



Winter/Spring 2020

Flaming Arrow

WE ARE

IN THIS

TOGETHER



Eyes on the prize

Winskill Elementary School students enjoyed an obstacle course during their physical education classes the last week of February.



Grateful for things to celebrate in tough times

I don't often call District Administrator Wagner, but I gave him a phone call on Friday afternoon, March 13, shortly after 4 p.m. We began talking about a great addition to his sports memorabilia collection at the end of the call when Mrs. Wagner shared the news: Governor Evers had ordered Wisconsin schools closed until April 5.

April 5 will have come and gone by the time you read this, and as you

know, we are still looking forward to the day we can return to school. What an awesome day that will be.

In these tough times, there has still been plenty to celebrate. Thanks to donations from the community, the Friends of Winskill have maintained the Snack Pack for Backpacks program. The response to the Grab and Go meals has been great.

I'm grateful technology has allowed our team to connect with

some of our students. As you can see on this edition's cover, there are plenty of smiling faces during Winskill Elementary's classroom Zoom calls.

It has been said a few times, but thanks again for your patience and understanding the last few weeks. We will get through this together.

Robert Callahan | Editor

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A color splash



An assist from the Lancaster Community Fund
has brought a splash of color to
Lancaster High School's Hillery Auditorium

BY ROBERT CALLAHAN

If you noticed a splash of color in the lights during Cabaret in February or the Music In Our Schools Month concert in March, your eyes were not fooling you.

New lights were installed in Lancaster High School's Hillery Auditorium earlier this year, thanks in part to a generous grant from the Lancaster Community Fund.

"The lights are really cool," Lancaster Middle/High School choir director David Murphy said. "They allow so much more flexibility and we can create lighting effects with them. It would just take so much manpower and so many lighting instruments to create various scenes with different colored lights.

"In our previous setup, you put a colored gel in the light. Then if you wanted white, you needed another light for white. And if you wanted another color you needed to gel yet another light. That's three lights for the same spot on stage. All those lights are taken up to do those various effects. Sometimes you run out of lights, or it is too dark, or etcetera."

The Lancaster Community Fund awarded Lancaster Community Schools a grant of \$15,000 to aid in the purchase of the lights. The school district invested \$10,000. The Community Fund previously awarded the school district \$5,000 to replace the lighting control board.

"It was the original [lighting board]," Community Fund advisory board member Sam Jonas said. "We had had it repaired a couple of times. I took it to Madison at least once to have it repaired. So it was 25 years old, and you know how it is with electronics today. Anything that is 25 years old is a brontosaurus.

"It was one of those things where you couldn't even get to have someone come in and try [to fix it]. It was not fixable anymore."

The new lighting control board made the new lighting possible.

"We got the light board with a matching grant. Without a board of that type, we couldn't run these lights," Murphy explained. "Our old board did not have enough wherewithal to manage all that. The new board was the beginning and led the way. This particular grant has

paved the way for a newer development."

How does it work?

"One single light is digitally controlled and can generate whatever color you want, basically," Murphy shared. "You can control that all from the light board. Once the light is up and focused on a certain location, you can tell that particular light to send a particular color. You can make the whole stage look blue or red or purple, or various shades thereof."

The lighting project is one of many initiatives the Lancaster Community Fund has partnered with the school district on. The Hillery Auditorium is air conditioned thanks in part to the Community Fund. The WAVE system was installed in the 2018-2019 school year. In this school year alone the Community Fund assisted in the purchase of security cameras, as well as the purchase of \$5,000 worth of books for The Loft at Winskill Elementary School.



Robert Callahan photo

The Loft at Winskill Elementary School is home to hundreds of books thanks to the Lancaster Community Fund.

"The book room houses hundreds and hundreds of sets of books for teachers to use in their classrooms when teaching small groups and guided reading lessons," said Title I reading teacher Jodi Recker. "These are beneficial resources for teachers because all materials in the book room are labeled according to reading level, so teachers can easily find specific levels of books to target specific instructional reading levels for small groups of

students."

Recker explained The Loft was first funded several years ago, and the time had come for the Title I teachers to weed out older materials that were no longer checked out. In turn, newer book collections were curated with more engaging resources for students to enjoy. In addition to \$5,000 from the Lancaster Community Fund, \$2,000 was awarded to the effort from the Friends of Winskill.

