

# GRAND ISLAND LUTHERAN HIGH LIGHTNING

*“May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Romans 15:5-6*

**April 2026**

## **Grand Island Lutheran High School**

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The Easter season at GILH filled our hearts with the message of renewal, hope, and gratitude. He has risen indeed, Hallelujah.

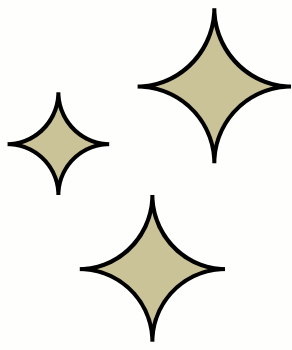
It has been an awesome spring for our Lightning students. Mrs. Ristvedt and her cast of students put on the “Sound of Music” production that was a tremendous success. Seeing all of the talent that our kids have to offer and the support of our school community is inspiring.

Our spring activities are in full swing, and we have had outstanding performances both on the track and the golf course. Our music, art, and quiz bowl teams continue to excel in all of their competitions. We look forward to watching them finish their seasons strong.

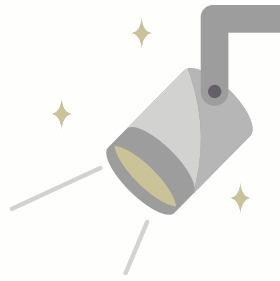
As we head into the final month of the school year, we look forward to our Awards banquets where we will have the chance to celebrate all of the successes of our students across academics, activities, and athletics.

We are also inching closer to graduation and the opportunity to honor our Class of 2026. This is a meaningful time of year as our seniors experience many of their “lasts” at GILH while preparing for what comes next. As they step into new journeys, we are grateful to know they leave as faith-driven children of God, grounded in His grace and blessed to make a positive impact wherever they go.

*--Jeremiah Slough*



# Lightning SPOTLIGHT



## Meet Our TEACHERS



Mr. David Bremer serves as a middle school teacher at GILH and also coaches our girls' volleyball team. He and his wife, Katie, have a one-year-old son, Benjamin. Mr. Bremer is in his 14<sup>th</sup> year of teaching. He spent 2 years in Merrill, WI; 7 years in Naperville, IL; and has been back teaching in Grand Island for 5 years. Mr. Bremer's favorite part about teaching at Lutheran High is being able to teach in a school that is focused on giving students a Christ-centered education. One thing that always makes Mr. Bremer's day better is interacting with students and of course coffee! In his free time, he enjoys golfing. People might be surprised to know that he has a hole-in-one! One piece of advice Mr. Bremer consistently shares with students is to be sure to spend time in God's word each and every day.

## Student VOICE

Katelyn Hoins is a junior at GILH this year. Katelyn is involved in Speech, Art, and National Honor Society. Outside of school, she participates in the Epic Youth Council, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Girl Scouts, and church youth group. Katelyn also teaches Sunday School at her church on Wednesday evenings. When asked what she appreciates most about Lutheran High, Katelyn shared that it is a wonderful place to attend school because of the supportive and kind community, as well as the Christ-centered education students receive each day. Katelyn is looking forward to summer break and plans to spend time with friends, go on vacation, and hang out at the pool.



# Notes from the Front Office:



GRAND ISLAND LUTHERAN HIGH  
**LIGHTNING**  
 YOUTH BASKETBALL & VOLLEYBALL  
**CAMPS**

We hope you'll join us this summer at  
*Grand Island Lutheran High*  
 for our Youth Sports Camps!



