Part of keeping the local health care team healthy is keeping the general population healthy by following guidelines for social distancing and hygiene, such as handwashing, covering coughs and sneezes, and not touching your face.

“We’re trying to stay safe to take care of you. Please stay safe to help take care of us,” Sundberg urged residents.

JMHCC is still following recommended protocols regarding swabbing patients and sending samples to labs for testing for COVID-19. The last NDDoH total showed 10 tests have been conducted in Grant County.

The NDDoH has recommended to health care providers that testing be prioritized for the following groups:

- Patients hospitalized with respiratory illness
- Those living or working in congregate settings
- Health care workers
- Testing for public health investigators and contact tracing

That means not every patient is tested, so residents should understand that more COVID-19 carriers do not display symptoms, Sundberg said.

“We have a limited ability to swab people, because right now the state is the only place that is running the test,” Sundberg added. “We test based only on those recommendations and with the approval of the on-call provider, because the testing is just not available for everybody to come in and get checked. And since there is no treatment other than support, it doesn’t make a huge amount of difference, unless you have a limited ability to react.”

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A minute with a high school senior

Impacts of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic are being felt throughout the world, including by the senior class of 2020. Instead of celebrating their final high school accomplishments, their lives suddenly changed when classes transitioned to online and extracurricular activities were postponed or canceled. Here, we visit with Josie Leingang, a senior at Flasher Public School.

What has been your thought process through the last few weeks?

“Any kid’s initial thought about school being cancelled is ‘yay,’ but now we’ve all realized how long and how it’s going to affect us later on. We’re kind of upset, kind of sad. We’re going to miss out on probably the most fun parts of our senior year. I wasn’t really surprised, because I figured it was going to happen eventually. I just didn’t really think it would happen so soon.”

What are you missing the most?

“We always take for granted seeing our friends all the time and once that opportunity is taken away, you understand it a little bit more.”

How are you staying in touch with your friends?

“We still have online classes with each other through our school, so we can talk during those. We all test and keep in touch.”

How are your online classes going?

“So far, so good. It’s just a little bit getting used to.”

What is your day going to be like?

“I’ll probably be helping my dad with the farm most of the time and coming inside and hopping on my computer when we have classes.”

Is there anything good that has come out of this?

“It’s definitely been helping my dad, because he has an extra hand at home.”

What are your plans moving forward?

“I plan to go to North Dakota State University this fall and go into mechanical engineering.”
Elgin Senior Meals menu

Thurs., April 9: Baked ham, cheesy hash brown bake, scalloped corn, Easter treat, milk, coffee.
Fri., April 10: Fish fillet, baked potato, seven-layer salad, lemon fruit salad, milk, coffee.
Mon., April 13: Meatloaf, baked potato, creamed peas, apricots, milk, coffee.
Tues., April 14: Pork roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, pumpkin bar, milk, coffee.
Wed., April 15: Chicken Cordon Bleu casseroles, noodles, tossed salad, apple dessert, milk, coffee.

Please note: ALL MEALS are served as take-out, unless you are eligible for home-delivered meals. Your support at this time is deeply appreciated.

For meal reservations in Elgin, please call our Place Café, 584-3150, by 9:00 p.m., the evening prior to the meal. Emergency cancellations should be called in by 8:00 a.m. of the day of the meal.
Letters to the Editor

Good News For Everyone

“The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.”

Deuteronomy 33:27.

What a comfort these words are during these very difficult days when everything is uncertain! Thank God their help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth and who made us. I write this to give you hope. I want you to know that you are not alone. You have never been alone. God is with you! He has always been with you even when you didn’t know it. He will never leave or forsake you because He loves you. God loves you and has loved you no matter what you have done. God tells us in His Word not to be afraid. In Isaiah 41:10, God says, “Fear not for I am with you. I will help you. I will strengthen you. I will uphold you.” Isn’t that good news? He tells us not to lean unto our own understanding but to trust HIM. We are to acknowledge Him and He will direct our path.

