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## Let the Festivities Begin!



2021 Homecoming Royal candidates: From back left: Cole Prunty, Max Scott, Spence Albrecht, and Lane Johnson. From front left: Allison Ziebart, Maelie Culbert, Baylee Schoenfelder, and Brielle Bruening.

### Homecoming Events Schedule:

**Monday:** Region golf Pierre; JH/JV FB vs Gregory;

Coronation 8 pm

**Tuesday:** JH VB vs TDA; NHS induction ceremony 7pm

**Thursday:** XC at Lennox; JH/HS VB vs Scotland;

JH football vs MVP

**Friday:** Homecoming BBQ 11:00-12:15; Homecoming FB

vs KWL, Athletic Booster Tailgate 5:30

**Saturday:** JH Volleyball Parker tourney

### Homecoming Dress-up Schedule:

**Monday:** Teacher/Student Swap

**Tuesday:** Tropical Tuesday

**Wednesday:** Hick Day

**Thursday:** Throwback Thursday

**Friday:** Trojan Day (Orange/Blue)

# New Year, New Faces!

## PHS adds new position

By Morgan Bax

Donna Soulek is a new staff member at Parkston High School. She chose Parkston because she feels we have one of the best school systems around and the opportunities available are great for the future of her son. She and her family love the people here. It is a great fit for their family.



She has played many different roles here in the school. She started volunteering for centers in the elementary school. Then, she became a long-term substitute in the elementary for the title program. Last year, she was a paraprofessional for the elementary and this year, she became the K-12 Math Interventionist. Prior to coming to Parkston to teach, she taught for fourteen years. She taught math, computers, physics and coached. She taught six years at Marty Indian School, Marty, SD and eight years at Crofton Community Schools, Crofton, NE.

The math interventionist position is new this year and is intended to identify lags in learning and help fix them to give more success for each student. "I want to erase the stigma of getting help. Just because a student works with a math interventionist doesn't mean they are behind," Mrs. Soulek said. She is here to help students, so they do not fall behind. She will be reteaching core concepts to meet each learners' needs. She enjoys working with all age groups. Students that are willing to try is what brings success to them. She looks forward to helping any child of any age that needs individual attention. "It is always frustrating when a student fights for the help available. It is not a sign of weakness or failure. It is quite the opposite. We all need help from time to time. It is another tool that could be used to prevent failure!" She loves being a part of helping our students reach their goals to be successful.

Her goal as a teacher is to help students reach their highest level of education and fully succeed as individuals who make a difference in this world. If they can dream it, anything is possible! Lastly, her advice to students: "In a world where you can be anything, be kind, treat others the way you want to be treated, leave any place better than you found it, and mostly volunteer for a cause you are passionate about – nothing is better than giving back to your community."

## New teacher, familiar face...

By Samia Benson

As we come into this unmasked year we welcome some new teachers, one being Mrs. Katie Bialas. Katie is a born and raised true Parkston resident—she even graduated from Parkston High School. This will be Katie's first year teaching at Parkston but her fourth year of teaching. When asked what she loves most about teaching she says she loves the challenge of math and working with kids.

Bialas also loves spending time with her 5-month-old son, Bentley, and her husband, Myles who was her high school sweetheart. You can find Mrs. Bialas in room 110 where she teaches 7th and 8th grade math and Algebra 2.

She also goes to mention how she relishes the Parkston community so much because they are so supportive and close to one another. "Thank you to Parkston school district for the warm welcome and support as I start this journey with PHS."



## Ms. Anderson takes over vocal music program

By Javon Friederich

The new Vocal Music teacher, Ms. Ashlynn Anderson, was born in Sioux Falls. She grew up, however, Harvard, Iowa.

In high school she was a theater kid, interested in theater and in performing. She also did cheerleading.



She went to Northwest College after high school where she majored in vocal and secondary education.

After college she went straight into teaching. She is single and has two cats.

# More New Faces

## Mr. Larson leads in-strumental music

by Javon Friederich

The Parkston band is now led by Mr. Noah Larson, who was born in Demond, Iowa. He grew up in Fort Dodge, Iowa.



He went to high school at Manson Northwest Webster. After high school he went to the University of South Dakota where he majored in Music education. After college he sub taught at Beresford, South Dakota. He is not married and has no pets. His favorite thing to do is to teach new people about band.