**K-8 Volleyball (3 day) July 13-15<sup>th</sup> (\$40)**

Grades K-3: 9:00am-10:30am  
 Grades 4-8: 10:45am-12:15pm

**K-2 Boys and Girls Basketball (2 day) July 16-17<sup>th</sup> (\$25)**

Grades K-2: 9:00am-10:15am

**3-8 Girls Basketball (2 day) July 16-17<sup>th</sup> (\$30)**

Grades 3-8: 10:30am-12:00pm

**3-8 Boys Basketball (2 day) July 20-21 (\$30)**

Grades 3-5: 9:00am-10:30am  
 Grades 6-8: 10:45am-12:15pm



**REGISTER NOW**

Scan the QR Code to  
 Register Online!  
 Registration Deadline:  
 July 10<sup>th</sup>

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## Upcoming Events

- May 1<sup>st</sup>- No School
- May 8<sup>th</sup>- Youth Track Meet \*No School
- May 11<sup>th</sup>- Activities Banquet
- May 14<sup>th</sup>- Academic Awards
- May 14<sup>th</sup>- Seniors Last Day
- May 17<sup>th</sup>- Graduation
- May 20<sup>th</sup>- 8th/6th Grade Graduation
- May 21<sup>st</sup>- Last Day

**JESUS**  
 HAS Risen



**1ST ANNUAL 5th-8th GRADE BOYS**  
**OVERNIGHT BASKETBALL CAMP**  
 AT GRAND ISLAND LUTHERAN HIGH

**Cost is \$100**  
 Includes 2 meals, snacks,  
 drinks, and a t-shirt

**STARTS: MONDAY, JULY 27<sup>TH</sup> @2:00PM**  
**ENDS: TUESDAY, JULY 28<sup>TH</sup> @11:00AM**

🏀 Skill Development	🏀 Device-free Experience
🏀 Camp Competitions	🏀 Bible Lessons
🏀 Live Games	🏀 Movie Night

All boys entering 5th-8th grade  
 are invited to attend a fun-filled  
 Overnight Camp Experience!

Scan the QR code to  
 Register Online!  
 Registration Deadline:  
 July 23rd

GRAND ISLAND LUTHERAN HIGH  
**LIGHTNING**





**CONFERENCE MUSIC HAD A SUCCESSFUL DAY IN ST. ED!**

**SUPERIOR RATINGS WERE AWARDED TO:**

**CHOIR: QUINTET- EMMA S, SETH R, COLTON K, ABBY V, MADISON D  
SAXOPHONE DUET-RAFE M AND JOSH O: SAXOPHONE SOLO-RAFE M:**

**PIANO SOLO-ABIGAIL U: FLUTE SOLO-GRACE B**

**VOCAL SOLOS-MADISON D AND EMMA S**

**EXCELLENT RATINGS WERE AWARDED TO:**

**FEMALE QUARTET-GRACE B, HOLLEY L, ELISE M, MAYA S**

**VOCAL DUET-ABBY V AND EMMA S: MIXED DUET-SKYLER L AND URIAH F**

**CLARINET DUET-ANNIKA M AND OLIVIA S: VOCAL SOLO-ABBY V**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 7<sup>TH</sup>  
GRADE QUIZ BOWL TEAM ON  
WINNING FIRST PLACE AT THE  
SCHOLAR BOWL!**

# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



**CONGRATULATIONS COLTON  
ZEHENDNER ON BEING  
SELECTED TO BE A PART OF  
OF THE ADRIAN SMITH YOUTH  
ADVISORY COUNCIL!**

**GRACE BADER WAS THE  
NEBRASKA ESSAY CONTEST  
WINNER FOR LUTHERANS FOR  
LIFE! CONGRATS, GRACE!**



**NSCS MULTI-ACTIVITY AWARD:  
BROCK A, ALEX A, GRACE B,  
URIAH F, LAUREN J, EMA K,  
NOAH K, HOLLEY L, SKYLER L,  
RAFE M, ELISE M, MAXIMUS M,  
JOSH O, LUKE O, SETH R, ALEXIS S,  
LAUREN S, ABIGAIL U, DARIUS U,  
ABBY V, COLTON Z  
CONGRATULATIONS!**

