



High School Daily Bulletin

Monday, May 11, 2026



Jayne O'Brien had an incredible speech season, finishing 6th in the state for his Dramatic Interpretation speech. His performance this season qualified him for the National Individual Events Tournament of Champions. He is the first Parkers Prairie student to compete in this tournament, conveniently held at Shakopee High School this year. This tournament took place Thursday, May 7 through Sunday, May 10. Speakers from twenty-three states competed and over two thousand entrants. His category alone had two hundred sixteen speakers. He managed to make it through the preliminary rounds, advancing to the octo-finals. This is where his season ended. Among his final competitors was the Class AA champion (speech only has two competition groupings). All in all, it was one of the best speech runs in Parkers Prairie history.

Grade 8 Science Field Trip to South Dakota this week.

School Board Meeting tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the media center.

Student Council Meeting in Room 117 at 11:40 on Tuesday. Last meeting is May 19.



MHS sponsored Red Cross Bloodmobile in the new gym on Wednesday 12:00-6:00 p.m. New gym closed at 11:00

Tennis meeting on Wednesday at 12:25 for grades 7-11.

Operation Graduation on Friday 10:00-12:00 for grades 10-12 at the intersection by the greenhouse.

Baccalaureate for participating Seniors on Sunday at Immanuel Lutheran Church 7:00 p.m.

Applications are now open for the Lions Male and Female Athlete of the Year. You need not be a 3 sport athlete to be eligible as a point system is in place for determining winners. Any senior athlete may apply, but to be eligible you may not have any MSHSL violations. Please get your application from Mr. Denny. Forms are due to him Friday, May 22nd.

Any student going into grades 9-12 next year, interested in helping with summer rec should email John Noga at jnoga@pp.k12.mn.us

Notice from the Media Center:

1. All books must be returned by Friday, May 15 or be fined for overdue items.
2. Last day to take an Accelerated Reader Test is Monday, May 18 at 3:00pm.
3. Chromebooks and power cords will be collected the last week of school. Date will be announced. Students, plan to have both Chromebook and power cord available to be turned in on the day designated! You will be charged for equipment not turned in.

Day of Caring is Friday, May 22. If you are interested in getting some help from the PPHS students, contact David O'Brien via email dobrien@pp.k12.mn.us

Menu – Fruit, Vegetable & Salad Variety Offered Daily

Today: Breakfast-Mini Waffles	Lunch-Mandarin Orange Chicken, Rice, Fortune Cookie or Croissant Sandwich
Tuesday: Breakfast-Pancake on Stick	Lunch-Tater Tot Hotdish, Dinner Roll, Hot Veggie or BBQ Pork on Bun

Sports

Track, Softball and Baseball Results Below:

Today

Varsity Softball at Long Prairie 3:30 Bus 1:45 Dismiss 1:30

Tuesday

Track Conference at Sebeka 3:30 Bus 1:30 Dismiss 1:15
Grade 7 Baseball at Sebeka 4:30 Bus 2:30 Dismiss 2:15
Baseball here with Sebeka 4:30 Varsity-Varsity Field JV-Urbank

Thursday

Varsity & JV Baseball with OTC at Henning 4:30 Bus 3:00 Dismiss 2:45
Grade 7 Baseball here with OTC 4:30 Varsity Field
Softball here with Brandon/Evansville Varsity-City Park Field 4:30 C-Squad-Field East of HS 4:00 - Dismiss C-Squad at 2:45

Upcoming Events

May 18 – Spring Music Concert JH-6:30 p.m. (grades 7 & 8) SH-7:30 p.m. (grades 9-12)
May 20 – Senior Yearbook Dedication 8:20 a.m., Awards Program 7:00 p.m.
May 21 – Chromebook Turn in and Locker Clean Out Day
May 22 – Day of Caring-a.m./Spring Fling-p.m.
May 25 – No School
May 26 – Graduation Practice 8:20 a.m.
May 29 – Graduation 7:30 p.m.

Photo Ordering Link: <https://v2.myproimages.com/the-parkers-prairie-independent> Password: panthers

All spring sports photos are available at this link!

Track Results from Frazee on May 7

The Panthers turned in another strong all-around performance on the track and in the field. The Panthers battled throughout the meet, with both the boys and girls teams competing hard against tough competition.

On the boys' side, Xavier Richardson led the sprint and jumping events with an outstanding day. Richardson placed seventh in the 100-meter dash in 11.94 while teammate Brant Bak followed closely behind in 10th with a personal-best 11.99. Richardson also added an 11th-place finish in the 200 meters and had one of the top field event performances of the day, taking third in the long jump with a personal-best leap of 18 feet, 9.25 inches. Bak added another strong showing in the field by tying for fifth in the high jump at 5-8 and taking sixth in the long jump.

