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Grant County FBLA members QUALIFY FOR NATIONALS

LAURA MUGGLI

On March 29, twenty Grant County FBLA members planned on traveling to Bismarck for the State Leadership Conference. A few weeks prior, North Dakota FBLA made the decision to cancel the conference and create an alternative format conference. FBLA members across the state were saddened by the news, but many were glad that they still would have the opportunity to compete.

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Census Bureau suspends field operations

The U.S. Census Bureau is adapting or delaying some of its operations to protect the health and safety of its staff and the public.

Under the adjusted 2020 Census operation plan, field activities would resume after June 1, 2020, as Area Census Offices begin preparing to full staff capacity. In-person activities, including enumeration, officer training, and processing activities, will incorporate consistent COVID-19 guidance from authorities.

GCHS graduation planned 'one way or another'
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Grant County High School graduation will be held May 24, scheduled. Principal Terry Bentz told the Elgin/New Leipzig School District board of education during its regular meeting April 15. Details, however, are still being discussed.

“We’re going to have it on May 24, one way or another. We’re going to have it May 24, normally or virtually,” Bentz said.

High school awards night, scheduled for May 11, is also being planned in some form.

“I am still hoping and praying we can do something with that, maybe not to the level that we used to, but may be something. But if not, I’m trying to figure out a way to recognize those students, just because they earned it. How that will look, I’m not sure,” Bentz said.

With the spring extracurricular activities disrupted and distance learning in place at the school, Bentz outlined how some activities have continued, while others may still be pending. For example, Future Business Leaders of America state competitions were held virtually to determine national qualifiers.

But the N.D. High School Activities Association has still suspended activities indefinitely. “The board of directors will re-evaluate on July 1 with the resumption of spring sports, winter basketball season tournaments and fine arts contests to be considered only if a return to in-person K-12 instruction is imminent,” the association’s website states.

Gov. Doug Burgum has issued guidelines for a graduated reopening process for the state May 1. “My plan is going to be a big threshold,” Bentz said.

During the board meeting, school staff were recognized for their continued work during the COVID-19 pandemic, with a particular thank-you to school secretary Shelly Bascier.

“She’s been working very hard,” said Superintendent Daniel Ludvigson.

“She is in the trenches every day up there,” Bentz said. Shelly is the backbone to this whole thing.”

“I am very impressed with our staff and how they came through during this time. They were given a week to plan this whole platform that usually takes up to a year to do something of such a decisively measured and I think they translated very well into this,” Bentz said.

“These teachers, all of them – K-12 and paraprofessionals – all deserve our admiration and commendation for the effort they each put forth.”

CARES ACT FUNDS RECEIVED

During the meeting, the board learned that the district will receive approximately $57,000 through the CARES Act. The amount was calculated based on free and reduced meal applications and enrollment. That type of funding again stresses the importance of free and reduced meal applications, Ludvigson pointed out.

“They have a big role on a lot of things here,” he said.

The CARES Act funding, however, requires the district honor contracts, including those for track, golf, speech and elementary volleyball coaches, which are spring events. “Part of the stipulation of receiving these dollars is you have to continue paying your staff under contract, and that would include spring sports and our bus contracts,” Ludvigson said.

The board approved honoring those contracts, with the requirement that those coaches still complete required training and certification.

Another COVID-19 impact has been the cancellation of the senior class trip, leaving funds in the senior class treasury that would have been spent for the trip. The board discussed various ways to distribute the funds, including dividing the funds among all the seniors in some way. A final decision was tabled until the next meeting.

“We’re in an abnormal situation,” Ludvigson said. Under normal circumstances, he noted, the funds would not be returned to students, Bentz added.

UPGRADES PLANNED

In other business, the board accepted a $15,125 bid from Milt’s Building Supplies to remove the existing windows facing the pool parking area and replace them with triple-pane glass. This would include all the windows on the south side. Dakota Community Bank in New Leipzig has donated $13,000 toward this project.

Sara Halvadick
Gabrielle Moffitt

Elgin Senior Meals menu

Thurs., April 23:
Breakfast: burrito, juice, milk.
Fri., April 24:
Cereal, yogurt, juice, milk.
Sun., April 26:
Taco, rice, beans, juice, milk.
Mon., April 27:
Ham sandwich, knoephla soup, relishes pineapple tidbits, milk, coffee.
Tues., April 28:
Turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, tossed salad, milk.
Wed., April 29:
Sausage, mashed potato to go, green beans, corn, milk.

For families that request meals, busses for out-of-town delivery will be sent out by 9:30 a.m. if possible. In-town pickups are from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the side door in the alley.

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April 15, 2020

The Dickinson
Al-Anon Family Group is hosting weekly virtual zoom meetings on Wednesday nights at 8:00 p.m. For more information contact, (701) 260-5272 or (701) 590-1548.
Monday we played Family Feud in the morning and then we played Corn Hole in the afternoon. We had a good week. We started the week with local Pastors. On Wednesday we had Devotions in the afternoon and the Bingo after supper. Winners were: Regular Darrell (2), & Donna (2). 4-corner: Alta, Darrell & Clarence. Blackout winner was Gertie.