"The money was used to add hundreds and hundreds of new materials that meet the needs of all readers of Winskill, ranging from beginning readers to more challenging texts for our older students," Recker said. "Winskill is so thankful for the Lancaster Community

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“One Wife Too Many”

Friends and family

Lancaster High School presented “One Wife Too Many” by Tony Howell Nov. 8-10 in the Hillery Auditorium. Nearly 30 members of the cast and crew were underclassmen. “The talent pool at LHS is wide and deep, and our family is growing,” said Director Torie Leslie. “I was amazed, as I always am, at how much of a family this group has become.” When asked why they enjoy acting, several cast members were quick to mention that family. Photos courtesy of Shelly Holmes Portraiture.



“It is definitely going to help us later in life with being able to take directions from people,” said Madison Tracy (left). “We form bonds with people you wouldn’t expect to form bonds with, and it is forever.”



“I just enjoy spending time with the cast, being with everybody, getting to know each other, working as a team to make this production happen,” said Kieran Jahnke (third from left).



“It is really fun getting to be a new person, stepping away from your normal routine and be someone new,” said Natalie Moore (left).



“You make all these new friends,” said Gabi Dressler. “As we are getting ready, we have guys coming and asking for help, and the girls are like, ‘Yeah, we got this!’ and everyone interacts so well with one another.”



“It is always fun to see where it is going to take you,” said Abby Hartline. “We always make really nice underclassmen friends also. That is why I keep coming back, it is a really fun environment.”

Haphazardly Ever After

Lancaster Middle School students presented a not-so-ordinary fairy tale, "Haphazardly Ever After," on Dec. 20-21 in the Hillery Auditorium. "The characters were big personalities - and our students have done such a great job bringing them to life," said Director Ashley Miller. "Ah fairy tales," said Director Torie Leslie. "They are so much fun to perform!" Photos by Robert Callahan.



Queen Mildred (Myleigh Bender) and King Barnabas (Brady Sperle) wanted only the best for their children.



More than 40 talented Lancaster Middle School students comprised the cast and crew of "Haphazardly Ever After."



Princess Peppermint (Evy Dhyanchand), Princess Cinnamon (Kate McWilliams), Prince Hairgel (Clem Duke) and Prince Slacker (Alex Gruber) often did not see eye to eye.



Paige (Jojo Dressler) rode her faithful steed to the Enchanted Depot.



The Fairy Godmother (Cassie Nemitz) could make things right, but at a significant price!



Dan Wackershauser photo

Lancaster High School senior Gracie Klein is enrolled in Southwest Wisconsin Technical College's ColLEDGE Up 11-12-14 Nursing program. She is enrolled in nursing classes at Southwest Tech and her traditional high school classes as well.

A **STEP** ahead

LHS senior Gracie Klein has taken steps toward her future before her graduation thanks to CESA 3 and Southwest Tech

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BY DAN WACKERSHAUSER

A partnership between CESA 3 and Southwest Wisconsin Technical College in Fennimore is allowing area high school students an opportunity to get a jump start on higher education and

career plans, at an affordable cost.

One of those students is Gracie Klein, 17, a senior at Lancaster High School. Klein is enrolled in the ColLEDGE Up 11-12-14 Nursing program. During her junior year she completed some general education classes at Southwest Tech and this year she is taking nursing classes, as well as her traditional high school classes.

Klein heard about the program from Mark Uppena, principal at Lancaster High School. After learning that Klein may be interested in a healthcare career, he spoke with Klein's mother, Kim, and "I decided I wanted to try it out," said Gracie. "I've saved a lot of money with Southwest Tech and a lot of time, too."

"I've always been interested in the

gritty, gory stuff in TV shows,” said Gracie. “I’ve watched a lot of TV shows like ‘Untold Stories of the ER,’ ‘Grey’s Anatomy,’ and I just wanted to help people.”

Even through it is early in her nursing education, Gracie has picked up plenty of important skills already. “I’ve learned how to take blood pressures,” she said. “I know where to listen to breathing points and I know some more signs and symptoms of different diseases. I am also CPR certified.”