**OUR MUSIC DEPARTMENT HAD A GREAT DAY AT DISTRICTS IN BROKEN BOW!**

**SUPERIOR RATINGS WERE AWARDED TO:**

**FLUTE SOLO-GRACE B: SAXOPHONE SOLO-RAFE M: SAXOPHONE DUET-RAFE M AND JOSH O  
PIANO SOLO-ABIGAIL U: VOCAL DUET-EMMA S AND ABBY V: VOCAL QUINTET-EMMA S, SETH R,  
COLTON K, ABBY V, MADISON D: VOCAL QUARTET-GRACE B, HOLLEY L, ELISE M, MAYA S**

**EXCELLENT RATINGS WERE AWARDED TO:**

**CHOIR: VOCAL SOLOS-MADISON D, EMMA S, ABBY V  
VOCAL DUET-URIAH F AND SKYLER L**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE VOCAL QUARTET ON THEIR HONORABLE MENTION AWARD!  
GRACE B, HOLLEY, L, ELISE M, AND MAYA S**

# ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS



CONGRATULATIONS  
EMA KOCH AND ABIGAIL  
UDEN ON EARNING ALL-  
HEARTLAND SUPER SQUAD  
HONORABLE MENTION  
RECOGNITION IN  
BASKETBALL!

## Omaha World-Herald ALL STATE

*Honorable Mention*

EMA KOCH  
SKYLER LISS  
ABIGAIL UDEN  
ABBY VANBIBBER  
MAXWELL MURDOCH  
LUKE OLSON

MAXIMUS MORA SET THE  
SCHOOL TRACK RECORD IN  
THE 200 (23.28) AND THE 400  
(52.14). CONGRATULATIONS,  
MAXIMUS!

EMA KOCH SIGNED  
TO PLAY  
BASKETBALL AT  
CONCORDIA  
UNIVERSITY NEXT  
YEAR!  
CONGRATULATIONS,  
EMA!

ALL-HEARTLAND SUPER  
SQUAD:  
CONGRATULATIONS  
MAXWELL MURDOCH 2<sup>ND</sup>  
TEAM AND  
LUKE OLSON 3<sup>RD</sup> TEAM

CONGRATULATIONS  
AUSTIN KOCH  
ON PLACING 4<sup>TH</sup> AT THE  
RISING CITY GOLF MEET!

CONGRATULATIONS  
TO LAUREN SMITH  
ON BREAKING THE  
SCHOOL  
HIGH JUMP RECORD  
WITH 4'10"

