



MARCH ON

While this year's March for Life trip in Washington D.C. was called off due to the pandemic, that didn't stop GACC students from marching as they took part in a local March for Life event held in Norfolk.

Front four girls pictured are, Jenna Schinstock, Kayla Fischer, Hannah Schwer and Anna Karnopp.





Guardian Angels Central Catholic captured the C2-3 District title and qualified for the Class C2 girls state basketball tournament in Lincoln. Members of the state-qualifying team are, from left, front: manager Ava Cohee, Kelsy Steffen, Isabel Hass, Sophia Hass, Livia Hunke, Erica Engelmeyer, Kate Gnad, Reese Throener, manager Harper Dinslage, manager Rowen Dinslage; back: coach Kelly Dinslage, manager Charlie Dinslage, Jocelynn Skoda, Bryynn Baumert, Taylor Timmerman, Brandi Doernemann, Brenna Rief, Cassidy Kaup, Leah Jansen, Greta Wooldrik, manager Breckyn Haase, coach Kevin Kreikemeier and head coach Jerry Stracke. Not pictured is coach Fr. Steve Emanuel. GACC finished the season with a 23-4 record.

Bluejays back to state



After 21 consecutive trips to the girls state basketball tournament, not qualifying the past two seasons made it seem like their last trip to Lincoln was forever ago.

Well, that wait came to an end as Guardian Angels Central Catholic returned to Lincoln.

And while it was an early exit for the Bluejays after their 59-45 loss to Ponca in the opening round of the Class C2 Girls State Basketball tournament, head coach Jerry Stracke was proud of his team.

"We don't want our season to be defined by this game. We had a great season. They played hard all year," Stracke said. "They were hard workers, and they got after it. I will always remember this team for the effort they played with."

Above: Bluejay Sophia Hass muscled the ball away from Ponca's Ashlyn Kingsbury during the opening round of the Class C2 Girls State Basketball tournament held last week Wednesday at Lincoln Southeast High School.

“So... How is it going?”

By Fr. Steve Emanuel

“So, how is it going?” I would be willing to bet that this has been the question I have most regularly fielded since August and our return to school.

Yes, this was a popular greeting in our pre-pandemic world, but since March 2020, it has become a more nuanced and gentler version of asking how the parishes and schools are surviving the impact of COVID-19.

Granted, there are variations of the inquiry depending on the source and their particular point of interest, but in general the theme and intent are the same.

From the perspective of participation at Church or school the thrust of the conversation will focus on numbers: “How is Mass attendance?” “Are you still having classes?” “Will we be having (name of event goes here)?” “Are people allowed to attend activities now?”

On the financial front the questions primarily deal with cash flow and our fiscal stability: “How are collections?” “Is tuition coming in?” “Are we able to pay our bills?”

Because of the amazing support and common sense approach

of a phenomenal community, in general, it has been my pleasure to respond, “We’re doing OK.”

The challenge of the pandemic has merely revealed the staunch faith that is the cornerstone of this community. We have been blessed in so many ways by people who respect the situation that we are facing without being intimidated by fear of the uncertain.

We have been bolstered by the generous stewardship of countless people who continue to invest in the mission of the Church and our schools. So thank you for making it easy to say, “We’re doing OK.”

If any entity or facet of our operations have had been adversely impacted in a drastic way, it would most certainly be the GACC Booster Club.

We have been blessed with tremendous volunteers who lead the Booster Club and offer their creative genius as well as their time, talent and treasure to keep the organization moving forward, but the realities of the pandemic have taken their toll financially.

The GACC Booster Club, which supports all of our extra-curricular activities, relies primarily on

fundraisers, activity concessions, and gate receipts for income to provide for the needs of our students.

Unfortunately, these essential sources of revenue have been directly impacted by the restrictions attached to public gatherings in light of COVID-19.

“So, how is it going?” We still have a quarter of school and activities left, but at this point we project that we will be able to continue to support everything without any financial duress. Moving forward to next year, we may have a different outlook.

We pray that we will be able to return to all of our regular fundraisers, as well as capacity crowds at our activities, which would certainly help our bottom line.

We just want you to know how much we appreciate your patronage, and ask that you keep the Booster Club in mind when we eventually invite you to one of our varied activities.

If you have any questions about how the Booster Club works, or would like to see the financials of this vital organization, please feel free to give us a call.



Bluejay speech sends six to state

Guardian Angels Central Catholic had six qualifiers for the Class C2 State Speech meet held March 18-19 in Kearney.

Qualifying from GACC were Avery Kreikemeier (OID), Evelyn Wooldrik (Humorous & OID), Sophia Hass (Duet), Andie Guenther (OID), Greta Wooldrik (Entertainment) and Tobias Stefensmeier (Duet & OID).

More about GACC's state speech qualifiers will appear in the May newsletter.

Lenten Friday night fish fry

By Delores Meister

Popular Knights of Columbus Friday night fish fries have become a tradition. It is a win-win situation. Good food and profits go to the community.

