



Well-deserved honor

Hunke grateful after being named Nebraska's female 'Golfer of the Year'

Showered with accolades all year long, the biggest honor for local golfer Hannah Hunke was recently announced.

Hunke of Snyder, and 2017 graduate of Guardian Angels Central Catholic High School, was selected as the 2017 Nebraska Girls' Amateur Golfer of the Year.

While certainly a well-deserved honor, it was still a humbling moment for the local golfer.

"It was a really proud moment for me. This was something I talked about with my mom over the summer, and what I needed to do to earn this award," Hunke said.

Driven to succeed, Hunke has proven she can compete at an elite level, regardless of her competition.

She proved that during the spring, capturing a medal in the boys' state golf tournament. She also proved it during the summer, competing against some of the state's best golfers.

And while she was continually among the elite group of golfers throughout the year, being named 'Golfer of the Year' was a reassuring moment for Hannah.

"It really gave me a lot of confidence about myself and my game," Hunke said. "I felt like I represented Indian Trails well, and my school well. And my parents because they are one of the main reasons I received this award."

Hunke was honored with the award at the Nebraska Golf Association's annual awards banquet on November 17 at The Country Club of Lincoln.

While deserving of the honor, it was still a surreal moment for Hunke to be named the top golfer.

"It was really an honor for me because the girls that received this award prior to me are so talented. It's just amazing to be among that group," Hunke said.

At the banquet, in Hunke's acceptance speech, she told a story about one of her first golf tournaments. During the tourney, Hunke accidentally hit the ball to the wrong hole on a par 5.

To go from that, to being named the state's top golfer, is certainly something to be proud of.

"It just goes to show how far I've come since I first started," Hunke said. "For me, the award reflects how much effort I've put into improving my game."

Hunke is currently a freshman for the University of Nebraska-Omaha women's golf team, a Division I program. Hannah is the daughter of Jeff and Missy Hunke.



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NSAA representative Dan Masters congratulates GACC senior Lexis Haase as she holds up the school's All Sports Class D championship banner for the 2016-17 school year. Fellow seniors, Kali Stratman, Bobbie Ortmeier, Hannah McGill, Riley Throener, Bryant Rief, Allie Knobbe, Jaden Rahn, Jacob Yosten and Regan Dorsey, hoist up the championship cup that they were presented during the ceremony.

Special recognition

GACC Bluejays honored as Class D 'All Sports' champs

Guardian Angels Central Catholic High School, who won the 2016-17 Class D All-School Division NSAA Cup, was recognized for that achievement prior to their volleyball match on October 17.

The annual awards program, which began in 2007 to recognize the state's most successful high school athletic and fine arts programs, is presented to the 12 Nebraska high schools that have earned the most points during the school year by participating in NSAA education based activity programs.

This all-activities (fine arts and sports), all-school recognition platform recognizes the "Best of the Best" each year in NSAA programs.

"The award means we have been blessed with a lot of talented student athletes and dedicated coaches who give a lot of their time and effort to their extra-curricular activities," GACC Principal Kate Hagemann said.

"Good teams don't happen by accident. It requires a lot of hard work, dedication, and sacrifice by all involved."



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JayFest June 8, 2018
Alumni Banquet June 9, 2018

JayFest May 31, 2019
Alumni Banquet June 1, 2019



Mason Strehle gets out to a quick start, as does Tia Strehle.



Reece Snodgrass, left, and Hannah Hrbek run side-by-side.



Brianna Peatrowsky pushes Betsy Strehle.

Great day at Warrior Race

GACC School held its second annual St. Wolfgang House Race for Warriors held on September 30. It was a great day and a fun time was had by all.

"We had a tremendous response from the community and were able to raise almost \$4,000. I'm proud of our students who worked very hard to put on a great event," said Matt Schlaebitz, who coordinated the event.

One-hundred percent of the proceeds will be donated. They are designated for Norfolk Veterans Home, American Veterans Park here in West Point, and GACC is also identifying some veterans in West Point who need assistance.

