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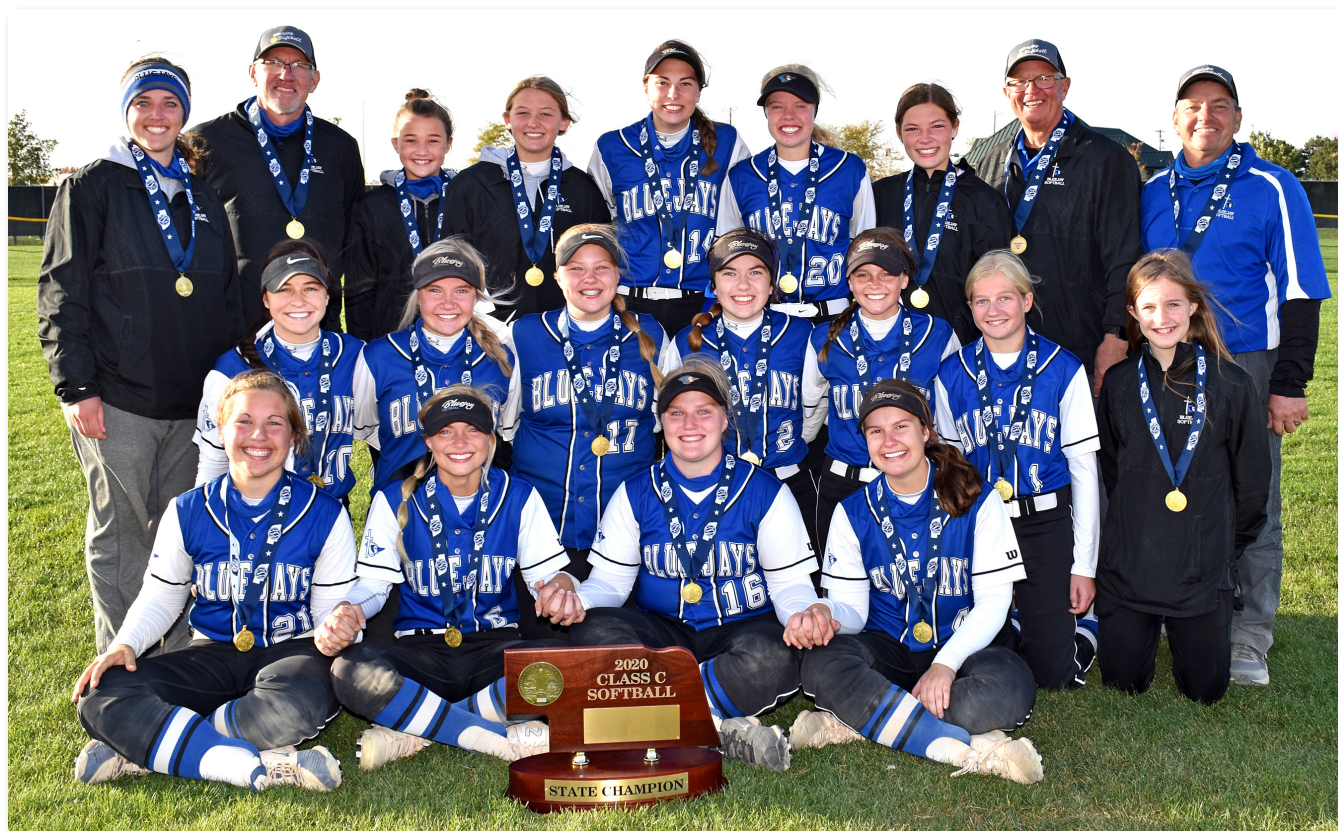
Bluejays brush off early upset, capture Class C state title



The celebration is on as GACC captured the Class C State Softball championship Friday at Hastings. Bluejays celebrating the 2020 title win are, from left, front: Brenna Rief, Aubrey Kreikemeier; middle: Kayla Fischer, Erin Franzluebbbers, Kate Gnad, Jenna Schinstock, Avery Kreikemeier, Livia Hunke; back: Kiley Pojar, Jaycee Ortmeier, Leah Jansen, Tori Buss and Brynn Baumert.

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Allan Kreikemeier: GACC head softball coach



GACC's state title team are, from left, front: Jenna Schinstock, Brenna Rief, Erin Franzluebbers, Avery Kreikemeier; middle: Kate Gnad, Aubrey Kreikemeier, Kayla Fischer, Tori Buss, Livia Hunke, Sydney Hutchinson, manager Abbie Toline; back: coach Emily Franzluebbers, coach Jeff Pribnow, manager Shelby Perchal, Kiley Pojar, Leah Jansen, Brynn Baumert, Jaycee Ortmeier, coach Bruce Schlecht and head coach Allan Kreikemeier.

State softball champs

It was a lengthy, unforgettable journey for Guardian Angels Central Catholic in the 2020 Class C State Softball tournament held last week in Hastings.

The Bluejays were dealt a stunning loss in the opening round of the state tournament, but their mission never changed.

Facing elimination every step of the way, GACC settled in and reeled off six consecutive wins to accomplish its season-long goal. A state championship.