## Mrs. Hoff is new Para

by Javon Friederich

She was born in Yankton South Dakota and grew up 17 miles east of Parkston. She attended Parkston High School and she went to college at Dakota State University and Southeast Technical Institute. She majored in elementary Education and Early childhood. After college she had various jobs she worked at Hobby Lobby in Sioux Falls, did hospital housekeeping at Avera St. Benedict, worked at the daycare in Parkston, she was a Covid Screener at Avera St. Benedict Clinic and currently working as a paraprofessional at Parkston High School. She has 2 kids Kinley is 7 and a second grader at Parkston Elementary School and Khloe who is 3. She is married to William Hoff and has a dog named Dottie. In the meantime she likes spending time with her children, likes planting flowers and gardening and her favorite drink is iced coffee.



## Mrs. Norden joins Science

By Troy Norden

This year the science department has evolved. Because we couldn't find an English teacher Ms. Freedland, who has been teaching 7/8 Science was needed to teach 8th and 11th English.



Mrs. Jodi Norden who is currently teaching 6th grade, has added teaching 7th and 8th grade science to her schedule. This will be Mrs. Norden's 2<sup>nd</sup> year teaching at Parkston, though she has been teaching for 24 years.

## FCCLA gets their year started

by Samia Benson

This year FCCLA had their first meeting kickoff meeting on Aug. 31 of 2021, it was held at the Parkston high school in the FCS room. Snacks and drinks were provided as well as a slide show. Over 40 people attended, which is a 50 percent increase over last year. According to the advisor, Mrs. Kafka, "The club provides the kids with public speaking skills, meeting new people and travel benefits as well as membership benefits."

A meeting is held once every month and the next one is Sept. 31, at 3pm located at Parkston High School. Any interested student who has questions or is thinking about joining can contact Mrs. Kafka, Amber Hoff (president), or Cadence Juhnke (vice president).

### National Results

Several local FCCLA chapter members did well at the National Convention this past summer: Candace Juhnke and Amber Hoff placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Chapter Service Project Display; Kiana Hargens and Emma Yost (not pictured) placed 1<sup>st</sup> in National Programs in Action; Alivia Royston and Arabella Brissette placed 6<sup>th</sup> in Chapter in Review Portfolio; Taryn Lentsch placed 4<sup>th</sup> in Career Investigation; and Kenna Konfrst placed 13<sup>th</sup> in Repurpose & Redesign.



# Sports

## Football team returns in force to the field

By Connor Prunty

The Parkston Trojans earned their first win of the 2021-2022 season against the Stanley County Buffalos in a 43-22 game, August 27. The Trojans started out strong with a 50-yard touchdown. Then they got a quick stop and scored. At the end of the first quarter it was 14-0. At the start of the second quarter the Trojans got a pick-6, followed by another touchdown. After a few good defensive possessions, the Trojans finally struck again, ending the first half with a score of 35-0 Trojans.

The second half saw well-executed back-to-back defensive plays. Which brought us to the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. The Buffalos finally scored. The two teams fought for a while, but the Buffalos scored again. The Trojans scored with 9 seconds left and a 2-point conversion. The game ended with a score of 43-22.

A week later, the Parkston Trojans lost a long battle against the Garretson Blue Dragons. After a turnover by the Trojans the Dragons threw a deep ball that was intercepted. The Trojans fumbled the ball following a short drive. The Dragons scored. The Trojans got another interception after they lost the ball during the kickoff. The Trojans got an interception later followed by a touchdown. In the final minutes of the game, the Dragons scored again, finishing the half 6-21, Garretson.

The Dragons started the 2<sup>nd</sup> half with a touchdown. The Trojans immediately scored after that. Then the Dragons scored again. After a fumble recovery by the Dragons, they ran it in for another score. At the very end of the 4<sup>th</sup>, the Trojans scored and the game ended at 20-35 Garretson.

September 10, The Parkston Trojans toppled the #1-ranked Platte/Geddes Panthers in a 27-13 win. In the first quarter The Trojans started out strong with an interception on the Panthers first drive. Then the Trojans took the ball and threw a touchdown. After a bunch of stops by both teams the Trojans got another pick in the middle of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. In the last seconds



Teammates block ahead and beside the ball carrier.

the Panthers scored and made the 2-point conversion, ending the first half with a score of 6-8 Panthers.

After a punt by the Panthers the Trojans marched down the field to score. The Trojans ended a long drive by the Panthers and immediately scored. The game finally ended with a score of 27-13.

