

GHS sophomore works at The Times office

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Gothenburg High School sophomore Kristin Bartlett job shadowed at The Times last Thursday.

Sophomores at GHS are required to job shadow as part of a class requirement.

Initially, Bartlett said students list jobs they may be interested in for a career.

GHS counselor Jerry Wiggins, who's in charge of the program, then tries to see find a business that matches a student's interest.

"I put down book editing and Mr. Wiggins couldn't find anything, which meant I would have to come up with an idea for a job shadow," Bartlett said. "When I told my mom, she said I should do my job shadow at The Times."

Bartlett asked news editor Beth Barrett if she could shadow her.

The sophomore said she and Barrett set up a date and time, keeping in mind the job shadow needed to last at least four hours.

During the shadow, students were required to ask questions about the job they chose to shadow.

"I chose The Times and Beth because she does her own writing and editing and both are aspects that I have some interest in," Bartlett said. "I've learned a lot from my time with Beth and I've had fun with the entire shadowing experience."

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During the day, Bartlett interviewed Gothenburg Memorial Hospital lab supervisor Deb Saum and wrote a story about GMH's blood draw. She also snapped pictures of a gazebo, which will become part of the city swimming pool deck, and an accident

Bartlett's parents are Michael and Jennifer Bartlett.

In addition to school, Bartlett is involved in FFA, speech and Lutheran Youth Organization.