Guardian Angels Central Catholic secured the Class C State Softball title with a pair of wins, 7-3 and 12-0, over Kearney Catholic in

the state finals.

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Playing their way through the elimination bracket, GACC needed two wins in the Class C state finals.

"We knew we were the best team out here. We knew it was going to be hard, and we just kept fighting," Bluejay senior Brenna Rief said. "It felt so great to accomplish our goal."

For Kreikemeier, it's all about

the culture that has been built within the program.

"You don't have to be the best softball player in the world to contribute to this team. These kids just work hard and get after it," he said. "The kids really have bought in, and they really believe in themselves."

GACC ends the year with a 29-3 record. This marked the final game for four seniors: Jenna Schinstock, Brenna Rief, Avery Kreikemeier and Erin Franzluebbers.

"We are a family. We are inseparable," Avery Kreikemeier said. "We would do anything for each other."

Bluejay volleyball, football teams qualify for state



GACC played in the 2020 Class C2 State Volleyball tournament. Members of the state-bound team are, from left, front: Jayden Ehrisman, Reese Throener, Megan Plagge, Isabel Hass, Sophia Hass, Erica Engelmeyer, Kelsy Steffen; back: head coach Kate Hagemann, coach Krista Fischer, Andie Guenther, Kassidy Kaup, Evelyn Wooldrik, Taylor Timmerman, Greta Wooldrik, coach Mary Lueshen and coach Deb Bailey.



GACC competed in the Class D1 state football playoffs. Members of the Bluejay football team are, from left, front: Gavin Kreikemeier, Jesse Steffen, Nickolas Daberkow, Joseph Schwer, Evan Schuetze, Bryce Bailey, Blake Ortmeier, Bo Oligmueller; middle: Cody Steffen, Ethan Baumert, Josh Jansen, Nate Niewohner, Thomas Kreikemeier, Cash Meier, Dylan Steffen, Cale Schwer, Coy Kreikemeier, Carsten Knobbe, Kadin Pojar, Cole Hutchinson, Nikolas Wietfeld; back: coach Dave Ridder, Tanner Ehrisman, Braeden Steffen, Ben Ulrich, Dax Doernemann, Reese Schlecht, Bryan Ortmeier, Jaryn Smeal, Noah Kreikemeier, George Fraher, Michael Cohee, Ethan Wooldrik, James Rolf, coach Allan Lamlli and coach Matt Schlaebitz. Not pictured is coach Ryan Miller.

Family Fun Day mixes with All Saints Day

By Delores Meister

Family Fun Day and All Saints Day blended together on Sunday, November 1, as the 45th annual Family Fun Day made adjustments to avoid spreading the virus.

The noon dinners were served as drive-by take-outs. The afternoon auction of 47 major items was replaced with pre-purchased chances with bucket drawings.

The 47 donations were categorized onto nine tables under their patron saint. St. Eligius of Noyan, the patron saint of agricultural workers, presided at the farm table, which had donated items such as loads of rock and rental of farm machinery.

St. Isidore of Seville, the patron saint of computers, was at the table with the donated electronics while St. Margaret of Scotland, the patron saint of fashion, presided over the clothing, necklaces, boots and sunglasses items.

Food was always a necessity for saints as well as others aspiring to be saints. St. Elizabeth of Hungary, patron of bakers, presided at the dessert table while St. Anthony of Egypt, the patron saint of butchers, was at the meat table.

The gift card table for food services was under the patronage of the patron saint of cooks, St. Lorenzo.

St. Martha, hospitality patron, presided over home products. Quilts and quilters have a special saint, St. Homobonus. Her table had gorgeous group-made quilts.

St. Nicholas, patron saint of children, offered a selection of toys to be raffled.

With the afternoon community auction activity cancelled, parishioners thinking outside the box with social media (Facebook) came up with an idea that was quickly picked up by 17 family volunteers.

Families chose their saint and planned their displays.

A map was provided for families that wanted to take part in the All Saints Drive Around town.

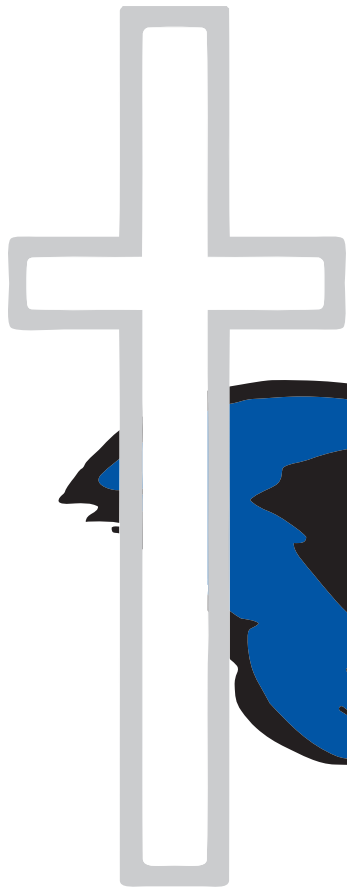


They were able to practice social distancing by visiting the outdoor themed stations. Each display was accompanied with a biography and a prayer.