*Trojans close in to prevent a score.*



*Cole Prunty brings in the score for the Trojans against Garretson.*



*The Football cheer squad is ready to get the crowd excited! From left: Maelie Culbert, Kayla Neugebauer, Icis Muilenburg, Sadie Lindeman, London Sudbeck and Reese Reichert.*



# Sports

## Boys golf heads to Regions

By Troy Norden

The Boys golf season comes early and fast. As of this issue, the regular season is already in the bag and the boys are facing the challenge of the road to the state championship. The Pre-Region (Sept 24) and Region (Sept 27) meets are held in Pierre and the State competition is in Madison this year on October 4 & 5. Following is a recap of the meets so far this season:

### West Central, Aug. 16

The first golf meet of the year was the West Central Early Bird. The team finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place, with a combined score of 353 strokes. Vermillion won with 329 strokes. Payton Koehn scored 78, taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the whole meet. Quinn Bormann finished in 12<sup>th</sup> place with 83 strokes. Matt Ehler got 20th with 89 strokes.

### Madison, Aug. 17

The second meet of the year which was a back-to-back the boys got 3<sup>rd</sup> place with a combined 349 strokes. Tea Area won with 328 strokes. Payton Koehn got 3<sup>rd</sup> with 79 strokes. Quinn Bormann shot 81 to finish in sixth place personally.

### Dell Rapids, Aug. 23

The third meet is called "The Quarrie Invite," is a very competitive event. The boys finished 7<sup>th</sup> place with 354 strokes.

### SF Christian, Aug. 31

The Charger Invite took place on a beautiful day. The Trojans finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place. They had a combined stroke total of 343.

SF Christian won with 317. Parkston results included: Payton Koehn with 83 for 15<sup>th</sup> place; Quinn Borman got 78 for 5<sup>th</sup> place; Matt Ehler scored 84; Landon Weber ended with a 98; Kelby Neugebauer scored 107; and Luke Norden finished with a 125.

### Vermillion, Sept. 9

The vermilion golf invite was a rough meet but a learning experience. The Trojans landed in 7<sup>th</sup> place following Beresford. The West Central Trojans won the meet with a score of

327. The Parkston Trojans finished with a combined total of 356 strokes.

### Parkston Invitational, Sept. 17

The home meet was a success. The boys got second place with a combined score of 332 strokes. Quinn Bormann got 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 77 strokes. Payton Koehn finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place with 81 strokes. Matt Ehler scored 83, Landon Weber 91, and Luke Norden 122.



Senior Quinn Bormann



Senior Matt Ehler

## Volleyball going strong

By Brielle Bruening

The Parkston Trojan's volleyball team Started off their season with a tough loss to the MVP Titans. The Trojan's battled through five sets but still came up a little short in the fifth set. The starters for this game were: Faith Oakley, Allison Ziebart, Mya Neubel, Abby Hohn, Brielle Bruening, Kiauna Hargens, and Baylee Schoenfelder.

They then played TDA on August 26 and battled through five sets as well. The team fell short once again. August 28, the Trojan's hosted their tournament in Parkston.



Going for the block!

The team came out of the tournament winning two games and losing two. The Trojans have had a few games since the tournament and are currently 5-6. On September 14th, the Trojans came home with a win against the Corsica-Stickney Jaguars. Mya

Nuebel was leading with a total of 12 kills and 10 digs. Brielle Bruening had nine kills, three blocks, 22 digs and three aces. Abby Hohn had six kills and five blocks. Along with those, Allison Ziebart had seven kills and Gracie Oakley had six kills. The Trojan's still have few more games to play until the Homecoming game September 30, against the Scotland Highlanders.

## Comp Cheer team in play

By Morgan Bax

The Parkston competitive cheer team started out down a team member due to a concussion. They had eleven girls for the first and second competition. Even though they were one down, they placed third out of five teams at Dell Rapids.

Their second competition was at Dakota Valley where they placed second out of four teams. Their third competition they were down to ten girls due to illness and the concussion.

The third and most recent competition was held at Winner with ten teams competing. They placed fourth overall out of large and small groups.

# Cross Country team is hitting the course

by Taryn Lentsch

Cross country started off the year with the invitational in Beresford, SD, August 27. Evan Bartelt started off the season with 5<sup>th</sup> place and a time of 17:12:24. David Brock had a time of 20:12.03 and placed 55th. Senior, Noah Mohoney finished his last first race with a time of 21:13.88 and placed 69th. The other senior, Linsdey Roth finished her last first race with a time of 19:58.30 and a 5th place as well. The rest of the team ran jv and jh, with it being the first race of the season and all.