John 3:16 says, “For God so loved the world (that’s you and me) that He gave His only Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.” Jesus said that whoever hears His Word and believes in God has everlasting life and shall not come into judgment, but is passed from death to life. Our last breath on earth is our first breath in Heaven. That indeed is good news!

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God is there, bringing divides and holding time? What will happen to them? It is difficult at best to flourish in a small community, but when businesses can’t provide their services, it becomes impossible.

The future for many in our communities is uncertain. The next time you are out, take a slow drive around town, look at the small businesses that make the community what it is, and think really hard about how you can make a difference.

Buy a gift card, order a meal to go, order yourself some beautiful flowers, give a gift subscription to the newspaper to a friend - whatever it is... please support our local businesses in their time of need.

Velma Amundson
I’m a traditionalist. Ham, potatoes, green beans and eggs, like Deviled Eggs.

Shirlene Schaffner
“My mom’s fruit salad: raspberries, sour cream, and Je-Jell.”

Marjorie Schock
“Ham seems to be traditional for our family at Easter.”

AROUND TOWN

Easter is right around the corner. What is your favorite Easter meal?

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Greetings from the Care Center! After doing hair and nails, Monday morning, we got out the dice and played Parkle. Congrats to Lori for our lucky high roller!

We got down to business, Tuesday, changing and discussing our new calendar, sharing jokes, trivia, short stories and laughter while bringing cheer to one during one on one visits. We also enjoyed aromatherapy and massages.

With the snow we woke up to on Wednesday, we decided it was a good day to work with the kitchen as we made fry bread to go with the best and most delicious homemade chicken noodle soup! We saddled up with rubber bands galore, Wednesday afternoon, and played “Shoot the Egg!” Bob proved to have the best shot as he hit the “egg” the most! Thanks for playing, friends!

We did hair and nail care, Thursday, and played “Name that Tune!” up and down the hall. We also celebrated National Peanut Butter and Jelly day by snacking on good, old-fashioned peanut butter jelly sandwiches.

Friday was a “taste-ful” kind of day, and we would like to thank Our Place Café for providing the essential donuts for our morning donut debate that we enjoyed after C.N.N. We would also like to thank Brian Warren, owner of Gunny’s Bait & Tackle, for helping to stock a few tasty beverages for our Happy Hour!

We truly are blessed with amazing and thoughtful friends. Thank you to Kidz Clubhouse for donating the sweetest Easter baskets, thank you to Stephanie Line for dropping off the Easter cups from Zion Lutheran Church, and thank you to Cindy Zacher for mailing the prayer cards from Zion Lutheran Sunday School! Your thoughtful gifts are so appreciated, and your friendship is a gift... 52 weeks a year!

As JMHCC braces for more cases, patients who believe they may have COVID-19 and are not in an emergency situation should call the clinic ahead.

“People who may have COVID and aren’t real sick are better off staying home. If they are running real high fevers or are short of breath, they definitely should be calling,” Sundberg said.

“For regular things, we’re open as usual, except no visitors, no family,” Sundberg said.

No family or friends are allowed in the emergency room with patients and no visitors are being allowed into the facility other than those seeking medical care. Long-term care patients are being kept bottled up in their rooms to protect them.

“The global position is ‘no straws,’” Sundberg said.

Everyone who enters the facility, including staff, are being screened first, and are wearing masks.

“Everybody who comes in gets their temperature checked and are masked, whether they are employees or potential patients,” Sundberg said.

Typical symptoms of COVID-19 have included sore throat, high fever ranging upward to 104 degrees and a very dry cough. Nausea has also been known to be another symptom in some cases.

If you’re trying to track in a health care setting or save a health care setting, which is what we’re trying to do right now – preserve our fragile folks that are already hospitalized or are in assisted living.

The newspaper makes a great gift... 52 weeks a year! Call 584-2900
Elgin Community Clinic
April 8, 2020

We will be closed Friday, April 10, for Good Friday.

Supporting our community!

To keep our staff safe, our doors are locked. Customers - please call ahead and we will put your order together and meet you outside! Propane available as usual.

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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Economy Drug
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Business as Usual!

