

# Parkston champs at VHS golf invitational

By Parker Knox  
Sportswriter

Golfers from 14 southeastern South Dakota schools fought the spring winds and the challenges of The Bluffs course last Friday as Vermillion High School hosted its girls golf invitational tournament.

The host Tanagers placed three athletes in the top 20 and came in third in the team standings with a total of 382, nine strokes behind runner-up Sioux Falls Christian's 373 and 30 shots behind champion Parkston's 352. The winning Trojans had four golfers among the top nine to run away from the rest of the field.

Jordan Borman of Parkston was the medalist with a 39 going out and a 42 coming in for a scorecard of 81, seven shots better than four golfers tied with 88s. Right behind them was Vermillion's highest finisher, Allison Heine, whose 90 gave her sixth place.

Kenzie Huska of the Tanagers tied for 11th at 94, and Ellen Brown tied for 17th with a 98. Kelly Amundson played the course in 100 strokes, and Kylie Kuiper had a 110 for the day.

Vermillion also entered a JV team for whom Brooke Schwasinger had a 92, Elly Müller 109, Josie Huber 110 and Audry Müller 122 for a team score of 433, good enough for 10th place in the field of varsity teams.

Trailing the varsity Tanagers in the team standings were Canton at 400, Dell Rapids 403, Dakota Valley 404, Milbank 417, Madison 418 and Elk Point-Jefferson 419. Behind the Tanager JVs were the varsity teams of West Central at 437, Harrisburg 438, Lennox 492 and Beresford 516.

Wagner also entered a pair of golfers but not enough for team competition.

Earlier last week Vermillion hosted Elk Point-Jefferson for a dual and handily outscored the Huskies 185-



Parkston's Jordan Borman lands her ball on the 15th green of The Bluffs Golf Course during Friday's VHS invitational golf tournament. Borman was medalist with a score of 81.

(Photo by Cindy Johnson Brown)

216. The Tanagers had five of the top six golfers for the day, including Ellen Brown first at 44 and Kenzie Huska second at 45. EP-J's Cassie Hilbrands had a 46 for third place in the nine-hole event. Lindsey Robinet of VHS was fifth at 49 and Allison Heine sixth at 50.

In the JV match that day Vermillion

won 214-241. Kylie Kuiper was medalist with a 47, Elly Miller second at 53 and Josie Huber third at 55. Other Tanager scores were Brooke Schwasinger's 57 and Audry Miller's 66.

#### DAKOTA VALLEY DUAL

Taking advantage of a rare picture-perfect day for golf, the Tanager girls

went to Two Rivers at Dakota Dunes Tuesday and took care of business against Dakota Valley for a 182-200 dual victory.

The Panthers' Shyler Funck with a 36 had the day's best round, but the next five lowest scores were all from Vermillion players. Ellen Brown carded a 42, Kenzie Huska 45, Kelly

Amundson 47, Brooke Schwasinger 48 and Allison Heine 49. Next in line was DV's Alyssa Hunt with a 51.

VHS golfers are scheduled today at 9 a.m. at the Big 8 Conference meet at Harrisburg and next Thursday at the same time for another meet at Harrisburg.

## Tanager baseball season nearly done

By Parker Knox  
Sportswriter

Home games Sunday and Tuesday will conclude the regular season for the Vermillion High School baseball team before regional tournament play commences the following weekend.

The Tanagers will be home in Prentis Park on Sunday against Corsica. The varsity game starts at 1:30 p.m. with the JVs to follow. Then on Tuesday an earlier postponed game against Beresford will be made up in Vermillion with the varsity game's first pitch coming down at 5:30 p.m. and a JV game slated for later.

After two weeks of four weather-related cancellations, the Tanagers finally were able to play at Wagner last Thursday. They had a 6-2 lead at one point, but an error-filled sixth inning turned the night around. Wagner won the game, 10-8. Then on Sunday a short-handed Tanager crew went all the way to Mount Vernon and took it on the chin there as well.

With all seniors benched for the night, the Tanagers hosted Dakota Valley, a squad they demolished 21-2 a month earlier, Tuesday night at Prentis Park. The young lineup held its own, and the game was still tied at 1-1 into the final inning, but the Panthers came up with a three-run top of the seventh to win the varsity game, 4-1.