Next the runners went to MCM and the varsity girls got 4<sup>th</sup>. Lindsey Roth, Leak Klock, Taryn Lentsch, and Kayleigh Royston ran varsity at that meet. They did surprisingly well knowing that you normally have 6 people on varsity. After the boys varsity ran and they got 1st. Evan Bartelt, Gage Hohn, David Brock, Kory Storm, and Nathan Riggs ran really well. Morgan Maxwell has started off the year really well once again, she ran jv at

MCM and got 1st place by almost a minute with a time of 18:21.48. Berkley Ziebart also ran jv at MCM and got 2nd place with a time of 19:27.27.

At the beginning of September the cross country team went to the Heartland Preview. This is one of the biggest meets of the year, along with the Augustana Twilight Meet. These meets have out of state teams, so it is a very competitive race. Jayden Digmann and Grady Bowar ran jh and both placed in the top 20 out of 205 people. Evan Bartelt was the only male runner on varsity, he got 33rd out of 133 people. Berkley Ziebart ran jh and got 9 out of 183 people. Morgan Maxwell, Kayleigh Royston, Taryn Lentsch and Leah Klock all placed in the top 50. Lindsey Roth was the only female runner on varsity, and she got 36th out of 118 people. As the ending is nearing both teams have 7-9 runners all capable of running varsity, and both teams have a really good chance at making it to state this year. Please come support them at the Parkston meet on October 7, at 4:15.

*Below: Senior Noah Mahoney runs in his last high school season. Bottom: Coach Digmann urges on each runner as they pass him on the course, here David Brock gets a boost.*



*Below: Senior Lindsey Roth runs in her final high school season. Bottom: Evan Bartelt keeps his focus.*

# Summer of '21 Wrap-up

## After summer started....

By Cade Thuringer

Both the girl's golf and the track seasons end after the school year. Last year, the golf team ended their season well at state, and the track team had some solid results in their state meet.

### GOLF:

The girls had a very successful golf season, even though the team consisted of only two girls: Kayla Neugebauer and Gracie Oakley. The state golf meet was held at the Spearfish Golf Course. They did very well and ended up in the top 40 after the first day. The second day, the girls did even better. They ended up tied in the final standings. The final standings for the girls was 29<sup>th</sup> place. Congratulations on the great season ladies!



### TRACK:

This year there were a lot of track athletes from Ethan/Parkston to qualify for state. A total of 29 athletes went to the meet—fifteen boys and fourteen girls attended the

2-day event in Spearfish, SD. It was located at the BHSU track. The athletes did very well. The overall results are listed below:

#### Results:

Josh Bartscher- shotput- 16<sup>th</sup> place

Eric Gustafson- shotput, highjump- 12<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>

Parker Hanselman- 100m, 4x1 relay, 4x2 relay, medley relay- 21<sup>st</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>

Troy Norden- 110m hurdles- 21<sup>st</sup>

Ethan Poore- medley relay, 800m, 4x8 relay- 6<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>

Cole Prunty- 100m, 200m, 110m hurdles, 300m hurdles- 6<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>

Sam Benson- 110m hurdles, 4x1 relay, 4x2 relay- 19<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>

Riley Endres- 4x4 relay, triple jump- 17<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>

Cael Ryther- 4x1 relay, medley relay- 14<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>

Cade Thuringer- 4x1 relay, 4x2 relay- 14<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>

Evan Bartelt- 1600m, 3200m, 4x8 relay- 18<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>

Drake Gustafson- pole vault- 15<sup>th</sup>

Gage Hohn- 4x4 relay, 4x8 relay- 17<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>

Jaron Neshiem- 4x4 relay, 4x8 relay- 17<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>

Kolter Kramer- 400m, 4x2 relay, 4x4 relay, medley relay- 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>

Lauren Zeibart- 200m, 4x1 relay, triple jump, medley relay- 23<sup>rd</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>

Jalen Kurtenbach- 4x1 relay- 21<sup>st</sup>

Lindsey Roth- 1600m, 3200m, medley relay, 4x8 relay- 10<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>

Allison Ziebart- Triple jump, long jump, medley relay, 4x8 relay- 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>

Faith Oakley- 4x2 relay, shotput- 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>

Ashlyn Tapio- Discus- 10<sup>th</sup>

Emma Yost- Discus, shotput- 12<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>