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Elgin Community Clinic
584-3338

We are open and providing our customers with our full menu of food and off-sale. Curb-side pickup as well as delivery in Flasher available.

Drive-thru Saturday, April 11 from Noon - 7:00 p.m. to enter a drawing for prices and get your curb-side pick-up from the Easter Bunny!

1 More Bar & Grill
597-3307 • Flasher
Monday - Friday 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday • Noon - 7:00 p.m.

WILBUR-ELLIS®

We are currently open to the public so we can serve our customers the best we can. However, we do ask that you call ahead to order products so we can have you order ready for pick up when you arrive.

584-2035

In an attempt to keep our staff safe and healthy, our doors are locked, but we are still providing all services to our customers! Please call to place orders over the phone and we will meet you curb-side.

FREE DELIVERY in the community of Elgin!
8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday - Friday
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Reach out to us...
584-2900
jill@gspublishing.net or P.O. Box 100, Elgin, ND 58533

We are in an attempt to keep our staff safe and healthy, as of March 23, the front door is locked to customers.

Call in your prescription or shopping order and pick it up curb-side ½ hours later.

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We are open to the public and providing the same great service you have come to expect!

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Come in WE’RE OPEN

Well... don’t come IN, but we’re open!

We are open from 7:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. for pick-up orders.
We will deliver (credit card orders only)
11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
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Our Place Cafe & Lounge

Full menu items available curbside or delivery (Flasher - daily!)
Delivery Schedule
Tuesday - S. Loren, Porcupine & Shields
Wednesday - Carson & Elgin
Thursday - Mandan & Bismarck

Saturday, April 11
The Easter Bunny will be making all deliveries in Flasher and curb-side pick-ups!
Easter baskets and candy-filled eggs available for kids 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Located in the old cafe building of 1 More Bar in Flasher
Tuesday - Saturday
7:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

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Ronald G. Will

The Funeral Service for Ronald G. Will, age 75, of Minot, formerly of Elgin, ND will be held privately, because of the COVID-19 situation, on Wednesday, April 8, 2020, at Evangelion Funeral Home in Elgin.

Burial will follow in the burial at Johannesthal Cemetery, north of Elgin.

Ronald Gene Will was born on February 19, 1945 in Elgin, ND to Reinhold and Ruth (Blumhardt) Will. He was baptized and confirmed at Johannesthal Congregational Church. Ronald grew up on nineteen miles north of Elgin and attended German School District No. 1.

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Brain is the read in the Psychology Today magazine. Structure and purpose. Those with small children and students at home have their own challenges. One must be aware that depression can easily creep in during these times of stress and uncertainty. And yes I know, there are people out there who do not even have a spare moment! Like our farmers and ranchers, city employees, local businesses, and our medical community amongst them. Let’s not forget our delivery drivers who are having fast and hard to keep us supplied, to keep our shelves stocked. Thank you.

Several neighborhood children have told me they wish they were back in school, where as before, they thought it was a great fun to be out of school. Distance learning is basically the best solution here, till our dilemma has passed. I am sad for our seniors, all of our seniors across this country. You will have stories to tell. I have noticed lately that our stores are doing an admirable job of stocking and restocking to pretty much keep up with local demand. Egos were in short supply last week. The basics, BMTP (bread, milk, toilet paper) are pretty much available most of the time. Our newest hoarding item according to KYFR news is ice cream. A familiar treat perhaps helps to calm, to soothe. We bought a half gallon last week and again this week. Local store employees report that people seem to be “calming down.” That thought in itself is calming. Stimulus checks and financial aid packages are being processed by our federal government to assist those in need. These will help those who have lost jobs and business income, through no fault of their own. Our community and our country continue to show up each day and will continue to show up each day till this has passed. “One day at a time,” as our mom used to say. “Tomorrow is another day.” Somehow that thought always made us feel better as children; her promise. Thank you, Mommy, I love you.