Starter Nate Garrett did his job, throwing six full innings of two-hit baseball, striking out three and walking three. A

towering Chayse Meierkort home run in the first inning into the left-field trees had given VHS a 1-0 lead. Dakota Valley got it tied in the fourth on an infield out, two stolen bases, and a timely single by pitcher Michael Rennerfelt.

Garrett got out of that inning with the lead run stranded at third. He and his defense wiggled out of two more jams in the subsequent two innings. In the fifth two walks gave Dakota Valley a good start to a threat, but an infield grounder, a crucial strikeout and a tough foul-ball catch by first-baseman Caleb Miller prevented any scoring.

In the sixth a leadoff double by the Panthers was wasted when Garrett coaxed an infield ground ball to shortstop Tanner Settles and then a pair of pop-ups to third-baseman Stormy Mirtz.

Meanwhile, the Tanagers stranded five men in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings.

Garrett gave way to reliever Collin Bertram in the seventh. He got the first batter when left-fielder Jayce Huska made a long run to snag a potential basehit that was curving away from him down the foul line. A walk and a single put Panthers at the corners, but Bertram got the second out when a DV batter bunted foul off his own body for a strikeout.

The Tanagers appeared to have escaped again when it appeared a fly ball to right field was going to be caught to end the inning, but it was misjudged into a two-run double. Dakota

## Howard Wood Relays on horizon

By Parker Knox  
Sportswriter

The twice-postponed Dakota Valley Invitational was finally held Monday afternoon although the field was down to three schools. Madison won the boys and girls team titles, but Vermillion was second in the girls division with 121 points and third on the boys' side with 88 points.

Tanager tracksters are scheduled in Sioux Falls this weekend - today for O'Gorman's invitational at noon and both today and Saturday for the Howard Wood Dakota Relays. Next Thursday VHS competes in the Big 8 Conference meet at Madison.

On Monday in North Sioux City, Beth Szymonski was a double winner for the Vermillion girls, capturing the shot put at 35'4 1/2" and the discus at 104'8 1/4". Mackenzie Huber won the pole vault at 8'9", Val Moos took the 100-meter hurdles in :16.64, and the Tanager girls' 4x100 relay team won their event in :54.51.

In boys' events Will Mart won the discus at 132'6 1/2", and Austin Krier was the 800-meter run champ in 2:08.55. In wheelchair events the Tanagers' Dylan Fischbach rolled down the 100-meter track in :20.03, and he sped around the curve in the 200 in :39.81.

#### 1ST DAKOTA RELAYS

Blair Gilkyson ran the fastest 3200 meters in Vermillion High history, and Beth Szymonski in

the discus and the boys medley relay team qualified for the state meet as the Tanagers joined a unique mix of Classes AA, A and B schools at Yankton's 1st Dakota Relays last Thursday.

Gilkyson placed third in the 3200-meter run, but her time of 11:51.50 broke the VHS school record. That time is also a provisional qualifying time for the state meet.

Szymonski hurled the discus 121'5", good for third place in this meet but surpassing the state meet qualifying distance.

The boys medley foursome of Aaron Ruhaak, Brenden Raizola, Cody Olson and Austin Krier punched their ticket to the state meet with a second-place time of 3:46.10 in their race.

Other individual placers among Vermillion girls were Szymonski, sixth in the shot put at 36'1"; Mackenzie Huber, tied for third in the pole vault at 8'3", and Carlee Sorensen, ninth in the 300-meter hurdles in :52.40 and 11th in the 100 in :13.70.

The highest VHS girls finish of the day was posted by the medley relay team of Megan Olson, Courtney Johnson, Paige Olson and Janani Ragathomani in a second-place time of 4:42.80.

The Olsons, Johnson and Christine Epping placed third in the 4x200 relay in 1:53.00. Sorensen, Megan Olson, Epping and Val Moos were fifth in the 4x100 relay in :53.10. The 4x400 quartet of Megan Olson, Paige Olson, Epping and Moos were sixth in 4:23.00.