St. Andrew the Apostle, a fisherman was illustrated with a canoe and fishing rods. St. Cecelia, the music patroness had an open guitar case and guitar. St. Nicholas, patron for children, had toys and Christmas decorations.

A large picture of St. Theresa of Calcutta included a message to remember those in nursing homes. Goal posts and a soccer net honored St. Luigi Scrosoppi, the patron of football and soccer.

People of all ages participated joining the traditional celebration of families, while specially honoring those who have successfully weathered the obstacles of living to reach their goals.



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JayFest June 4, 2021

Alumni Banquet June 5, 2021

GACC School finds plenty of joy in unique year

What a year 2020 has been at GACC!

While it is easy to look at the challenges that this year has presented, we want to focus on all of the blessings that we have received.

**GACC
PRINCIPAL**



**Kate
Hagemann**

We have navigated the first semester of the academic year and have been able to stay in face-to-face instruction on our regular calendar for the duration of the semester.

We successfully completed all fall extracurricular activities with minimal interruptions to the schedules.

Our softball team earned the Class C state championship title, our volleyball team was a state qualifier, our football team qualified for the playoffs, and

our one act team placed 5th at districts.

All of our winter activities are starting this week as well. Our students continue to work hard in the classroom, and we have been able to complete several community service projects despite the limitations put on communities due to COVID.

When our staff met in August for our first teacher meetings we discussed that this year was about “finding joy in the journey.”

This year will continue to present challenges during the journey of the school year, but our staff continually works to make GACC a safe and great place to be every day.

We have a lot to be joyful about this holiday season. Thanks to the staff, students, parents, and the community members who continually work together to support Catholic education. We are truly blessed.

GACC teams up with Striv for winter sports season

The winter sports season has kicked off for the Bluejays, and just like the falls sports season, Guardian Angels Central Catholic has partnered up with Striv TV.

“I think Striv has been a great addition to GACC. We are excited to be able to offer the opportunity to all of our GACC supporters,” GACC Principal Kate Hagemann said.

“We thought it was important with people choosing to stay home because of the pandemic and the chance that we may have to limit attendance that we offered an alternative way for people to view the activities. We are looking forward to continuing to grow how we use the Striv platform.

Anyone wanting to view GACC events being streamed by Striv, go to <https://striv.tv/channel/guardian-angels-central-catholic/>.

GACC raising money for March for Life

Due to COVID-19, the Archdiocese of Omaha will not be sending pilgrims to the national March for Life in Washington, D.C. in January 2021.

While disappointing for the GACC students, the school is excited to continue to raise money from calendar sales to support the 2022 pilgrimage.

If you are interested in purchasing a calendar, contact GACC at (402) 372-5326.

Christmas edition coming out soon

Because of the current pandemic, Guardian Angels Central Catholic School did not hold a traditional Christmas concert. Instead, they recorded the concert to be viewed online.

Photos from that concert can be found in a special News from the Nest Christmas Edition that will be released later this month.

‘We want to hear from you’

GACC loves hearing news from all of its alumni. If you have any news you would like to share with us, please email it to: ranaeobrien1@gmail.com

We would love to print your stories in the GACC News from the Nest.

BIRTHS

Kara (Weiler) '10 & Josh Perchal: son Judge Frederick - Date of birth 9/11/2020

Karmen (Emanuel) '08 & Andy Dicks: daughter Kendal Lynn - Date of birth 10/14/20

Aaron '02 & Ashley Cihacek: son Brooks Thomas - Date of birth 10/21/20

Angela (Cihacek) '98 & Shawn Roeber: sons Isaach William and Camden Gene - Date of birth 10/27/20

Kelsey (Knobbe) '10 & Brock Schroder: son Dax David - Date of birth 11/25/20

DEATHS

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Paul Kreikemeier '62: Date of death 10/7/20

Ruth Stalp '66: Date of death 10/13/20

Sr. Stephen Marie Luebbert '52: Date of death 10/14/20

Paul Bracht '58: Date of death 10/22/20

Joan (Buser) Sorensen '49: Date of death 10/25/20

Jean (Tingelhoff) Farmer '63: Date of death 11/10/20

Patrick McNamara '59: Date of death 11/18/20

David Prinz '73: Date of death 11/19/20

Dennis Buse '66: Date of death 11/23/20

WEDDINGS

Vanessa Throener '12 married Chris Gall on 10/10/20

Delayna Minnick '13 married Brett Hunke '13 on 10/17/20

Elizabeth Otte '07 married Chris Dutton on 10/17/20

Dalton Graybeal '12 married Kimberly Steffensmeier on 10/24/20

Callie Fischer '15 married Matt Popelka on 11/14/20

Miranda Kreikemeier '14 married Blake Holtmeier on 11/28/20

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Orange is the New Glass

GACC one-act performed "Orange is the New Glass" this year.

Above: Sophia Hass (Cinderella) and Tobias Steffensmeier (Prince Charming) discuss matters in the kingdom.

Right: Avery Kreikemeier, left, and Angela Rolf, right, two of the Three Little Pig-arazzi, cheer on Ethan Wooldrik (Officer Tortoise). Photos by Willis Mahannah



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