Yvette Schwartz
Elgin, ND
**Pastor’s Notes**

Jesus walked this lonely road, He had to walk it by himself. Oh, nobody else could walk it for him. He had to walk it by himself. This spiritual is haunting in its sense of sadness and loneliness, yet the church still sings it during Lent and particularly Holy Week. This year it is more poignant than ever. Not only does it embody the distress of Jesus’ final days we see ancient rituals surrounding a pandemic? Yet, in these walk through the dark valley; it also illustrates our loneliness, yet the valley of Covid-19. We walk figuratively, if not literally, in the steps of Jesus, facing the un-known. While Jesus was not anxious like we are, his Gethsemane prayer indicates his human desire to “take this cup from me.” Like Jesus, we are walking alone. Social distancing has us unable to hug those we love dearly and feel the touch of another human being. That can be very hard. We were created to be in community and this unseen enemy has separat-ed us from one another.

The most important thing is that we are not alone. Neither was Jesus. God is with us, shepherding us through this difficult time. In Gethsemane, Jesus ultimately placed his trust in God. That is what we can do as well. When the world seems too much to bear, God is with us. This week we will live in the dark tomb of Holy Saturday. It will seem to be an eternity, yet it will be but a small moment in God’s time. What keeps us going in this time is the promise of Easter. Resurrection joy is close at hand. We can be assured that God will have the last word, in Jesus’ life and in ours. That last word is one of hope.

During this Holy Week, know that God is with you, walking alongside of you, knowing your fears and anxieties. God is with you filled with the knowledge of our flawed and sacred humanity that oscillates between the fear of the unknown and trust in the God we love so dearly. God will see us through. What the world will look like on the other side is unknown. Easter will be new life. That my friends is good news in this diffi-cult time.

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**Judy Hoff**

Judy Frances Hoff died March 27, 2020 at Missouri Slope Care Center in Bismarck, ND.

Judy was born November 11, 1937 in Bismarck, ND to Robert and Mary Hoffman (Plas). She grew up in Flasher, ND. Throughout most of her younger years Judy attended daily mass at St Lawrence Church. In 1955 she graduated from Flasher High School as Valedictorian at the age of 17. She then attended Dickinson College where she earned her teaching degree. After graduation she taught for two years at a small country school near Flasher.

Judy met a handsome rancher, Jim Hoff, of Leith ND and they were united in marriage on June 2, 1958 at St Lawrence Catholic Church in Flasher. Jim and Judy ranched on the Cannonball River south of Leith, where they raised nine children. Active in their children’s lives and the community, they continued to attend all local football and basketball games long after their own children were grown and gone. They were proud to receive the first ever Fan Appreciation Award from the Carson school. Around 1978 Judy became a New York Life Insurance agent. She loved the aspect of getting to know and serve so many people in the local community. Judy was also a Eucharist Minister and Lecturer. Judy also served for many years on the board of the North Dakota Catholic Family Services and the Dakota Resource Council.

Judy’s faith was of great importance to her throughout her life. She served as the religious education coordinator at St. Theresa’s Catholic Church in Carson, ND for many years. In 1984, along with Dick Kraft, she started a local Lenten tradition of acting out The Stations of the Cross. The Way of the Cross has become a community event that still goes on every year and includes students from all the local churches. She impacted the lives of many over the years. Her own children would often hear from their peers that they were so lucky to have her as a mom. She was a person of great wisdom and her children, along with many of their friends, felt comfortable confiding in her and appreciated her wisdom, insight, and advice.

During the midst of the farm crisis of the 1980s, Judy looked to her faith for comfort. She turned to the Psalms and with them she found solace. She turned to writing and publishing a book, Psalms From the Heartland. Her psalms were a powerful reflection on life in rural America and offered comfort and hope to readers during a trying time.

Judy’s greatest legacy and joy was the large family that she always wanted. Jim and Judy were married for 52 years. She is survived by their nine children: Mary (Jemison) Locati, Spearfish, SD, Beth (John) Dinnem, Bismarck, ND, Jamie (Mike) McCrae, Reno, NV, Cathy (Joe) Miller, St. Michael, SD, Jim (Karen) Hoff, Melrose, MN, Bob (Kathy) Hoff, Leith, ND, David (Miracle) Hoff, Fargo, ND, Jeanie Hoff, Sarasota, FL, and Wayne (Beth) Hoff, LaMoure, ND, twenty-seven grandchildren, and twenty-one great-grandchildren, her brother Jack (Dorothy) Hoffman, sisters-in-law LeAnn Hoff, Marie Hoff, and Karol Hoff as well as many loving nieces and nephews.