GRAND ISLAND LUTHERAN HIGH  
**LIGHTNING**



Musical

The Sound of Music





**DAISY CANADY**



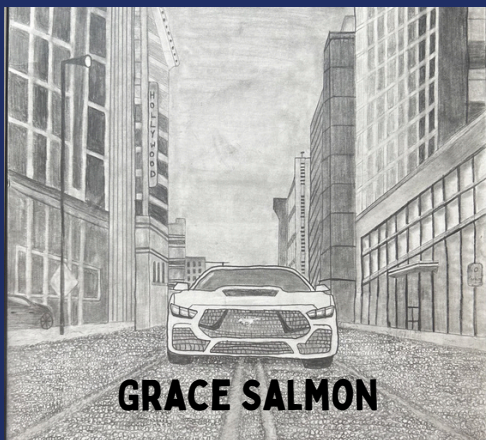
**KATELYN HOINS**



**HOLLEY LASSONDE**



**TAYLOR KELM**



**GRACE SALMON**

# Conference ~~ART~~



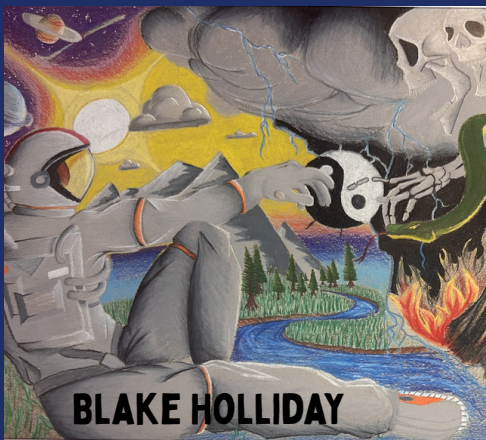
**EMMA STRONG**



**MAXWELL MURDOCH**



**SETH REYNOLDS**



**BLAKE HOLLIDAY**



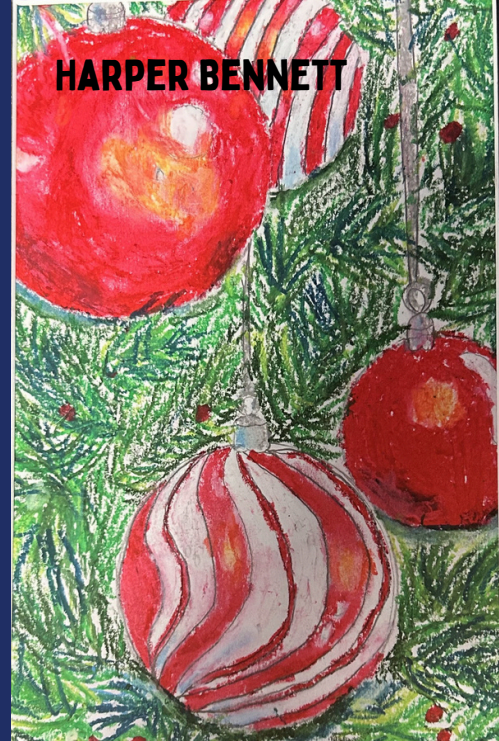
**BRISTYL MEYER**



**OLIVIA SALMON**



**MAEVE NOTT**



**HARPER BENNETT**

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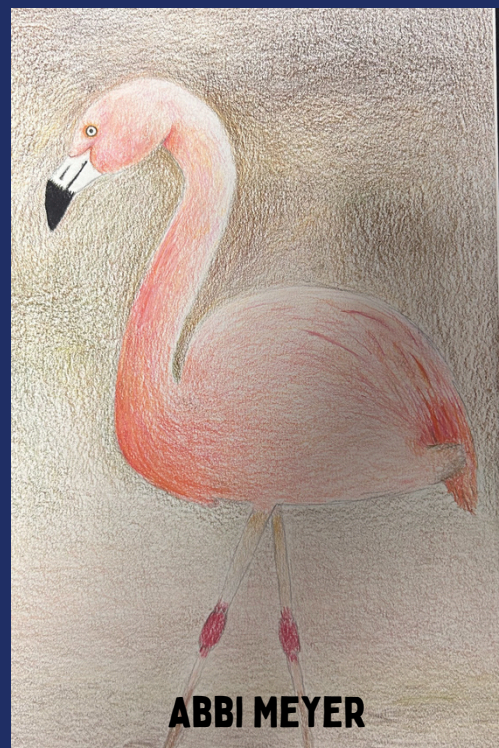
*Jr. High  
Conference*  
**ART**



