

Sports



(5-22-22 Pierz Track)

Staff photo by Blake Bartels

Ashley Kimman cleared 5' 0" in the high jump in Tuesday's Granite Ridge Conference meet.

Kimman, Oberfeld, Brezinka, Guillen take home All-Conference titles at Little Falls GRC meet

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The Pierz track and field team traveled to Little Falls for the Granite Ridge Conference meet, Tuesday, May 17.

The boys took third and the girls took fourth. The Pioneers had multiple athletes take the conference champion crown or earn all conference honorable mention in their respective events.

Ashley Kimman was the conference champion in the high jump and long jump and took second in the 100 and 300 meter hurdles.

She had to work for her high jump title against Foley's Bryn Greenwaldt. Both girls successfully cleared 5' 2", but were unable to clear 5' 4". They would lower the bar and they would both clear 5' 2" again, but neither could make it over that next height. After several more rounds, Greenwaldt

knocked down the bar at 5' 2" and Kimman cleared it yet again, taking first place and the All-Conference title.

In the long jump, Kimman won the prelims and the finals, with her finals jump being 16' 4", claiming another conference title.

In the 100 meter hurdles, Kimman took second in the finals, finishing in 15.90. She took second in the 300 hurdles, finishing in 48.43, less than half a second behind first place.

Maddie Lochner took third in the long jump, with a distance of 16' 1/2", just half of an inch out of second place. Lochner was an All-Conference honorable mention.

Carissa Andres was an honorable mention in the 3200, finishing in third, with a time of 12:36.46.

Jonathan Cheney took second in the 110 hurdles, finishing with a time of 16.65. In the 300 hurdles, he took third place, with a time

of 43.78. He finished second in the high jump, clearing the 5' 7" mark, just two inches out of first place.

Nathan Tax was an honorable mention in the 3200. He finished in third, with a time of 10:48.49.

Ian Oberfeld was the conference champion in the shot put, throwing for 43' 11 1/4", to take first place.

Also making the All-Conference team in the shot put was Kolby Brezinka, who took second in the finals with a throw of 43' 3 1/4". Brezinka made the All-Conference team in the discus as well, placing first in the finals, with a throw of 136' 9".

Diego Guillen took the conference title in the pole vault, clearing 12 feet. Andrew Morris was right behind him, in second place, also clearing 12 feet.

The Pioneers will host the Sub-Section meet Tuesday, May 24.

Pierz's Virnig takes third in GRC; Flyers' Dempsey takes 20th

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The Pioneers and Little Falls girls golf teams competed at Blackberry Ridge Golf Club Monday, May 16 and 18, in the two day Granite Ridge Conference Meet.

The Pioneers took fourth place with a total of 823 strokes. Emily Virnig placed third with a combined 181

strokes from days one and two.

Kari LeBlanc finished in 13th, finishing the meet with 204 overall strokes.

Tiffany Virnig took 19th, with a total of 214 strokes.

Addie LeBlanc finished with an overall 224, to take 24th and Joleen Weyer finished in 29th, with a 234.

The Flyers girls finished the meet with a score of 729 over the two days. The girls did not have a placement as

not all of them were able to participate in both meets.

Olivia Dempsey had the best score for the Flyers, finishing in 20th, with an overall score of 215.

Maddie Doble finished in 29th, with a final score of 234.

The Pioneers' next golf meet will be Tuesday, May 24, at Wapicada Golf Club.

The Flyers' next meet will be Monday, May 23, at Mora.



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FAB donation helps with youth tournament fees

The Flyer Athletic Boosters (FAB) donated \$3,000 to assist in tournament fees for all youth levels. Pictured are (from left): Jared Festler, Brooks Czech, Brad Czech, Allison White, Dave Stumpf, Brian Skluzacek, Janine Johnson, Jon Vetter, Tim Bjorge and Lori Kush.



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Royalton Lions Club recognizes 2022 Athletes of the Year

The Royalton High School Athletic awards celebration was held Wednesday, May 18, recognizing the academic and athletic achievements of the 2021-22 athletes. Doug Luepke of the Royalton Lions Club presented the 2022 Co-Female and Male Athlete of the Year Awards to (from left): Seniors Erin Borash, Jacob Leibold and Autumn Schoenrock.



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The Pierz boys golf team includes (from left): Lance Otremba, Alex Banick, Tyler Theis, Jacob LeBlanc, Connor Gotvald and Logan Herold.

Pierz boys golf team takes fifth in Granite Ridge Conference meet

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The Pierz boys golf team took fifth out of 10 teams at Kimball, Thursday, May 12. The team finished with 345 strokes.

The match was very close as the Pioneers were only two strokes behind fourth place Albany, and six strokes out of first place.

Logan Herold was the Pioneers' top golfer, finishing the meet with 81 strokes, placing him in seventh. The first place golfer finished with a 75.

Lance Otremba was the next Pioneer to place, coming in 10th, with an 85.

Alex Banick was close behind, with an 87, to take 14th.

Tyler Theis placed 25th, with a 92. Connor Gotvald took 50th place after finishing the course with 103 strokes.

Rounding out the golfers for the Pioneers was Jacob LeBlanc, who placed 53rd with a 104.

The team's next meet was in Blackberry Ridge to compete in the Granite Ridge Conference Tournament, Monday, May 16.

They placed sixth out of eight teams, finishing with 353 strokes.

Herold was yet again the top golfer for the Pioneers, placing sixth, with 81 strokes. He was followed closely by Otremba, who placed eighth, with an 82.

Theis and Banick both finished with 95 strokes, tying for 33rd.

LeBlanc finished in 44th, with a 103. Right behind him was Gotvald, who placed 47th, with a 109.

On the second day of the tournament, the Pioneers finished with a total of 693 strokes over the two days, taking fifth place.

Otremba was the leader

for the Pioneers, finishing the day with 82 strokes, 163 overall, taking eighth place.

Herold finished with 83 strokes, 164 overall, to take 10th. Banick shot an 82, finishing with 177 overall, to take 23rd.

Theis took 43rd, finishing with a 102, 197 overall and LeBlanc finished right behind him in 44th, with a 96, 199 overall. Gotvald finished with a 94, 203 overall, to take 46th.

Softball

• LITTLE FALLS TUESDAY OPEN MEN'S (May 10) — Lucky' Bar 16, Wiczek's Floors/Fred's Plumbing 6; Wiczek's Floors/Fred's Plumbing 13, Hilmerson Collision 8; Pont's Logging Treefrogs 17, Hilmerson Collision 16; Pont's Logging Treefrogs 14, Johnny's 4; Mala Mills Pirates 26, Johnny's 7; Mala Mills Pirates 22, Lucky's Bar 12. (MAY 17) — Farmers and Merchants State Bank 20, Hilmerson Collision 0; F&M 19, State Farm 17; Oberg Roofing and Remodeling 22, Hilmerson Collision 12; Oberg Roofing 16, over Staffki Construction 6; Staffki 23, State Farm 3.

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