Judy was proceeded in death by her husband Jim, her parents Ed and Mary Hoffman, her sister Bobbie (and Frank) Jochem, her brother Ed (and Pearl) Hoffman, her brothers in law Ken (and Arlene) Hoff and Lee Hoff and her sister in law Bernadine Hoff. In lieu of flowers the family prefers memorials to Home on the Range or Prairie Learning Center.

A private family Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 1, 2020 at St. Theresa’s Catholic Church in Carson, ND. A mass and celebration of Judy’s life will be held July 25th in Carson.

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**Did You Know...**

Every time you shuffle a deck of cards, you get a combination that’s never existed. Math experts out there know this is because the probability comes out to 32 factorial or 32! (52x51x50x...x1). The probability that two card shuffles are exactly the same is so small, it likely will never happen.
Dakota Hill News
Sandie Volk, Activity Director

We hope all is well with you and all that you know. Sunday we started our week with Devotions. Monday afternoon we played Word Search. Tuesday morning we had Devotions. After lunch we played Bingo. Regular: Donna, Ruby, Alta, Gertie & Clarence. Blackout: Alta, Ruby & Darla.

Thursday morning we continued the fun with Bingo cards got pulled out again. Regular: Ruby, Gertie, Darla, Deloris. Picture frame: Alta, 4-corner: Alta, Ruby & Darla. Blackout: Donna. To finish out the week we had Ball Toss. To close out this week we would like to thank family and friends as well as staff. We are making the best of this uncertain situation. We will get through this. I am thankful for the size of our facility so we can offer more things to residents than if we were a big one and residents were confined to their rooms. Like so many places all across the state and country. Take care and God Bless.

Recipe: Bunny Bait
From the kitchen of: Joy Zimmerman

Ingredients:
16 oz. white candy melts
11-12 C. popped popcorn
2 C. pretzel rods
2 C. dry roasted peanuts
1 bag spring M&M's
1 container Cool Whip, thawed
1 small can crushed pineapple
1 small pig, instant vanilla pudding

Directions: In a large bowl, mix the popcorn, pretzels and peanuts. Melt the candy according to directions and mix until all ingredients are coated. Pour the mixture onto wax paper and spread out top with the M&M's so they stick. Let cool and dry, then store in an airtight container. Keep in a cool place.

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Burgum signs EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Gov. Doug Burgum signed two executive orders, one designed to slow the spread of COVID-19 in North Dakota and protect the most vulnerable from the coronavirus disease by limiting visitation to long-term care facilities.

The first executive order requires individuals who test positive for COVID-19 to self-quarantine in their place of residence for no less than 14 days or as directed by the State Health Officer. Family and house-hold members residing with the infected individual and identified by the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) as a contact of an infected individual must do the same.

"Self-quarantine is the least restrictive and most practical means of isolating individuals who are contagious or exposed to COVID-19," Burgum said. "We will continue to take targeted action to slow the spread of the coronavirus and preserve hospital capacity to save lives."

Burgum noted that North Dakota already has a 14-day self-quarantine order in place for citizens returning from states identified by CDC or ND Department of Health with widespread community infection:

- Alabama
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- Florida
- Georgia
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Louisiana
- Maine
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
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- New York
- North Carolina
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Utah
- Virginia
- Washington
- West Virginia
- Wisconsin
- Wyoming

For more information on the state’s COVID-19 response, visit www.health.nd.gov/coronavirus or www.ndresponse.gov.

