

Kinney named WFSCA All-District honorable mention

By JASON NIHLES

The SWAL and regional champion Boscobel softball team (21-1, 14-0) has earned its fair share of postseason awards after an incredible 2022 season which ended in the WIAA Division 4 sectional finals.

Last week, the Boscobel Dial announced Gretta Grassel was recently named the state's Division 4 Player of the Year and Small Schools (Division 4-5) first-team All-State by the Wisconsin Fastpitch Softball Coaches Association.

But the Dial inadvertently missed reporting on the All-District Awards.

Boscobel junior shortstop Katie Kinney was one of 14 players who received All-District 3 Small Schools honorable mention.

Grassel was among the 18 players named to the Small Schools All-District 3 first team. There were four voting districts for the WFSCA.

First-team All-District selections advance to the All-State

voting.

Kinney finished third on the team with a .384 batting average (28-for-73) with four doubles, one triple, one home run, 14 RBI, 24 runs scored and five stolen bases batting second in front of Grassel. She also played strong defense in her first year as the Bulldogs' starting shortstop and was named first-team All-SWAL.

Grassel had 18-1 record in the pitcher's circle with one save, a 0.76 ERA and 296 strikeouts (fourth in the state) and just 30 walks in 129 2/3 innings pitched. She also batted a conference-best .641 (41-for-64) with 10 doubles, one triple, seven home runs, 31 RBI, 31 runs, 17 stolen bases and 16 walks (including six intentional) to lead the Bulldogs.

OTHER AREA ALL-DISTRICT PICKS

Other area first-team All-District Small Schools selections included Belmont's Rylee Rogers (C) and Mia Hodgson (P), Cuba City's Hailey Stitch

(C), Fennimore's Jenna James (C), Highland's Meg Tarrell (SS) and Grace Dreischmeier (P), Mineral Point's Kennedy Wenger (SS), and Riverdale's Emily Hach (OF) and Carlie Joe Brownlee (P).

Belmont's Ashley Freeman (OF) and Bristol Ogden (3B), Potosi's Mykaylia Bauer (SS) and Riverdale's Calli Storms (C) joined Kinney as honorable mention All-District selections.

AREA ALL-STATE SELECTIONS

Joining Grassel on the WFSCA Small Schools All-State selections were Highland's Tarrell (1st team) and Dreischmeier (2nd team), Belmont juniors Rogers (2nd team) and Hodgson (2nd team), Riverdale Hach (honorable mention), Fennimore's James and Mineral Point's Kennedy Wenger (honorable mention).

River Valley senior Brooke Anderson was named WFSCA medium schools (D2-3) All-State.



Boscobel shortstop Katie Kinney was recently named Small Schools All-District honorable mention All-District by the Wisconsin Fastpitch Softball Coaches Association. Photo by Wendi Stitzer

LIBRARY

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after school program along with other families that wanted to come see the sharks as well," Miller said. "It was a really fun event and I think that the word is getting out there that we have a lot of cool things going on at the library."

Upcoming events, according to Miller, include a program on July 6 called "Going Fiction," featuring magician Scott Obermann, a scuba demonstration (not hands-on), and a program about plastics in the ocean.

And then there are books

Let's not forget that a favorite summertime library activity is good old-fashioned reading. Miller's programming has you covered there, too, with the reading program for kids.

"Every week you have to read a certain number of minutes or a certain amount of books," Miller said. "You then get to spin our prize wheel and

get a prize. If you complete all of your stickers and get everything completed and filled out, we then give away a free book and a goody bag along with a beach party on July 27," she said.

Upgrades and book sale

Miller got some good news recently in the form of a substantial grant from the American Rescue Plan Act, a federal program to help communities recover from the pandemic.

"We are going to be adding some fun new technology things around the library," Miller said. "We have a self-checkout machine that is already here, but not ready to use yet. We are also going to be getting a phone charging station that will be free for everyone to use."

In addition to summer activities and upgrades that the library will see, Miller said

that the annual used book sale will be on July 7, 8 and 9 at the Blaine Gym.

Miller encourages everyone to stop by the library and pick up a book and read.

"There are going to be a lot of changes and a lot of fun things coming. We are hoping to move forward with the times a little bit," Miller said. "Everything at the library is free. We are never going to charge you for anything unless you damage or lose an item."

There is an objective reality out there, but we view it through the spectacles of our beliefs, attitudes, and values. This is one reason our beliefs are so important; they shape our interpretation of everything else.

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