Three fourths were the Tanager boys' best placings in individual events. Will Mart was fourth in the discus at 141'7", Raizola was fourth in the 200 in :23.70, and Ruhaak was fourth in the 400 in :51.90.

Also in the 400, Cody Olson placed sixth in :52.20 with Colin Olson in seventh at :52.70. Raizola was also ninth in the 100-meter dash in :11.30, Carson Sullivan tenth in the 800 in 2:19.00, Nathan Ford 13th in the 3200 in 11:42.40, Brandon Fischer 12th in the 300-meter hurdles in :47.90 and 20th in the 200 in :25.90, and Nick Jensen 20th in the shot put at 40'2 1/4".

The VHS 4x200 relay team of Ruhaak, Raizola, J.T. Sorenson and Cody Olson came in fourth in 1:34.90. Also fourth was the 4x800 quartet of Krier, Colin Olson, Jayce Huska and Tanner Anderson in 8:54.30.

The Yankton meet also featured a sophomore division. Vermillion had a champion in Val Moos in the 100-meter hurdles in :17.00, and she also

placed second in the 300-meter hurdles in :53.30. There were four second-place finishes in the boys sophomore division--- Alex Robertson second in the high jump at 5'3", Nick Jensen second in the discus at 123'9", Dylan Fischbach second in the 1600 in 5:06.10 and Tanner Anderson second in the 800 in 2:11.04.

Other sophomore girls places:

100: Emily McClelland 19th, :14.80; Tessa Tigert 21st, :15.00; Brandis Williams 27th, :15.40.

200: Courtney Johnson third, :29.10; Abreuanna Raizola fifth, :29.60; Emma Lunning 19th, :31.50; McClelland 26th, :32.30; Williams 31st, :32.50.

400: Raizola fifth, 1:08.50; Lunning sixth, 1:09.50; Kylie Fischbach eighth, 1:10.40.

800: Al VanderLaan Soesbe fifth, 2:44.30; Lexi Regnerus 14th, 3:01.90; Jonna Lynch 15th, 3:02.90; Caitlin Britten 19th, 3:18.90.

1600: Lynch 12th, 6:58.00;

■ TRACK, Page 8

### Free Childhood Screenings

- Autism Spectrum Disorders (Age 3 and under)
- Developmental Milestones
- Torticollis or Neck Tightness (infants)
- Cranial Remolding for Misshapen Heads (18 months & younger)

Call (605) 782-2400 for details or appointment

CHILDREN'S CARE  
REHABILITATION CENTER  
1100 W. 41st St., Sioux Falls, SD 57105 • www.ccrs.org

**HyVee** PRODUCE  
EMPLOYEE OWNED  
525 W. Cherry, Vermillion, 624-5574

*The Best At Fresh!*  
"Lots of Little Differences!"

If you aren't shopping our produce, you aren't getting the freshest, largest variety & best experience you can!

**Steamway**  
CLEANING & RESTORATION

**Graduation Special!**

2 Rooms up to 400 sq. ft. **\$79.95**  
Up to 400 sq. ft. \$22.50 for additional rooms (traffic only)

**624-4666** Offer expires May 15, 2011  
**1-800-529-2450**

Earning **TRUST**. Everyday.

ORTHOPEDIC INSTITUTE WELCOMES OUR NEWEST ASSOCIATE, DANIEL C. JOHNSON, M.D.

To make an appointment with Dr. Johnson, please call 605-665-0077 or toll free 1-888-331-5890.

Dr. Daniel C. Johnson specializes in general orthopedics, and has been caring for patients in the Yankton area for the past 20 years. He will begin to see patients on May 2 at Orthopedic Institute. With the addition of Dr. Johnson, Orthopedic Institute in Yankton will be open five days a week.

With a combination of proven, results-oriented experience and the most advanced treatment options, Orthopedic Institute brings together all the right elements to help you get back to doing what you love.

**ORTHOPEDIC INSTITUTE**  
NO REFERRAL NECESSARY | MORGAN SQUARE, SUITE 106, YANKTON, SD  
605-665-0077 | TOLL-FREE 888-331-5890 | WWW.ORTHOPEDICINSTITUTESF.COM

The One to Trust