Help Wanted half-time Math Corps Tutor

The Elgin/New Leipzig Public School is looking for a half-time Math Corps Tutor for the 2020-2021 school year. Tutors will work with students grades 4-8 on individual and small group intervention in the area of mathematics. More information can be found at https://sl16.formsmd.com/servetogrow/psychocaps/index.html. Interested applicants can also inquire about becoming a paraprofessional at the school for the other half of employment. Intervention periods occur at the school daily in the morning. Math Corps is an evidence-based, standard protocol math intervention program developed by math experts and delivered in the school (“site”) by Math Corps tutors. Trained Math Corps tutors provide evidence-based interventions to students in grades 4 - 8 who are just below grade-level proficiency in math based on their performance on the state accountability test. Interested applicants should contact the school at 584-2374 and ask for Daniel Ludvigson. Applications must be made directly through the Center for Psychiatric Care by calling 701-732-2509.

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Patients will come to the clinic for their appointments and register with the clinic receptionist, just as they do for other provider appointments. During their appointment, patients will be assisted by a clinic nurse to link with a psychiatrist or psychotherapist via a monitor in the exam room. The nurse will then leave the room so the patient has privacy.

Who can make an appointment?

Psychiatrists or psychotherapists are available for both adults and children of all ages.
**New Leipzig Senior Meals**

**Thurs., April 9:** Baked ham, cheesy hash brown bake, scalloped corn, Easter treat, milk, coffee.

**Fri., April 10:** Fish fillet, baked potato, seven-layer salad, lemon fruit salad, milk, coffee.

**Mon., April 13:** Meatloaf, baked potato, creamed peas, apricots, milk, coffee.

**Tues., April 14:** Pork roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, pumpkin bar, milk, coffee.

**Wed., April 15:** Chicken Cordon Bleu casserole, noodles, tossed salad, apple dessert, milk, coffee.

**Thurs., April 16:** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, stewed tomatoes, chocolate mousse, milk, coffee.

**Coffee Time**

Jane Alt

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**Did You Know...**

Cats once delivered mail in Belgium

In the 1980s, the city of Liege, Belgium, attempted to employ 37 felines as mail carriers. Messages were tucked into waterproof bags that the kittens would carry around their necks. Due to the fact the cats weren’t particularly reliable and definitely weren’t speedy, the service didn’t last very long.

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**Breakfast Menu**

**Thurs., April 9:** Chocolate chip muffin, cheese stick, juice, milk.

**Fri., April 10:** No meals – Good Friday.

**Mon., April 13:** No meals.

**Tues., April 14:** Breakfast bagel with egg patty, cheese, juice, milk.

**Wed., April 15:** Egg roll (bacon, egg, cheese), juice, milk.

**Thurs., April 16:** Scrambled eggs, ham patty, bread, juice, milk.

**Lunch Menu**

**Thurs., April 9:** Turkey, bun, corn, peaches.

**Fri., April 10:** Roast pork, breadstick, corn, mandarin oranges.
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Lifeguard certification will be conducted in the Elgin Pool Friday, April 17 (4:00 - 8:00 p.m.)
Saturday, April 18 (8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.)
Sunday, April 19 (8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.)

The cost is $200 (reimbursement will be offered to those who work for the Elgin Pool).

The certification will be the American Red Cross Lifeguarding First Aid/CPR/AED.

To register, call the Elgin/New Leipzig Public School at 584-2374 or Jim Keller at 584-3015.

You must pass the pre-test to qualify for the class, which is as follows:

PRE-REQUISITES:
1. Must be 15 years old or before the final scheduled session of course.
2. Swim 300 yards continuously demonstrating breast crawl and rhythmical breathing. Candidates may swim using the front crawl (freestyle), breaststroke, or a combination of both, but swimming on the back or side is not allowed. Swim goggles may be used.
3. Tread water for two minutes using only the legs.
4. Complete a timed event within 1:40.
5. Plunging in the water, swim 20 yards. The face may be in or out of the water. Swim goggles are not allowed.
6. Surface dive, first fist and head-first, to a depth of 7-10 feet to retrieve a 10-pound object.
7. Return to the surface and swim 20 yards on the back to return to the starting point with both hands holding the object and keeping the face at or near the surface so you are able to get a breath. Candidates should not swim the distance under-water. Exit the water without using a ladder or steps.
COVID-19 CASE
in Grant County

LUANN DART
luann@westriv.com

O
n March 31, Grant County reported its first
positive test for coronavirus disease 2019
(COVID-19). The person was identified by
the N.D. Department of Health (NDDoH) as a wom-
an in her 50s who had contracted the virus through
community spread.