Zander Becker posted a personal best in the 200 meters with a time of 25.20 and also competed well in the high jump, clearing 5-4. Martin-Pina Jorge delivered a personal-best effort in the 400 meters, running 58.36, while freshman Aiden Moran added a strong time.

The distance crew continued to improve throughout the season. Chris Becker recorded a personal-best 2:31.82 in the 800 meters and later added another personal best in the triple jump at 36-4. Bowen Schleis also competed in the 800, while Cristian Dorn ran a personal-best 5:51.89 in the 1600 meters. Austin Lucht had a busy meet, earning a season-best in the 1600 before coming back with a personal-best 13:44.98 in the 3200 meters.

The Panthers also saw strong efforts in the hurdles from Bode Wagner and Carter Hoemberg. Wagner ran 20.06 in the 110 hurdles before coming back with a personal-best 50.04 in the 300 hurdles. JD Leehy added a solid 49.08 performance in the 300 hurdles.

In the relays, the Parkers Prairie boys continued to show depth and teamwork. The 4x100 relay team sprinted to an impressive runner-up finish in 45.70, while the 4x200 relay team placed fourth in 1:38.68. The 4x400 and 4x800 relay teams also turned in competitive races for the Panthers.

In the field events, Wyatt Asleson and Zak Koep gave Parkers Prairie a strong presence in both throwing events. Asleson placed 11th in the shot put and 10th in the discus, while Koep finished 14th in the shot put and 11th in the discus. Samuel Krueger added points in the triple jump with a jump of 36-11.

The Parkers Prairie girls team once again produced several top finishes and standout performances. Eighth grader Ella Boesl had an exceptional meet, finishing third in the 100 meters with a personal-best 13.22 and later adding a personal-best in the long jump at 14-8.5. Natalie Schroeder also competed well in the sprints, placing in both the 100 and 200 meters.

Nevaeh Koep had one of the top performances on the track for the Panthers, placing fourth in the 400 meters with a new school record and personal-best time of 1:02.02. Chloe Patrick also earned a personal best in the 400 meters before later competing in the triple jump.

The distance events were dominated by Parkers Prairie. Norah Froslee captured the 3200-meter championship in 12:20.28 and added a third-place finish in the 1600 meters. Kaylee Vogt continued her outstanding season with a runner-up finish in the 3200

and a personal-best 5:41.82 in the 1600 meters. Alexa Lego and Sophie Pfeffer also turned in solid races in the 800 meters, with Lego finishing ninth overall.

Vanessa Dorn and Gretta Gassman represented the Panthers in both hurdle events. Dorn posted a season-best in the 300 hurdles and also ran well in the 100 hurdles, while Gassman earned a personal best in the 300 hurdles.

The girls' relay teams were another bright spot for Parkers Prairie. The 4x400 relay team earned a third-place finish in 4:26.82, while the 4x800 relay team finished second with a strong time of 10:18.28. The 4x100 and 4x200 relay teams also competed hard and continued building momentum late in the season.

In the field events, Lilly Gulbrandson delivered a fifth-place finish in the shot put and later added a personal best in the discus. Alicia Penrose also placed fifth in the discus with a throw of 96-6, while Kailey Hinrichs added a season-best mark in the shot put. Rebekah Harstad competed in the high jump, and Chloe Cochran represented the Panthers in the triple jump.

Overall, the Panthers continued to show growth, determination, and depth across all event areas. With numerous personal bests, strong relay performances, and top finishes in all areas, the Panthers continue to build momentum heading deeper into the season. The girls' team placed 4th overall, and the boys placed 9th in one of the top sections in the State.

Parkers Prairie JH/JV Girls are Park Region Conference Champions and Boys finish as runner-ups!

Boys Highlights: The boys team was led by Aiden Moran, who won the Long Jump with a leap of 17' 5.5". Moran also placed 2nd in the 200 meters with a personal-best 26.00 and took 3rd in the 400 meters in another personal-best time of 1:00.23. In the throwing events, Mathias Gulbrandson captured the Shot Put championship with a personal-best throw of 30' 10" and added a 3rd-place finish in the Discus at 87' 0". Jaxson Zimmerman added a strong performance with a 3rd-place finish in the shot put and 11th in discus.

The Panthers also shined in the relays as the 4x100 relay team of Carter Hoemberg, Casey Hoemberg, Cristian Dorn, and Remington Lien sprinted to a 2nd-place finish in 53.14.

On the track, Cristian Dorn placed 5th in the 100 meters, 6th in the 200 meters, and earned runner-up honors in the Triple Jump with a personal-best leap of 33' 10". Casey Hoemberg placed 7th in the 60 meters, 5th in the Long Jump, and 3rd in the Triple Jump. Carter Hoemberg had a strong all-around meet, placing 3rd in the 110m hurdles, 3rd in the Long Jump, and 5th in the Triple Jump.

