ton of lumber, something not in short supply in that part of the world. Some people are just big on Indomitable Spirit.

[Photos: above left, from left in the front row, Master Van Pietersom and Sr. Master Van Hecke, and in the back row Mr. Ross, Mrs. Wisuri, Mr. Sowers, Mr. Giotto, and Mr. Eibler. Below right, Mrs. Wisuri makes short work of wood with twin flying front snap kick, and, left, Mr. Giotto takes on a bundle. More pictures, next page.]





More from Marquette TKD May 18. From 12:00 o'clock, clockwise, Mr. Sowers, Mr. Giotto, Mr. Ross, Mr. Sowers with a block of 6, Mrs. Wisuri with flying pick-ship kick.

