



Bluejay Kate Gnad celebrates a Bluejay run during the state tournament.



Bluejay senior short stop Marissa Hunke looks to make a play at 2nd base.

What a season

Bluejays battle their way to Class C state runner-up finish

Ask any fan, coach or player, there's no denying that Guardian Angels Central Catholic left everything they had on the field in the Class C state softball championship game at Hastings.

The Bluejays competed with the heart of a champion, and played with a tremendous amount of energy every single play. The will to win was there. Unfortunately, only one team could come out on top.

And after a second championship game, it was Fairbury who captured the Class C championship

title with a 6-5 win over Guardian Angels Central Catholic.

"These were the two best teams by far, I absolutely believe that. That final game could have gone either way," Bluejay head coach Allan Kreikemeier said. "It was really close as to who the number one team was, but Fairbury got it done, so hats off to them."

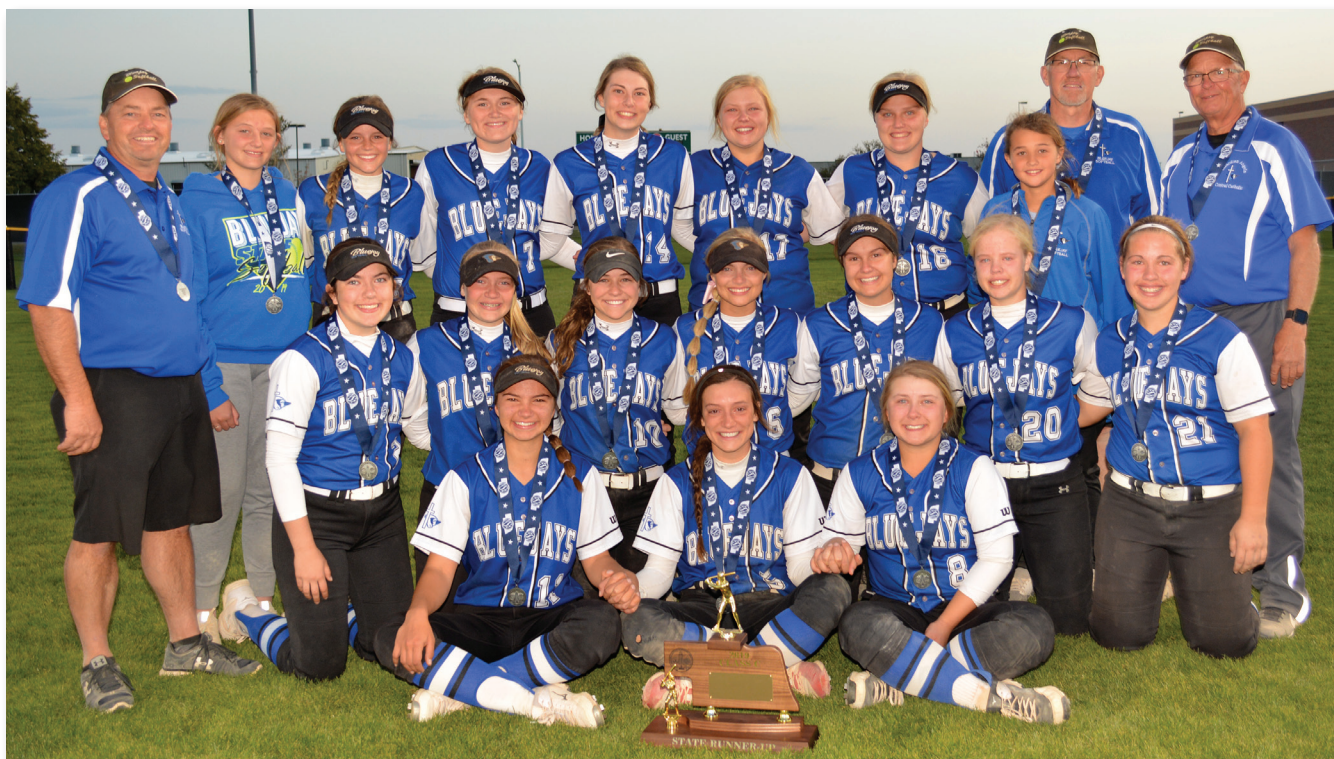
With the loss, GACC finished as the Class C state runner-up. The Bluejays closed out a successful season as they compiled a 29-5 record.

"We just wanted these girls to

fight until the end. Our kids just kept responding and responding," Kreikemeier said. "You try to get every ounce of effort from your players, and I think we got real close."

This marked the ninth consecutive season that the Bluejays have competed in the state softball tournament. GACC made its first appearance in 2011.

"It's a great feeling. That's just work ethic from these kids," Kreikemeier said. "It's been really fun to watch these girls get better."



Bluejay softball earns Class C runner-up title

GACC captured the Class C state runner-up trophy at the state softball tourney in Hastings. Members of the 2nd place Bluejays were, from left, front: Brooke Meister, Marissa Hunke, Melissa Hagedorn; middle: Tori Buss, Aubrey Kreikemeier, Kate Gnad, Brenna Rief, Avery Kreikemeier, Brynn Baumert, Jenna Schinstock; back: head coach Allan Kreikemeier, manager Kiley Pojar, Livia Hunke, Audrey Daberkow, Leah Jansen, Kayla Fischer, Erin Franzluebbers, manager Shelby Perchal, coach Jeff Pribnow and coach Bruce Schlecht.

Hass is NSAA 'Believer & Achiever'



Guardian Angels Central Catholic senior Noah Hass has been recognized for his contributions to his school, activities, and community.

"Believers and Achievers" is a group of 48 students from around the state, selected for their leadership qualities by the Nebraska School Activities Association.