Anywhere from 300 to 500 people show up to eat tasty Alaskan pollock. How do the Knights do this?

Dan Nesladek became Fish Fry Chairman in 2007, 14 years ago, and he continues going strong as the efficient and expedient leader.

"I like doing it. It is fun," Nesladek said. "I like working with the volunteers. It is great camaraderie. Great guys to work with. Volunteers are always welcome."

Early on, Nesladek and Mike Graybeal meet to plan and order food. Nesladek has a chairman for each night. The chairman recruits about 18 volunteer workers who start around four o'clock and go to clean-up. Four basket fryers, and two recently donated fryers, speed up the fish service.

The Alaskan pollock is consistent week to week using the same batter and methods. Two sides, a salad and vegetable, are served. Grilled cheese sandwiches fill out the \$10 meal.

"This year is a challenge as we adjust to drive-thru only. We are doing the best we can. We have sped up the line," Nesladek said. "Hopefully next year we get back to indoor dining. We will then offer baked fish again."

This fish fry is unique as you can top off your dinner with your choice of \$2 homemade Catholic Daughter desserts. For drive-thru, there are three desserts to choose from. Profits go to charity.

All involved thank the people who support the fish fries. Without you, this could not happen. It is a win-win.



Bluejay dance team entertains

Emmie Dvorak and other members of the GACC dance team performed during the Bluejays' girls' district game against Norfolk Catholic. Also pictured is Cassidee Stratman.

Knights to celebrate 100th anniversary

By Delores Meister

The local Knights of Columbus St. Joseph's Council 2272 will celebrate their 100th anniversary Sunday, May 23. District Deputy Chris Kreikemeier announced plans that begin with an afternoon Mass, a commemorative program and a public dinner.



Avery Kreikemeier in OID.



Brianna Peatrowsky in Entertainment.



GACC's speech team performs Night of Excellence



The Guardian Angels Central Catholic speech team performed its annual Night of Excellence on March 1. Above: Evelyn Wooldrik performs with GACC's OID team. Left: Tobias Steffensmeier and Andie Guenther are part of GACC's OID team.



Catholic Schools Week

GACC celebrated Catholic Schools Week from Jan. 31 to Feb. 6. Above: It was movie day for Joyce Ortmeier and her 3rd grade classroom. The kids had popcorn and water provided by SPA. Left: Brooke Wordekemper participates in a game for Catholic Schools Week.

Bluejay wrestling sends four to state

After having just four wrestlers competing at districts four years ago, GACC had a total of four state qualifiers for the 2021 State Wrestling tournament.

They were Ethan Baumert (152), Cash Meier (182), George Fraher (285) and Dax Doernemann (285). Meier, who took 5th last year, captured a 3rd-place finish in his senior season.



Baumert



Fraher



Doernemann



GACC Cash Meier with head coach Ryan Miller.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Attention: Alumni Banquet will be held June 5, 2021

Honor classes: 1925, 1930, 1935, 1940, 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1980, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2010, 2020 and 1921, 1926, 1931, 1936, 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1981, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2011, 2021

Note: JayFest will be held June 4, 2021



BIRTHS

Melissa (Otte) '10 & Dylan Smith: daughter Margaret Kay born 8/11/20

Marissa (Franzuebbers) '13 & Jake Werner: son Collin Joseph born 11/19/20

Tate '14 & Emily Dorcey: daughter Makenna Grace born 11/24/20

Anthony '11 & Justine (Goeden) '11 Ridder: son August Patrick born 12/6/20

Todd '03 & Amber (Schlecht) Hugo '04: son Daxton Bruce born 12/8/20

Aaron '11 & Lauren Spenner: son Owen Joseph born 1/10/21

Jeff '08 & Elisha Kirchmann: daughter Giana Monroe born 1/29/21

Bradee (Rief) '12 & Travis Schiefelbein: son Liam Frank born 2/8/21

DEATHS

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD

Marlene (Whitcomb) Delisi '54: Date of death 11/25/20

Seth Hasemann '07: Date of death 12/14/20

Genevieve (Guenther) Hass '47: Date of death 12/17/20

Daniel Meiergerd '74: Date of death 1/3/21

Juliana (Hugo) Wordekemper '46: Date of death 1/16/21

Clarice (Brunnert) Kaup '64: Date of death 1/20/21

John Buse '63: Date of death 1/20/21

Rose Marie (McDermott) Fairbanks '55

Larry Reimers '56: Date of death 2/14/21

Don Burger '52: Date of death 2/21/21

WEDDINGS

Anna Weiler '14 & Travette Dennis: married on 12/12/20

Rebekah McGill '16 & Jeffrey Black: married on 1/2/21

Luke Gnad '16 & Sydney Beat: married on 1/9/21



Dance, Dance!

GACC School holds annual cheer & dance clinic

GACC held its annual Cheer & Dance clinic at the school's basketball game against Pierce. A total of 59 K-4 graders participated. Providing some halftime entertainment were, from left, Stella Guenther, Leighton Baumert, Kansas Knobbe (front) and Reagan Hunke.

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