Bluejay football, softball qualify for state



BLUEJAY FOOTBALL GACC qualified for the 2017 Class D1 state football playoffs. Members of the Bluejay football team are, from left, front: manager Bryce Bailey, Caden Ernesti, Axcele Biteghe, Tyson Snodgrass, Blake Pojar, Dylan Duhsman, Ross Klitz, Will Kreikemeier, Andrew Franzluebers, Damon Crawford, Thomas Kreikemeier, Jaryn Smeal, manager Connor Kreikemeier; middle: Mitchell Peatrowsky, Cash Meier, Noah Hass, Jared Minnick, Derek Petz, Michael Baumert, Logan Kreikemeier, Cody Steffen, Noah Kreikemeier, Josh Jansen, coach Matt Schlaebitz, coach Allan Lampli; back: coach Mike Bailey, head coach Dave Ridder, Jadyn Smeal, Jaden Rahn, Nate Yosten, Casey Doermann, Brandon Swanson, Aaron Disher, Ben Ulrich, Bryan Ortmeier, Jacob Yosten and coach Gene French. GACC lost in the opening round to Pender.



BLUEJAY SOFTBALL GACC qualified for the 2017 Class C state softball tourney in Hastings. The Bluejays went 0-2. Members of the GACC softball team are, from left, front: Avery Kreikemeier, April Kreikemeier, Marissa Hunke, Lexis Haase, Maddie Bracht, Josie Dvorak, manager Kiley Pojar; back: coach Bruce Schlecht, Melissa Hagedorn, Jenna Schinstock, Brenna Rief, Audrey Daberkow, Erin Franzluebers, Brooke Meister, MaKenna Rolf, Haley Ortmeier and head coach Allan Kreikemeier. Not pictured is coach Jeff Pribnow.



Piling up leaves

Guardian Angels Central Catholic held its annual 'leaf raking' service project Nov. 3. Students raked 24 lawns. Above: Raking a lawn in town are, from left, Evie Schlickbernd, Dylan Steffen, Paige Rolf and Reese Throener. Right: Maddie Bracht piles up some leaves.



Haase signs to play basketball at Midland University

Lexis Haase, a senior at GACC, signed her national letter of intent last week to join the Midland University women's basketball program. Haase has been a starter for the Bluejays since her freshman season. During that time, she has competed at the state basketball tournament each year of her Bluejay career, and played a key role in GACC's state championship last season. Lexis is the daughter of Mark and Lisa (Engelmeyer '90) Haase.

BIRTHS

John '01 & Emily Kreikemeier:
daughter Lexi Mae born 9/4/17

Ethan '07 & Megan Hunke:
daughter Adelyn Michele born
9/15/17

Matt & Megan Schlaebitz: daugh-
ter Alyce Catherine born 10/6/17

John '99 & Melissa Dinslage:
daughter Renner Kathleen born
10/21/17

Emily (Steffen) '11 & Jack Ar-
terburn: son Lincoln Leon born
10/23/17

Tarah & Matt Jansen: son James
David born 11/7/17

Sara (Hagedorn) '05 & Jeff Brad-
field: son Jace Jeffrey born 11/9/17

WEDDINGS

Megan Wooldrik '07 & Mike
Heiser: married on 9/29/17

Samantha Moulton '10 & Trevor
Keim: married on 10/14/17

Kelsey Knobbe '10 & Brock Sch-
roder: married on 10/21/17

Danny Fast '10 & Erin Fosselman:
married on 10/21/17

Justine Goeden '11 & Anthony
Ridder '11: married on 10/28/17

Alexis Green '12 & Danny Bea-
vers: married on 11/11/17

Nicholas Oligmueller '06 & Beth
Blevins: married on 11/25/17

DEATHS

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD

Sandy (Reichlinger) Knobbe '78:
Date of death 10/3/17

Reuben Doerneman '49: Date of
death 10/3/17

Ralph Buse '55: Date of death
10/5/17

Mary Jean (Tingelhoff) Baumert
'59: Date of death 10/17/17

Dale Recker '58: Date of death
10/25/17

Jean Landholm '61: Date of
death 11/2/17

Gerald Ridder: Date of death
11/10/17

Lola Wooldrik: Date of death
11/14/17

Robert Sass '49: Date of death
10/12/17

Messages to GACC *School from the convent*

By Delores Meister

Sister Mary Ann Tupy: "Greetings to all my friends in West Point. I love keeping abreast of your happenings through the local paper and Facebook.