The NDDoH is investigating how each positive
test came about, with these categories: close contact,
possible travel, travel or community spread. Commu-
nity spread means the person was not in known pro-
longed close contact with anyone else with a positive
test and that the person did not recently travel.

Last weekend, North Dakota topped 200 positive
cases in the state.

“Right now, we have the lowest COVID numbers
of pretty much anyplace in the country. Some of that
is due to the fact that we don’t have everybody getting
tested, but some of that is due to the fact that social
distance is a part of North Dakota,” said Dr. Eliza-
beth Sundberg, a medical doctor at Jacobson Memori-
al Hospital Care Center (JMHCC) in Elgin.

“I’m sure there’s more in the county than just the
one, but if we can all take care of each other, we’ll get
through this,” she said.

JMHCC is preparing staff to handle more cases in
coming weeks.

“We are being extremely careful and trying
to coach each other on safety, personal protective
equipment and I would say, overall, the mood is pretty
good. We know we have a good team here and we
want to keep it that way. The problem is, we don’t
have a real deep bench, so if we start having team
members getting sick, we’re going to be hurting,”
Sundberg said.

Part of keeping the local health care team healthy
is keeping the general population healthy by following
guidelines for social distancing and hygiene, such as
handwashing, covering coughs and sneezes, and not
touching your face.

“We’re trying to stay safe to take care of you.
Please stay safe to help take care of us,” Sundberg
urged residents.

JMHCC is still following recommended protocols
regarding swabbing patients and sending samples
to the laboratory for testing for COVID-19. The last NDDoH total
showed 10 tests have been conducted in Grant Coun-
ty.

The NDDoH has recommended to health care
providers that testing be prioritized for the following
groups:
• Patients hospitalized with respiratory illness
• Those living or working in congregate settings
• Health care workers
• Testing for public health investigators and con-
tact tracing

That means not every patient is tested, so resi-
dents should understand that more COVID-19 carriers
than the NDDoH tallies indicate are likely present in
the population. And, if 1 in 4 who are COVID-19 posi-
tive do not display symptoms, Sundberg said.

“We have a limited ability to swab people,
because right now the state is the only place that is
running the test,” Sundberg added. “We test based
only on those recommendations and with the approval
of the on-call provider, because the testing is just not
available for everybody to come in and get checked.
And since there is no treatment other than support, it
doesn’t make a huge amount of difference, unless

Elgin Celebraiton, Highway 21 Treasure Hunt canceled for 2020

Organizers have announced the cancellation of both the
Elgin Celebration/All-Class Reunion and the Highway 21 Treasure
Hunt in 2020, both of which had been scheduled for June 19-20.

The Elgin Celebration Committee and the Elgin/
New Leipzig Alumni Association met to make the
decision to cancel that event in 2020 and
reschedule it for June 18-20, 2021.

“We made the
decision for the safety
of people coming from
different states. There are
so many uncertainties at
this time. It was also a
decision for the safety of
Elgin, our community, to
postpone that for a year,”
said Jess Gappert, one of
the committee members.

The Highway 21 Treasure Hunt, which
was scheduled for June 19-20
as well, also cancelled the
event for 2020.

“Friends: We have
decided to cancel the
Highway 21 Treasure
Hunt in 2020. The next
event will be June 18-19,
2021. Stay safe. We love
all of you for all your
support over the years
and hope to see you in
2021!” organizer Luann
Dart posted on the event’s
Facebook page last week.

“People travel from
other communities, other
states and even Canada
to attend this event. With
such an unknown as
to how the COVID-19
pandemic is going to
progress, we simply made
the decision based on
keeping everyone home
and safe this year,” she
said.

“I was in tears the
evening that I posted that
notice on Facebook,” she
said. “This event is
so close to my heart,
so it was not an easy
decision. I hope everyone
understands and plans to
return to it, bigger and
better, June 18-19, 2021.”