**JORDAN LIESS**



**AUTUMN CLEMENT**



**ABBI MEYER**



**COLIN DRIEWER**



**CHLOE BAKER**

GRAND ISLAND LUTHERAN HIGH

# LIGHTNING

## Track and Field Results

### Hi Line Results

**Girls Long Jump**

1st-Lauren Smith

3rd-Abigail Uden

**Girls 100 M**

5th-Abigail Uden

**Girls 400 M**

3rd-Abigail Uden

**Boys High Jump**

1st-Luke Olson

**Boys Long Jump**

5th-Josh Olson

**Boys Discus**

6th-Maximus Mora

**Boys 200 M**

1st-Maximus Mora

**Boys 400 M**

2nd-Maximus Mora

**Boys 4x100**

6th-Luke Olson, Darrin Bexten,

Josh Olson, and Maximus Mora

### Franklin Results

**Girls Long Jump**

1st-Lauren Smith

**High Jump**

4th-Lauren Smith

**Girls 200 M**

1st-Abigail Uden

**Girls 400 M**

1st Abigail Uden

**Girls 1600 M**

3rd-Skyler Liess

**Girls Discus**

1st-Abby Vanbibber

**Girls Shot**

4th-Abby Vanbibber

\*Girls tied for 3rd place with 54 points

**Boys High Jump**

1st-Luke Olson

**Boys Long Jump**

5th-Josh Olson

**Boys 100**

4th-Maximus Mora

**Boys 200 M**

2nd-Maximus Mora

**Boys 3200 M**

6th-Caden Hauser

**Boys 4x800**

3rd-Alex A, Colton Z, Josh O,

Darius U

### Shelton Results

**Girls Long Jump**

4th-Abigail Uden

5th-Lauren Smith

**Girls High Jump**

5th-Lauren Smith

**Girls 400 M**

1st-Abigail Uden

**Girls Discus**

3rd-Abby VanBibber

**Girls 100 Hurdles**

6th-Skyler Liess

**Girls 300 Hurdles**

4th-Skyler Liess

**Boys Long Jump**

2nd-Maximus Mora

4th-Josh Olson

**Boys High Jump**

4th-Luke Olson

**Boys Discus**

4th-Walker Dietz

**Boys 200 M**

3rd-Maximus Mora

**Boys 400 M**

6th-Maximus Mora

**Boys 800 M**

5th-Colton Zehendner

**Boys 3200**

4th-Darius Uden

**Boys 4x100**

5th-Vance S, Chad R, Trevor H, Rafe M

**Boys 4x800**

5th- Alex A, Jesse C, Caden H, Colton Z

**Boys Sprint Medley**

5th-Luke O, Vance S, Seth R, Colton Z

GRAND ISLAND LUTHERAN HIGH

# LIGHTNING

## Track and Field Results

### Blue Hill Results

#### Girls Long Jump

1st-Lauren Smith  
2nd-Abigail Uden  
6th-Skyler Liess

#### Girls High Jump

2nd-Lauren Smith

#### Girls 100 M

2nd-Abigail Uden  
3rd-Lauren Smith

#### Girls 200 M

1st-Abigail Uden  
2nd-Lauren Smith

#### Girls 400 M

1st-Abigail Uden

#### Girls 1600

6th-Grace Bader

#### Girls 3200

1st-Skyler Liess  
4th-Grace Bader  
5th-Abby VanBibber

#### Girls 100 Hurdles

4th-Skyler Liess

#### Girls 300 Hurdles

3rd-Skyler Liess

#### Girls Shot

2nd-Abby VanBibber

#### Girls Discus

1st-Abby VanBibber

#### Boys Long Jump

2nd-Darrin Bexten  
6th-Josh Olson

#### Boys High Jump

1st-Luke Olson  
5th-Darrin Bexten

#### Boys Triple Jump

2nd-Maximus Mora  
6th-Rafe Mendyk

#### Boys 100 M

6th-Josh Olson

#### Boys 200 M

2nd-Darrin Bexten  
5th-Josh Olson

#### Boys 400 M

4th-Caden Hauser  
6th-Trevor Hohlen

#### Boys 800 M

3rd-Colton Zehendner  
4th-Darius Uden  
5th-Xander Rivera

#### Boys 1600

2nd-Colton Zehedner  
5th-Jesse Canady

#### Boys 3200

1st-Darius Uden  
2nd-Alex Augustin  
3rd-Colton Zehedner  
5th-Vance Smith

#### Boys 110 Hurdles

1st-Maximus Mora  
3rd-Seth Reynolds  
5th-Uriah Fosket

#### Boys 300 Hurdles

1st-Maximus Mora  
6th-Uriah Fosket

#### Boys 4x800

2nd place

#### Boys 4x400

3rd place



**Congratulations to  
our Girls Track  
Team on their 3<sup>rd</sup>  
place finish!**

**Congratulations to  
our Boys Track  
Team on their 1<sup>st</sup>  
place finish!**

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## Track and Field Results

### McCool Junction Results

#### Girls Long Jump

- 1st-Lauren Smith
- 2nd-Abigail Uden

#### Girls High Jump

- 2nd-Lauren Smith

#### Girls 100M

- 3rd-Abigail Uden

#### Girls 200 M

- 2nd-Abigail Uden

#### Girls 400 M

- 1st-Abigail Uden

#### Girls 100 Hurdles

- 2nd-Skyler Liess

#### Girls 300 Hurdles

- 3rd-Skyler Liess

#### Girls Discus

- 2nd-Abby VanBibber

#### Girls Shot

- 3rd-Abby VanBibber

#### Boys Long Jump

- 5th-Darrin Bexten
- 6th-Josh Olson

#### Boys 800 M

- 3rd-Colton Zehendner

#### Boys 1600 M

- 5th-Darius Uden
- 6th-Colton Zehendner

#### Boys 4x100

- 4th-Xander R, Alex A, Jesse C, Caden H

**Congratulations to the Girls Track Team on their 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish!**

**Luke Olson finished 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the high jump at the Central Nebraska Track Championship. Congratulations!**