After being nominated by GACC faculty members Gene French and Leslie Kreikemeier, Hass said he found out he was one of the finalists entirely by accident.

"I found out before it was officially announced," Hass said. "I was looking at the program and it had the previous years winners announced,

and I saw my name on there."

Hass said after a few hours and getting in touch with Kreikemeier, the year had been corrected and he was officially announced as a finalist.

"It's an honor to be a part of this," Hass said. "I have a new air of confidence almost. Something like this takes all four years of high school to achieve, so it's nice to be recognized for the work I've done over my four years."

This work included contributions to NSAA-sanctioned activities, including football, track, speech, one

GACC crowns 2019 homecoming king & queen

Guardian Angels Central Catholic crowned Elizabeth Karnopp and Casey Doernemann as its 2019 Homecoming queen and king at the school's coronation ceremony. Also pictured are other court candidates for GACC. Standing behind the king and queen are, from left, Meghan Brunsing, Marissa Hunke, Noah Hass and Aaron Disher. The coronation ceremony capped off a week of events and activities for the Bluejays.



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acts and music.

"It's awesome, and it's what high school is all about," Hass said. "This is one of the only times in your life you get to be involved in all these different activities. I knew I didn't want to regret anything through high school, so I made sure I did everything."

Kreikemeier said Hass' wide range of involvements around town made him a great candidate for nomination.

"The school looks at student involvement in activities, service to the community, and GPA when nominating a student for Believers and Achievers," Kreikemeier said. "Noah is involved in everything from football to the musical, he does a large amount of volunteer work and his GPA and ACT score are both very high. He is incredibly deserving of this award."

Kreikemeier said this kind of

recognition can help a student's scholarship opportunities in the long run.

"This is a huge honor for any student," Kreikemeier said. "Only 48 students across the state are recognized. Eight of those students will receive scholarships, but even if a student is not in that group, odds are he or she will receive other scholarships based on how achieving they are."

Those eight students will be granted a \$500 scholarship for their future college education at a year-end banquet for all of the finalists.

To qualify for the award, students must first be nominated by a member of their school's faculty, and be involved in one or more NSAA sanctioned activities.

Along with that, students must maintain a GPA of 3.75 on an unweighted 4.00 scale, with other academic honors and awards also considered.

Dec. 6 deadline for alumni scholarship

The Louis and Abby Faye Dinklage Foundation of Wisner will make available a number of \$1000 scholarships for alumni of Guardian Angels Central Catholic High School who are full-time college students.

An application form is required for this scholarship even if you have received it in previous years. These scholarships may be applied to vocational training programs or a bachelor degree program where you are enrolled full-time.

The completed application form must be submitted to the school counselor's office on or before December 6.

Anyone desiring further information may contact Leslie Kreikemeier, School Counselor (402-372-5326).

GACC High School inducts 11 into National Honor Society



Eleven Guardian Angels Central Catholic juniors and seniors were inducted into the school's National Honor Society. New members are, from left, front: Paige Rolf, Brianna Peatrowsky, Evie Schlickbernd; middle row: Cassidee Stratmann, Angela Rolf, Hannah Schwer, Josh Jansen; back: Greta Vering, Adam Reeson, Tobias Steffensmeier and Ethan Kreikemeier.



Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity say 'thank you' at receptions

The Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity in West Point celebrated the 150th Anniversary of their Community's founding November 9-10 with receptions held after Mass. From left are Sister Patricia, Sister Elizabeth Ann, Sister Joy, and Sister Kay. The receptions gave the sisters a chance to thank all the people of the surrounding area for their support and generosity during their past 134 years of service in the West Point area. Several photo displays of those 134 years were on display.

BIRTHS

Tyson & Pam Dinslage, daughters, Alli Grace and Kenna Leigh DOB 7/25/19

Ryan '02 & Hilary Wolken daughter, Avyn Joan, DOB 8/11/19

Heath '07 & Michaela Graybeal daughter, Micah Rae, DOB 9/23/19

WEDDINGS

Jamison Ulrich '14 married Zach Krenk on 9/7/19

Alicia Kreikemeier '04 married Phillip Summers on 10/19/19

DEATHS

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Patricia (Ullrich) Minarick '46:

Date of death 9/28/19

John Stieren '62 DOD 11/2/19

Elly (Olson) Jeffery '95: Date of death 11/5/19

Marjorie (Princ) Doksansky '48: Date of death 8/8/19



FAMILY FUN day at St. Mary's Parish once again produced a huge crowd. This year's theme was "Greatest Show Under Heaven." Left: Volunteer Jane Mowinkel.



Bluejays qualify for Class D1 state football playoffs

GACC qualified for the Class D1 state football playoffs. Members of the team were, from left, front row: James Rolf, Kolton Kralik, Tanner Ehrisman, Blake Ortmeier, Michael Cohee, Bo Oligmueller, Carsten Knobbe; second row: coach Dave Ridder, Braeden Steffen, Nik Wietfeld, Cale Schwer, Nate Niewohner, Kadin Pojar, Coy Kreikemeier, Dylan Steffen, Mitchell Plagge, coach Allan Lamml; third row: coach Matt Schlaebitz, Josh Jansen, Thomas Kreikemeier, Blake Pojar, Mitchell Peatrowsky, Cash Meier, Noah Hass, Cole Hutchinson, Ethan Wooldrik, Sam Ortmeier, George Fraher; back row: Noah Kreikemeier, Cody Steffen, Bryan Ortmeier, Casey Doernemann, Sam Hilbers, Aaron Disher, Jaryn Smeal, Ben Ulrich, Damon Crawford, coach Gene French. Not pictured is coach Ryan Miller. GACC lost to BDS in the 1st round, 42-20.

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