Thursday morning we played Bingo. Regular: Clarence, Delores & Bonnie. Blackout winner was Leona. Closing out the week for activities we played Find A Word on Saturday. Our word was “Quarantine” we ended up finding 60 words. At this time we would like to say a Special Thank you to the person/ persons who sent us a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Card said “Thank you for all that you do”. Staff and residents are enjoying them.

We have also started doing video calls. It is another way for residents to get to see their family and friends. If you would like to be added to the list please e-mail your information to dhhactivities@gmail.com. Include who (resident name in subject line) your name, e-mail, cell phone #. Thank you, residents have been enjoying this added activity.

Recipe: Bread Machine Sweet Dough

**Ingredients:**
- ½ C. warm water
- ½ C. warm milk
- 2 tsp. sugar
- 1 beaten egg
- 1 C. bread flour
- 2 ½ tsp. yeast

**Directions:**
Put bread machine on dough cycle, check dough before completely mixed, add a bit more flour if you touch the top of the dough ball and it is still very sticky. When raised, shape into any rolls that you like... cereal, cinnamon, fruit, or even kuchen... makes 5 kuchen.

This is a really nice dough for any sweet rolls, light and tasty... DO NOT OVERBAKE! Enjoy!

You can also mix this up the conventional way, knead to allow then raise, shape and bake as usual.

Thank you for contributing, Norma!
In addition, the chapter received the Membership Achievement Award. On April 16, the North Dakota FBLA held a virtual awards ceremony to honor the outstanding individuals and chapters in the state. The event was held as a live video on Facebook. Grant County FBLA members won in the following events:
- Laura Magill - 1st Place - Accounting
- Haylee Muggli - 3rd Place - Agribusiness
- Kayedenn Rivinius - 4th Place - Computer Problem Solving
- Hunter Owen - 7th Place - Intro to Business
- Katie Rosene - 2nd Place - Intro to Business Communications
- Sam Ellison - 3rd Place - Intro to Business Communications
- Halle Rivinius - 5th Place - Intro to Business Communications
- Allie Friesz - 5th Place - Intro to Business Procedures
- Allie Friesz - 3rd Place - Intro to FBLA
- Kayedenn Rivinius - 3rd Place - Intro to Information Technology
- Katie Rosene - 4th Place - Intro to Financial Math

Every year, the top four individuals in each event get to travel and compete at the National Leadership Conference. This year, the students were excited to travel to Salt Lake City, Utah but the National FBLA recently cancelled the conference. However, we were excited to hear that the National Leadership Conference will now be in an online format, and members will still be able to compete. On behalf of the Grant County FBLA, we would like to extend our thanks to the community for supporting our local chapter again this year. Congratulations to all winners and competitors!
Lucille Atkinson

Lucille Atkinson, 95, passed away April 18, 2020 at Edgewood Manor in Mandan, ND surrounded by her loving family. Due to COVID-19 a private family funeral will take place with burial at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery.

Lucille (Lundgren) Atkinson was born June 24, 1924 to Eric and Anna (Westerberg) Lundgren on their farm north of Flasher. She attended local country grade schools, except for sixth grade when she attended Richolt Elementary School in Bismarck. After graduating from Flasher High School in 1942, she joined the love of her life, Edward Atkinson, and they were married on October 31, 1942 in Lawton, OK. After Edward’s discharge from the army, they returned to North Dakota where they raised their five children. Lucille occasionally worked outside the home cleaning at the school and bank, but she was mostly a stay at home mom who was always there for her children. No matter when you came to her house, she always made sure there was a kitchen. Lucille loved to bake for her family and friends. Her happiest times were when her children and grandchildren would visit her. Lucille struggled for over 25 years with macular degeneration, which left her blind. She belonged to the North Dakota Blind Association for many years. Lucille lived most of her life in the Flasher area until moving to Mandan in 2003. Because of her eyesight, she enjoyed listening to the radio, “What’s on your Mind” and country western music were her favorites. She also enjoyed polka music and was an avid fan of the Chicago Cubs. Lucille admitted in an interview that in fact that nearly every day she flew the American Flag on her deck! She was also a member of First Lutheran Church in Mandan. Blessed to have shared in her life are her children, Edward Lee (Vicky), South Prairie, WA, Sharon (Ted) Miller, Mandan, Dean (Shelley), Oakes, ND, Donna (Jim) Anderson, Bowbells, ND, and Scott (Dawn), Lenox, KS; forever missing Lucille are her 12 grandchildren; Owen, Tracy, Kurt, Scott, Jesse, Whitney, Jill, Kayla, Ian, Drew, and Chase; 20 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren whom she dearly loved. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Edward, who passed away in 2006; her sisters, Ruth, Mina, and Hazel; and her brothers, Lloyd and Wallace. The family prefers memorial services to be made to the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery or First Lutheran Church in Mandan. To sign the online guestbook and to view the committal service broadcast visit www.Buecherlarson.com.