"Thank you for your prayers and encouraging words as I recover from double knee replacement. I am walking very well these days, still use a cane but happy to be ambulatory. Hope to be able to come visit someday. God Bless you all."

Sister Xavier, acting principal in 1986: "One of my favorite places was West Point. I enjoyed the year and I will never forget the wonderful people. It was a blest year.

"I am still teaching. Since we no longer have Sisters to send to foreign missions, we invite the Sisters to come here to study and then go back to their homeland.

"The international student Sisters attend Silver Lake College on convent grounds, hear the lectures and read the text in English and mentally translate or process the information into their own language, study the message and then translate it back to English. This is twice as hard, an extra challenge.

"I have nine students from Vietnam and different parts of Africa. International students have an additional challenge. They have to translate the lesson into their own language, study the message, and then translate back to English. This requires more time. It makes it difficult to take part in class discussions."

She added, "Hi, to everyone who remembers me."

Sister Leone remembered: "People were easy to talk to, all were very friendly. They would invite us to their homes. The people were like family. Very

nice. I have a wonderful life, I am in the infirmary but free to come and go and get around. I am the happiest I have ever been."

Math and science high school teacher Sister Antonita is in retirement with fond memories of her former students.

In 1904, with the effects of drought, grasshoppers, poor prices, it became obvious that not all pioneers would reach their desired American dream. The older population needed a home. Saint Joseph's Home for the Aged was established, and the Sisters were called to staff it.

Again, the need for Medical care became obvious as St. Joseph's Hospital was built in 1921.

Sister Mary Felice Wellman remembered working as Dr. Anderson's nurse from 1952 to 1956 and later from 1966 to 1969.

She remembers manually pumping the iron lung for polio patient Richard Wieler Jr. during a power outage, and she remembers a special Christmas tree for Dr. Anderson decorated with cigar butts hanging from red ribbons.

Sister Lucy Dorn was St. Joseph's Home Administrator and later dietician at the Hospital from 1958 to 1961 and again in 1979 to 1984.

Sister Mary Beth Prinz was a GA High student from 1952 to 1956, and a high school math, science and religion teacher from 1978 to 1983. She returned as Franciscan Care Services mission director in 2002 to 2013.

Sister Elizabeth Benvie misses the grade school music classes she taught recently at GA last school year and wishes them all peace.

Former high school teacher Sister Renita also continues teaching, working with international student Sisters.

THANKSGIVING

By Delores Meister

What are some of the factors that contribute to making West Point a unique place?

The anchor of Guardian Angels School in 1885 was the coming of four Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity from Holy Family Convent from Manitowoc, Wisconsin, to teach the children of the immigrant German settlers.

With the arrival of four Sisters, Guardian Angels Grade School opened on March 1, 1885 with 90 students, 122 years ago. Again, in 1904, Sisters were invited to staff St. Joseph's Home for the Aged.

Today former teaching and health care Sisters in their retirement remember with fondness their work in West Point.

At present the Manitowoc, Wisconsin, convent is home to 238 Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity.

About 80 sisters are out on missions; 159 are living at the Motherhouse, 77 of whom are in the infirmary.

Some are semi-retired and help where they can. There are 12 international sisters and four novices for the sisterhood.

At one time, 19 Sisters lived in the West Point convent and a teaching Sister was in every classroom.

Teachers pass through our lives leaving an indelible mark of knowledge that becomes a part of who we are. They shape us.

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Bluejay one-act takes the stage

GACC one-act recently wrapped up another season as they competed in the C2-3 District. The Bluejays placed 6th. Above: Putting on a public performance were Erin Franzluebbbers (Bianca) and Andrew Franzluebbbers (Baptista). The name of their play was 'Taming of the Shrew.'

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