Flasher High School Senior, Joey Leingang

Impacts of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic are being felt throughout
the world, including by the senior class of 2020. Instead of celebrating their final high school
accomplishments, their lives suddenly changed when classes transitioned to online and extracurricular
activities were postponed or canceled. Here, we visit with Joey Leingang, a senior at Flasher Public
School.

What has been your thought process through the
last few weeks?

“Any kid’s initial thought about school being
cancelled is ‘yay,’ but now we’ve all realized how
long and how it’s going to affect us later on. We’re
kind of upset, kind of sad. We’re going to miss out
on probably the most fun parts of our senior year.
I wasn’t really surprised, because I figured it was
going to happen eventually. I just didn’t really think
it would happen so soon.”

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What is there anything that has come out of this?

“It’s definitely been helping my dad, because he
has an extra hand at home.”

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“I plan to go to North Dakota State University
this fall and go into mechanical engineering.”
The Carson Food Pantry has a new scheduling for distribution to help prevent a crowding situation. Starting Monday, April 13, we will open from 3:00- 6:00 MT for people that have last names that start from A-M. On Tuesday April 14, we will open from 10:00- 11:00 MT for people that have last names that start from N-Z.

If you received from the previous distribution, you are asked to not come back to this week because you did receive enough food for a two week period.

Please bring back your handled boxes. Be assured that we are sanitizing with keeping the pantry clean and sanitized.

Any concerns please call Barb Hintz at 622- 3236 or Gequita Walker-Edinger at 622-3193.

Please share and pass the word around as there are many without jobs and good through very hard times.

Palm Sunday this week was a new experience for me. For 80 years I have attended that church service in the same church on 1st Ave N.E. in Carson. I’ve decided not to let COVID-19 change that. I’m going to worship on Sunday like I always have. It means I’ll be all alone, but that’s ok. We’re all having new experiences, and that’s mine.

My daughter, Angel, who lives in Michigan, arranged for herself and her four siblings and me, to visit on camera on our computers last week. That was fantastic. We won’t be seeing each other for quite a while personally, so this was a “shot in the arm” so to speak.

We are asked to pray for this World War C (for Carnivorous) at 12:00 MT every day for five minutes. Phil 4:6-7.

Our Little Free Library in the city park is full of books, something for everyone. Lots of children’s books, too. A good time to enjoy this “food for the soul”.

My Amaryllis plant has just finished blooming one stalk of four flowers. Another stalk has five flowers, three more stalks coming. The other pot has one stalk blooming with four flowers. All in this last week of Lent.

Lucy, my rescue cat, is on her last two meals of Fancy Feast greens. I was afraid she would be stressed out having to go back to Meow Mix since I can’t get to Walmart to shop. But Science Diet saved the day. She really likes it. Maybe because she likes the big grey cat on the bag.

A dear old friend, Judy Hoff, passed away recently. She was a real Christian lady, talented in so many ways. She wrote a book, “Psalms from the Heartland”, and in my boy to her I would like to quote one of her writings from this book. “Tears in the Night, joy in the Morning” I cried to you, my God; and you healed me.

To God, all faithful people. (Psalm 30: 2-4) There was a time when I thought I would never laugh again. Sorrow had filled my heart for so long; night and day, I cried out to you, God. It seemed my prayers were useless. You did not hear me. I cried out to you again; My prayers were left unanswered. Now I know joy in my morning, joy is this new life. You hear my prayer, you strengthen and heal me; I meet the new day. You have taken away my sadness and filled me with joy. My sorrow has been changed into a song of gladness.” I sing of your glory. I will not be silent. Oh God, my God, I will thank you forever. (Psalm 30:12)

Happy birthday to Karen Scholes, Halle Rvinius, Quayy Armijo, Carey Rvinius, Parker Bachmeier, Kody Koenig, Kaitlyn Hauge, Kiari Stewart.

Happy anniversary to the John Paulsons’, John Ulrichs’, Lucas Redmanns’.

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