Pastor’s Notes

Pastor Barb Keong

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Somehow, it was dif- ficult to be happy this day. I thought about the ruin and its toll on human life seemed to temper joy. And yet, we still need joy in our lives. How can we find joy in such a time as this? That is where Lucille's joy came from?

I believe there is. We can find joy when a child pokes over a computer and finally “gets” the lesson. We can find joy in a call to a dear friend who will do the thing we wanted to do that day. We can find joy in surprise and new life. We can find joy in the fresh smell of spring in the air. We can find joy in the scampering of a young child.

God created us for companionship and it is in companionship with others that we find our deep- est joy. Whether we live alone or in a busy family, we need the companionship that fills our souls. We find joy when we focus on the modern devices that keep us connected. Phones, internet, computer, and the tele- view, even “snail mail” can bring us a bit of joy each day.

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Coffee Time

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The North Dakota High School Activities Association, in its continued interest in education, announced the selection of the “North Dakota Team Scholar Award” program. Every member school in North Dakota is eligible for the award. The Team Scholar Award program is designed to recognize those athletic teams/groups that achieve excellence in the classroom. This program is also meant to motivate students toward academic excellence and to promote academic encourage- ment from teammates.

The principal in each school shall compute each athletic team’s Grade Point Average at the end of each activity’s season and submit the applica- tion if a team has a 3.20 or better GPA.

The 2019-2020 Grant County Coyote Speech team has achieved that excellence. The ten members that made up the team had a combined Grade Point Average of 3.61 for the 2019-2020 season. The team consists of: Payneigh Dent, Trevor Rathseifer, Averey Roth, Madalyn Sauter, and Christy Finck; Sophomores: Katie Roseme, Danielle Gaugler, and Halle Rives.

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Math Corps is an evidence-based, standard pro- tocol math intervention program developed by math experts and delivered to the school (site)” by the Math Corps National Training Institute.

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Happy 80th Birthday, Adela Clark!
Help her celebrate with a card shower. Send birthday greetings to: Adela Clark 3390 Highway 21 Flasher, ND 58535

Help Wanted
Custodial Staff Position
The Elgin/New Leipzig public school is looking for an individual to work during the summer assisting with summer projects and to join the staff for the 2020-2021 school year. Potential for working into the head custodian position. A total of eight hours per day are available. Exact times for work may or can vary. The starting wage is $11.80 with no experience or additional skills. A maximum wage of $15.80 per hour. Full single insurance is available. Considerations will be made for mechanical, carpentry, plumbing, electrical, or other skills relevant to building maintenance. Experience and training in cleaning will also be taken into consideration. Interested individuals may contact the school at 584-2374 and ask to speak with Mr. Ludvigson. Applications may also be picked up at the business office or may be mailed or emailed.
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Carson City Council Proceedings

City of Carson
April 6, 2020

Regular Meeting Minutes
Via Phone Conference
(Un-Approved)
Present: Mayor VandenBurg, City Manager Donna Vanderburg, Council Members Barb Kraft, Mayor Pro Tem Tony Zenker, Sonja Springer, City Auditor Jackie Steinmetz
Absent: Clerkkie Steimann

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M. by Mayor VandenBurg.

I believe spring has finally arrived. I can now put away my winter clothes for a little while. Mr. Schafer reported there were a few days in February where we had more than 0.184% of precipitation. Mr. Schafer also mentioned that they were all over this winter. He said the sad thing was that they were so thankful to have their family at home with them. I heard a man on TV say that he had never been able to spend 30 days together with their dad before. His job always had him traveling and being away. He said the sad thing was that they were all over 16 and wished he would have done that sooner. It makes us think, doesn’t it? I hope that we take away something from this time and not just get back to the busy-ness of life right after this time and our time and quiet time to reflect and rest our minds. I think this has probably been one of the best experiences too. People are starving, local more than heading out of town to pick up things. We need to remember to keep that practice even after things have opened up again. We are blessed to have local businesses to support and each other this way.

Happy birthday to my baby girl, Jessica Riehl. I can hardly believe we will be getting married in a few months. I hope this will be a safe and healthy planting season. Nick and his brothers and sister, have been getting together on Sunday evenings. It is fun to see everyone, virtually. The Selfridge Rural Fire Board Directors’ Reorganization Meeting usually held in the winter was scheduled for a later date due to gathering restrictions.

The Fire District will hold its annual rummage sale all this is over, so if you are spending your time at home cleaning, consider putting aside some items to donate.

The Selfridge School continues to participate in distance learning. Students are also receiving meals. The Selfridge School staff and teachers are really stepping up to figure things out and help their students in this difficult time.

Happy Birthday to Aaden Murphy, Bitch Jochim, Phil Wolvein, Lor Sauer, David Steele, Sr., Filomena Mosset, Jack Volkmuth, and Jerry Volkmuth.