Distance runners Bowen Schleis, Ty Buchholz, and Reese Ahlbrecht all turned in strong performances in both the 800 meters and 1600 meters, with several personal-best times. Everett Uhde placed 5th in the 110m hurdles and 4th in the 200m hurdles, while Colton Schlosser added an 8th-place finish in the hurdles. Luke Toyli competed in the sprints and set personal bests in the 60m, 100m, and 200m races.

Girls Highlights: The girls team was once again led by standout sprinter Ella Boesl, who won both the 100 meters in 13.44 and the 200 meters in a personal-best 28.05. Boesl also added a runner-up finish in the Long Jump.

Chloe Patrick had an excellent meet in the distance events, winning the 1600 meters with a personal-best 5:51.58, finishing 2nd in the 800 meters, and also taking 2nd in the Triple Jump.

The Panthers dominated the hurdles with Reagan Pexsa earning 2nd-place finishes in both the 100m hurdles and 200m hurdles, setting personal bests in each race. Laila Schleis also competed well in both hurdle events and earned a personal best in the 200m hurdles.

The girls relay teams also delivered strong performances. The 4x100 relay team of Ella Boesl, Aunika Jones, Aubree Hoffman, and Madisyn Fahlin raced to a 1st-place finish in 55.49. The 4x200 relay team of Katie Pexsa, Chloe Patrick, Aubree Hoffman, and Tenley Westad placed 2nd, while the Sprint Medley Relay team of Katie Pexsa, Madisyn Fahlin, Tenley Westad, and McKenna Schroeder earned a 3rd-place finish.

Aunika Jones had a strong meet with a 4th-place finish in the 100 meters, 3rd in the 200 meters, and 7th in the Long Jump.

Aubree Hoffman added top finishes in the sprints, long jump, and relay events. Payson Grinager placed 2nd in the High Jump, 4th in the 1600 meters, 5th in the 800 meters, and set a personal best in the Triple Jump.

In the field events, Eliza Krueger placed 3rd in the Shot Put, while Tenley Westad took 5th in the Discus and helped score relay points. Beth Lustilla, Katie Pexsa, and McKenna Schroeder also contributed strong efforts for the Panthers throughout the meet.

Softball Results

On a windy Friday evening, the Panthers traveled to West Central Area to take on a solid Section 6A team for their sixth game of the week. WCA has a reputation for hitting the long ball, which was a concern as the wind was blowing straight to the center field fence. It showed up right away in their half of the first inning with the Knights hitting a three-run homer with two outs, which was the recurring story with WCA posting handfuls of runs with two outs for the next couple of innings. WCA would add three more homers to the night. It wasn't until the top of the fifth when the Panther offense was finally rejuvenated by an Amelia Van Batavia lead-off home run! Then an Anna Helling walk, followed by a Sydney Lorine single, brought Brooke Schilling to the plate, lacing a single, scoring Helling and Lorine, making it a 9-3 game. The rally was put on the back burner after Henlee Mrnak scorched a liner,

unfortunately, right at the shortstop. The Knights weren't ready to let the Panthers back in the game rallying for four runs on two outs in the bottom of the fifth inning, with the Panthers surrendering to the mercy rule 13-3. It was one of those games where the Panthers couldn't catch a break on offense or defense, with WCA catching some breaks and clutching up with the big hits that did a lot of damage. The Panthers had six hits, all shared by Sydney Lorine, Brooke Schilling, Henlee Mrnak, Alyssa Revering, Anna Helling, and Amelia Van Batavia. Alyssa Revering started in the circle doing a nice job mixing up her pitches, but the Knights were able to get the bat on the ball. Revering took her first loss of the season after bouncing back onto the diamond. Revering spread ten hits in four innings while striking out one batter. Sydney Lorine came in relief in the fifth inning. Lorine gave up three hits with one strikeout. Our pitchers were able to get the first two outs often, but that third out of the inning evaded the Panther defense, with ten of WCA's runs crossing the plate with two outs.

Panther Softball JV won 6-0 against WCA. Becca Ahlers was locked in. She had 5 strikeouts on the day and gave up 2 walks and 2 hits. The Panther offense took a while to get going. In the fourth inning we finally strung some hits together and push f across 2 runs. We scored 4 more in the 5th to close out the win. Laney and Joanna had 2 hits each. Mya, Whitney, Abi, & Isabell had 1 hit each. Great Win ladies!

Panther Softball C Squad lost 6-11 against WCA. The Knights got on the board early and didn't look back. The Panthers had 4 batters with 2 hits each Mariah, Laney, Mya & Whitney. Ady, Ashlyn, Venna, & Camille each collected 1 hit. Defensively, we had many opportunities to shut down the Knights. The Knights put the ball in play but multiple errors by the Panthers pushed several runs across for the Knights. Whitney and Ady shared the pitching load in this one.

