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## PHS Student takes passion for politics to Pierre

an Event Journal by Quinn Bormann

It's no secret that I enjoy politics, as all my friends would attest to. I recently had the chance to get involved in actual politics. I was given the opportunity to work as a Legislative Page in the South Dakota State Senate.

In order to qualify to be a Page, I had to fill out an application and be sponsored by a State Legislator. State Senator Kyle Schoenfish from District 19 sponsored me. I was then selected for the program.



Quinn Bormann and State Senator Kyle Schoenfish during Quinn's stint as a South Dakota State Senate Page.

I arrived at the State Capitol in Pierre on February 9, and began work that day. As a Page I had many duties and jobs. Most of my work consisted of running errands for the State Senators. My other major job was monitoring committee meetings. We had to make sure we kept track of everyone who testified at the committees.

Pages also run phones for the Senate Chamber. The job at phones was very interesting because I got to communicate with the Senators' constituents. Many of the callers would call with messages for the Senators. Our job was to write down their messages effectively and deliver them to the specific Senators.

The most exciting part of being a Page was the floor sessions. During the Senate's floor session we got to watch them debate bills and vote on them, during which, we had to run messages around the chamber and even to the House.

There were many different issues that came to the Senate floor. Some of these issues included: the death penalty, parole reform, water rights, and homeschooling. Homeschooling was one of the biggest issues. Senate Bill 177 was a bill that would allow homeschooled children to participate in high school sports. It was very contentious and there were logical arguments on both sides of the issue. Finally, the bill passed through the Senate.

Eventually, I hope to make a career in politics and serve the State of South Dakota. I am very grateful for the chance to work at Pierre as a page. It was a huge opportunity to make connections with lots of great people. I hope to Page again next year for the State House.

## All-State Chorus falls victim to COVID

by Josh Polreis

Another event suffers from the COVID pandemic. The South Dakota High School Activity Association has cancelled All-State Chorus this year. Because of the nature of chorus (students singing and projecting their voices) vocal events are more risky than other events. As a result, South Dakota will not have an All-State Chorus. They will hold the All-State Orchestra in Sioux Falls, April 20, but with COVID safety protocols in place.

# FCCLA Members work hard on projects

## Basketball Camp

by Douglas McGregor

Two high school FCCLA members put their skills to work and held a basketball camp for elementary students. Emma Yost and Kiauna Hargens, with the help from Brielle Bruening, organized and put on a basketball camp as an FCCLA project.

They were specifically interested in teaching the younger students leadership skills. By going through normal reps of practices they were able to show leadership, and how to work together as a team. In this way, they can also improve the children's understanding of leadership and teamwork.

Above and upper right: Emma and Kiauna work with Brielle to improve elementary student's understanding of teamwork and leadership.



## School Can Drive

by Ivy McLaughlin

This year, several organizations came together and ran a good-natured competition for the public good. From March 9-11, students contributed food to the can drive that ultimately benefitted the community through the Parkston Food Bank. The completion was by weight and volume, with CHS Farmers Alliance donating \$ 0.16 per pound of donated food. By the end of the challenge, 3,460 pounds of food were collected amounting to more than a \$500 cash donation to the food bank.

FCCLA challenged several high school clubs to participate in the event including FBLA, HOSA, and FFA. They also partnered with the Elementary Student Council. The elementary students really stepped up and did their part. All together, the elementary donated 3,714 items, while the high school only produced 219.



(Above) Cadence Juhnke and Amber Hoff display the final count on the can drive. (Right) Cadence and Amber are ready to load up the collected goods for delivery.



# Senior Bios

by Bryce Neugebauer

## HANNAH NEUGEBAUER

Hannah Neugebauer was born January 3, 2003. She is the daughter of Eric and Sarah Neugebauer and has two siblings: Mason and Miles. Hannah has participated in HOSA, NHS, volleyball, girls basketball as manger, and band. After graduation, Hannah wants to attend University of Nebraska for Pre-law.

In her free time Hannah likes to take naps, watch Netflix, and do puzzles. When she has free time Hannah watches Friday Night Lights, Law and Order, Vampire Diaries, and Grey's Anatomy. Hannah's best moment in high school were her freshman

and sophomore years. When Hannah is out of school she is looking forward to meeting new people. The school tradition that means the most to Hannah is Homecoming.

She sees the hardest part about graduating is that you are leaving everything and everybody you grew up with. Hannah's advice to underclassmen is to go out and make memories.