GRAND ISLAND LUTHERAN HIGH

# LIGHTNING

## Jr. High Track and Field Results

### Jr. High Walnut Results

**Girls Long Jump**

1st-Maeve Nott

**Girls Triple Jump**

4th-Abbi Meyer

**Girls 200 Hurdles**

1st-Maeve Nott

**Boys Triple Jump**

3rd-Micah Captain



**Girls Long Jump**

1st-Maeve Nott

**Girls Triple Jump**

4th-Abbi Meyer

**Girls 200 Hurdles**

1st-Maeve Nott

2nd-Autumn Clement

### Jr. High Heartland Results

**Girls 100 M**

2nd-Maeve Nott

**Girls 200 M**

3rd-Maeve Nott

4th-Autumn Clement

**Girls Discus**

6th- Annika Morris

**Boys 400 M**

5th- Micah Captain

**Boys 200 M Hurdles**

5th-Micah Captain

**Boys Discus**

6th-Graham Laurent

### Jr. High GICC Results

**Girls Long Jump**

2nd-Maeve Nott

4th-Autumn Clement

**Girls Triple Jump**

5th-Abbi Meyer

**Girls 100 M**

2nd-Maeve Nott

**Girls 200 M**

1st-Maeve Nott

3rd-Autumn Clement

6th-Claire Manchester

**Girls 800 M**

4th-Abbi Meyer

**Girls 200 Hurdles**

2nd-Maeve Nott

3rd-Autumn Clement

**Girls Discus**

4th-Olivia Lassonde

6th-Annika Morris

**Boys Triple Jump**

4th-Micah Captain

**Boys 400 M**

6th-Micah Captain

**Boys 100 Hurdles**

4th-Micah Captain

**Boys 200 Hurdles**

6th-Micah Captain

### Jr High Doniphan Results

**Girls Long Jump**

3rd-Maeve Nott

**Girls Triple Jump**

3rd-Abbi Meyer

**Girls 100 M**

2nd-Maeve Nott

**Girls 200 M**

3rd-Maeve Nott

5th-Claire Manchester

**Girls 200 M Hurdles**

2nd-Maeve Nott

3<sup>rd</sup> Autumn Clement

**Boys Triple Jump**

3rd-Micah Captain

**Boys 400 M**

3rd-Micah Captain

**Boys 100 M Hurdles**

3rd-Micah Captain

**Boys 200 M Hurdles**

5th-Micah Captain

GRAND ISLAND LUTHERAN HIGH  
**LIGHTNING**

# Jr. High Track and Field Results

## Jr. High Twin Rivers Results

### Girls Long Jump

3rd-Maeve Nott