Baseball Results

PP 14; NYM 3

The Panthers put an exclamation mark at the end of a four game week with a 14-3 win in six innings over conference rival New York Mills. Woodworth got the start on the bump and was tasked with keeping the potent Mills hitters at bay. While they had a few seeing eye ground balls, and were able to tally eight hits, AJ was able to set three down via strikeout while walking only one. His defense had his back all game as the boys put on a defensive highlight reel in this game playing error free. Grabow cleaned up everything hit to him starting with the very first hitter of the game. Nolan Boesl saw the infield dirt for the first time this year at shortstop, and showed his athleticism and versatility as he made every play hit to him, including some backhanded diving stops. Hudson Truax continues to own the hot corner and today earned a defensive star in the fifth as he charged a dribbler, scooped and fired a strike to Rounds at first. Rounds had a star of his own as he picked a ground ball deep in the hole at first and made a quick flip to Woodworth who was hustling to cover first on the play-"PFP!" Ruckheim stole the defensive show in center today as he had two defensive stars robbing what looked to be hits. His diving catch in the bottom of the fifth was an absolute full extension, diving gem! In addition, Ruckheim escorted a few dogs out of the park as they busted through the center field gate towards the end of the game! The real story here however were the Panther bats-18 barrels! Nine runs in the first inning! An offensive eruption as all starters hit safely this game, with Truax, Grabow, and Ruckheim collecting a pair, while Nolan Boesl, Rounds, and Woodworth all had a trio of hits. The boys looked to hit, and only went down on strikes once this game; 157 plate appearances this week, only 6K's offensively. The boys are looking forward to a weekend off to celebrate their moms for keeping their jersey's and white pants clean! This week we welcome Sebekka to the Factory Tuesday, then on the road again to Henning Thursday and Menahga Friday.

It took the JV boys one time through the lineup to finally get the bats going and put up 13 runs to enforce the 10 run rule in 5 innings vs NYM. The first two innings went scoreless on both sides, but in the third inning with 2 outs, the boys put up a nice 4 run rally. Mills would answer with 1 in the bottom, only to be answered back with a 3 piece in the top of the 4th to make it 7-1. The Eagles scraped one more over to make it 7-2, but a challenge to the boys by Coach Yrjo to put up 5 runs in the inning was answered in full as the Panthers put up 6 more in the top of the 5th. The Eagles had runners in scoring position but a nice pick off from Becker to Holmquist to catch the kid who "wanted to go home" ended the game at 5 innings. Hoffman got the start on the mound going all 5 innings giving up 4 hits, 1 walk, and tallying 7 strikeouts as first pitch strikes were key to his success. Offensively the Panthers tallied 9 hits (Ruckheim, Holmquist, Becker with 2. Goddard, Rud, Putnam with 1.) We also drew 5 walks, Hoffman with 3 of those, which all turned into runs. Logan Becker keeps mashing as he had 2 doubles and 4 rbi's in big situations. With 2 weeks left we look to keep the win train moving.

The JH Panthers hosted the rival New York Mills Eagles for a pair of games this afternoon. The first game saw a pitchers dual between a hard throwing Eagle and our very own Luke Schilling. Schilling would go the distance allowing three runs on just three hits and sitting down seven batters himself. The Panther bats were slowed down as there was only one hit on the game but it was a big 2 RBI single by Gage Lind. The boys worked the count well for four free passes and took advantage of a couple errors. The locals themselves played lock down defense. We cut a run down at home in the first and two digs at first by Jett Bettin set the tone for the game. Henry Harren also hosed two runners trying to steal second. The quick paced game saw the Panthers holding a 3-0 lead after 3 but the Eagles put together a rally and tied the game in the fourth. The Eagles had a runner in scoring position in the top of the fifth but Schilling caught him sleeping for an out at 2 and struck the next two out and send the the boys in with

momentum for the final half inning. Bettin had a one out walk and gave way to pinch runner Rylen Hendershot who then stole second. Parker Koep then hit a ball towards the right side hole. The second baseman tracked it down but had an errant throw to first. Hendershot never slowed down around third and scored to send the home team victorious.

The second game saw another hard throwing Eagle tow the rubber. The boys scraped together one hit by Koep. The Panthers used walks and errors to plate five runs in the game. Kaleb Uecker had a RBI in the game. The Panthers had an off day in the field with 6 errors and some tough luck gave way to 12 Eagle runs. Koep started on the mound and went 2 2/3 innings allowing 8 runs, 4 earned and striking out 4. Jacob Toyli came in relief and allowed 4 unearned runs and fanning two Eagle batters. The 8th graders are off to South Dakota this week to get their learn on. The 7th grade boys look to bounce back with another busy 3 game week.