## NICK HOHN

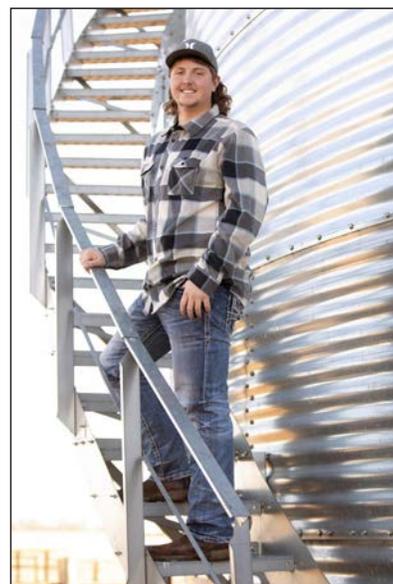
Nick Hohn has four siblings: Danielle, Hillary, Katlyn, and Baylee. Nick's role models are his parents, Doug and Jill Hohn.

Throughout high school, he has participated in FFA. After graduation, Nick wants to attend Mitchell Technical College where he plans to study agronomy.

When Nick has free time, he farms and hangs out with his friends. Someday, he would like to knock something off of his bucket list and go to New York.

Nick's favorite high school memory was his senior year P.E class. Nick does regret that he didn't go out for sports.

If he could go back and redo anything, Nick would do his sophomore year again. In ten years, Nick sees himself farming. Nick's advice for underclassmen is actually try and live life like there is no tomorrow.



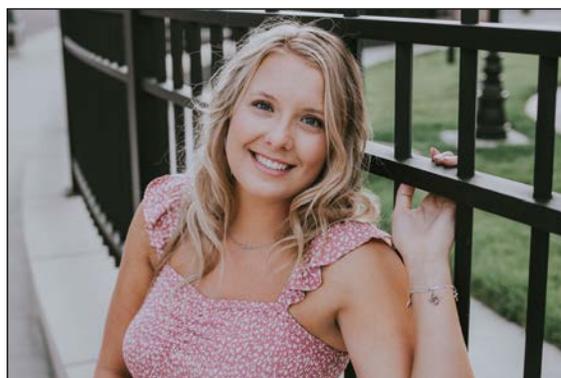
## MAGGIE BAUMGART

Maggie Baumgart was born July 15, 2002. She is the daughter of Tyler and Amy Baumgart and has two siblings: Chandler and Jared. Maggie participated in volleyball, basketball, FCCLA, HOSA, FCA, CYU, and Swim Team. Maggie's role model is her mom. After graduation, Maggie wants to attend University of South Dakota to double major in Special Education and Elementary Education.

In Maggie's free time she likes to watch television, including shows like Criminal Minds, The Bachelor, and Grey's Anatomy. Something on Maggie's bucket list is to go to DC Cupcakes in Washington, DC. Maggie is proudest of being named to both LMVC and

SESD all tournament teams in both her junior and senior years.

The most valuable thing that Maggie has realized about high school is that it goes faster than you think, so enjoy the little things.



# Sports

## As the Season Changes...

### Boys Basketball

by Caleb Titze

The Boy's basketball season has come to an end. March 2, Parkston won their first game of Regions against Mt. Vernon/Plankinton.

It was an exhilarating matchup. Both teams played with a lot of heart, which caused the game to go into overtime. Parkston ended up pulling through and securing a spot in the second round, 67-64.

March 5, Parkston traveled up to Madison to take on the Bulldogs. Parkston had an explosive first quarter, but Madison battled back in the second. After halftime, Madison capitalized and defeated the Trojans, 64-37, bringing the Trojan's season to an end.



The team jumps into action at the tip-off of the last game of their season.

### Track

by Paige Kabeiseman

The Ethan/Parkston Track and Field team started practice Tuesday, March 16, 2021. The coaches this year include: Coach Oakey, Coach Whitesell, Coach Hawkkins, Coach Chohon, and Coach Shepardson. If the weather holds fair, we should have several meets in April including:

April 6, in Parkston

April 8, in Mt. Vernon (JH)

April 13, in Wagner

April 15, in Avon (JH)

April 19, in Wagner (JH)

April 23, in Mt. Vernon

April 27, in Salam

April 30- May 1, in Sioux Falls

### Girls Basketball

by Ty Fink

The girls basketball team came up just shy of making it to the state tourney. The girl's team played a well-fought game against the Belle Fourche Broncos and finished just short of the win with a score of 46-50. The girls had a great season with a stunning record of 16-6.

Next year's team will have to work a little harder, as the team is losing two seniors, Tia Holzbauer and Elly Hohn, and a solid post player, Emma Yost. They are also losing a younger player, 8th grader, Lydia Yost, with strong potential for the team.

Emma looks for an opening during the last Game of the season, a Region match-up against Belle Fourche.



### Wrestling

by Porter Neugebauer

The Parkston wrestlers gave it their all at the state tournament. The four wrestlers who earned their way to compete were Landon Sudbeck, Noah Mahoney, Porter Neugebauer, and Gavin Braun.

The first round wasn't the greatest for them. Porter Neugebauer was the only to win that round. The second round was a good round for the wrestlers. Landon, Noah, and Gavin all won their second round matches, but the three got beat out in the third round with some tough matches. Porter won two close matches to make his way to the third/fourth place match. He came up short, and ended up with fourth place.

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