### Girls 100 M

6th-Maeve Nott

### Girls 200 M

5th-Autumn Clement

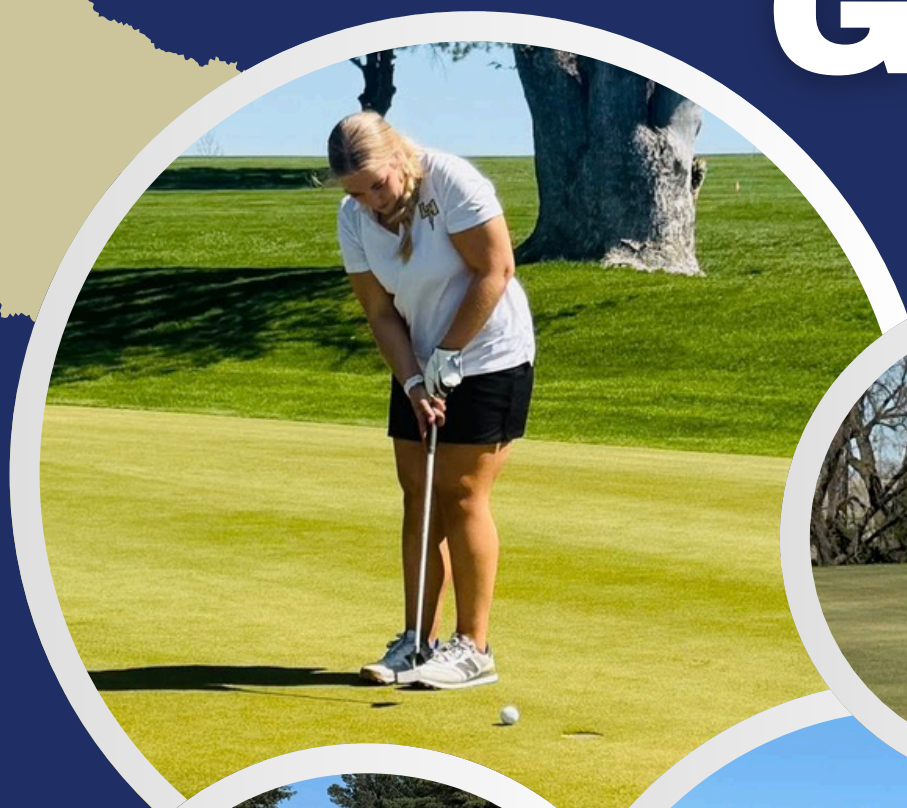
6<sup>th</sup> - Maeve Nott

### Girls 200 M Hurdles

5th-Maeve Nott



# GOLF



GRAND ISLAND

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# LIGHTNING

# LIGHTNING CORE VALUES

## **A-Accountability**

We take responsibility for our actions, words, and growth.

## **B-Belief**

We trust in God-and in the abilities He's given us.

## **C-Consistency**

We show up with integrity and do our best every day.

## **D -Discipline**

We stay focused, work hard, and grow through challenges.



# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Josh and Kayla Messersmith are 2010 HLHS graduates. They live in Grand Island and have 4 children: Madilynn (11), Riley (10), Oliver (3), and Stephen (2). Josh is an electrician and Kayla is a stay-at-home mom. They do foster care, which Kayla says isn't a job, but definitely heart-"work".

Josh's favorite memories of school were being the first class to play in the new gym, playing in the Guinness World Record longest basketball game, going to state in basketball, and walking Kayla to and from classes. Kayla's favorite memories at HLHS were friends, teachers, game nights, track meets, and dances. Josh's favorite class was Chemistry and Kayla enjoyed Art and Spanish.

Josh and Kayla's advice to current students is that "you are wholly and dearly loved, a chosen child of God, made with a purpose that was determined far before you took your first breath and worth immeasurably more than you could ever imagine. Be still and KNOW that he is God. Don't rush ahead. Don't lean on your own understanding. Acknowledge Him. Wait on Him. Abide in Him. Trust Him. For He goes before you for your good and for His glory."