Leah Klock- 800m, 4x8 relay- 19<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>

Ava Lingeman- 4x1 relay, 4x2 relay, medley relay- 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>

Ella Pollreisz- 1600m, 4x2 relay, 4x8 relay- 7<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>

Allie Hobbick- 4x8 Alternate

Chantel Wuertzer- 300m hurdles- 12<sup>th</sup>

Mya Wickersham- 4x8 Alternate

Rory Juhnke- 4x1 relay, 4x2 relay- 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>

# Play Ball! Summer Results from the diamond

## 18U Girls take state title after undefeated season

By Broderick Boettcher

The 18U girls' softball team went undefeated in the C-Division 21-22 State softball tournament this July in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. In the first game they defeated Dell Rapids Ace Hardware 8-1. The second game was against Assault U18 4-8 with Parkston coming on top. The third game was against Menno. Menno was dominated 6-0 with Parkston 18U advancing to the championship game where they defeated the Rapid City Marauders 7-1.

The championship team consisted of Jocelyn Boettcher, Ki-auna Hargens, Lindsey Roth, Reagan Klooz, Sadie Lindeman, Tiah Holzbauer, Baylee Schoenfelder, Emilea Cimpl, Erica Thompson, Isabella Shreeve. Cecelia Neugebauer was a part of



the team during the season but couldn't continue because she was at basic training. Hannah Lindula and Alcista Dion were added before the tournament. Hannah is from Tyndall, SD and Alcista Dion is from Wagner, SD. The head coach was Daren Lindeman. The assistant coaches were Kyler Holzbauer and Gary Schoenfelder, and the bat boys were Zane Holzbauer and Zach Thuringer.

## Midget Baseball team ends season Champs

By Brielle Bruening

The Parkston 12 & Under team competed against 20 teams in the 2021 State Tournament in Webster, July 9-11. They were able to rattle off five wins in three days to capture back-to-back state titles for Parkston, finishing their season 32-3. This marks the third 12U title for the program with the first coming in 2008.

Three pitchers combined to a no hitter against De Smet in the first game of pool play, while winning 11-0. In the second game, they played a solid Hamlin team, defeating them 6-1. After winning their pool, Parkston advanced to the championship bracket and in game 3, three boys combined for another no hitter and beat Groton 10-0. On championship Sunday, Parkston battled Canistota/Freeman in the semi-final matchup. Canistota/Freeman scored the first two runs of the game in the fourth inning. What seemed like an uphill battle to score, the boys managed to push across four runs in the bottom of the fifth in-

## ends season Champs

ning to win 4-2 in six innings.

In the championship, Parkston battled a familiar foe in Mount Vernon-Plankinton. MVP took an early lead, scoring one in the second and two in the third, giving them a 3-0 lead. Again Parkston had to come from behind. They rattled three straight hits and scored three runs in the forth inning to tie the game back up. After 2½ additional innings of scoreless ball, Parkston walked off the winning run to a 4-3 win in 7 innings, capturing the 12U State B Championship for a second year in a row. The players were Mark Deckert, Landon Weber, Gage Jodozi, Mason Jervick, Carson Bueber, Grady Bowar, Brycen Bruening, Kelby Neugebauer, Aiden Overby, Andrew Weisz, Reco Muilenburg, Johnny Weber, Jayden Digmann, Ty Kummer, Luke Norden, and Javin Kniffen. The coaches were Craig Bruening, Eric Norden, and Keith Weber.

## Maxell recognized for youth coaching by NBA

By Broderick Boettcher

Bill Maxwell was named one of the eight National Coach of the Year semifinalists, after Maxwell was entered into a national pool of coaches submitted by NBA, WNBA and NBA G League teams. Maxwell advanced in the competition after being named the Sioux Falls Skyforce Local Jr. NBA Coach of the Year back in April. Although he didn't advance to the next round, he was honored to make it to the semifinals, and he received a Jr. NBA Coach gift bag & a free Positive Coaching Alliance Zoom workshop for the coach's team/organization from making it to the semifinals.



Bill Maxwell and his players.

Bill Maxwell has been a volunteer coach for Parkston for the past ten years. He runs the Jr. NBA youth program here in Park-

ston where he coaches the 3-6 grade boys and girls basketball teams. He tries to focus on the sixth-grade boys' level the most. Bill does not get paid for coaching nor does he have a child in the program, he does it for the passion of the kids and basketball. He carries on the legacy of his late father who coached the same program for 25 years.