“A lot of my high school classmates come up to me and ask me questions based on sicknesses,” she joked, noting her family does as well.

Gracie attends high school Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-12:15 p.m. and then goes home to listen to lectures and complete nursing homework. She attends a Nursing Fundamentals class on Mondays from 5-7 p.m. and a Nursing Skills class on Saturdays from 7-10:15 a.m. at Southwest Tech. “It is pretty busy, but it is all worth it because I am getting a really good head start,” she said. “And I still get to be a high school student and have that high school experience.”

In her free time, Gracie enjoys hanging out with her friends, going to movies and attending high school football games on Friday nights.

Following graduation in May, Gracie plans to continue at Southwest Tech to each an associate’s degree in nursing and then eventually earn a bachelor’s degree in nursing elsewhere.

As for a career path, Gracie’s options are open. She has thoughts about becoming a labor and delivery nurse or maybe working in an

ER. She currently works at the Orchard Manor nursing home in Lancaster as a CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant).

The program is working well for her and Gracie offers advice to other high school students who are thinking about their futures. “I’d say not to rush into anything, but if you do kind of have an idea of what you really want to do, go for it, and then if you change your mind, that’s fine,” she said. “A lot of people change their mind and change their majors. There’s nothing wrong with that. Still make time for fun.”

In addition to a full academic load at Lancaster High School and



Dan Wackershauser photo

Gracie attends high school weekday mornings and listens to lectures and completes her nursing homework in the afternoons. She attends a Nursing Fundamentals class on Monday evenings and a Nursing Skills class on Saturday mornings.

working on her nursing degree at Southwest Tech, Gracie was named Homecoming Queen last October.

Gracie is the daughter of Kim and Travis Klein of Lancaster.

“We’re proud of all of her hard work because it takes a lot of extra time and we’re amazed at the amount of discipline that she has,” said Kim.

As a parent, Kim is well aware of the challenges of navigating their children through the path that is higher education. She is grateful for the ColLEDGE UP program. “I think

it’s a really good thing to be a part of,” she said. “It’s a really good opportunity. To be able to get a head start and be in college courses, but yet also be a part of high school so they don’t miss out on the high school experience is great.”

“I’m really hoping that Southwest Tech and high schools can team up and offer some more classes and more fields to offer a jump start,” added Kim.

ColLEDGE UP is offered through Southwest Tech as part of a student’s Academic Career Plan (ACP). It allows students to save money and time in earning a degree, it may allow for time for other classes or to work while attending college, and credits earned can move students up in the registration process.

The three areas covered by the ColLEDGE UP program include One and Done Laboratory Science, 11-12-14 Nursing and Gear Up general education transferable courses.

This nursing program outlines how students can take nursing classes, beginning with their sophomore year in high school, continuing through their

senior year and ultimately finishing the second year of the nursing program on the Southwest Tech campus.

The ColLEDGE UP program is offered to all school districts in the Southwest Tech district through an academy/cohort format. The classes are offered at each high school in the following formats:

- SRTNC (BlueJeans); synchronous video lecture or recorded video lecture
- Online (Schoology)

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Representing Lancaster High School at the Regional Leadership Conference were, front row from left: Mason Crooks, Larry Pluemer, Avery Crooks, Hannah Pierce, Madison Schneider and Eden Bowen; middle row: Ella Jackering, Sydney Busch, Kylie Larson, Violet Hibbard, Megan Lucey and Adeline Moore; back row: Morgan Cooley, Kelly Freymiller, Paige Lolwing, Lainee Burks, Kate Bussan, Jenna Wolf, Mikayla Smith, Alycia Boyd and Lancaster High School FBLA adviser Jennifer Wehrle. Not pictured: Brooke Schwab, Kylie Hale, Alayna Carl, Bridee Burks, Synger Runde and Ross Howard.

Leading the way

Lancaster High School's FBLA members are learning in and out of the classroom

Lancaster High School's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) members made their mark at the Regional Leadership Conference in Baraboo on Feb. 1.

Students from 37 Wisconsin schools competed in a variety of events and

attended professional development workshops at the Region IV event. Students who placed in the top three in their events qualified for the state competition.

At regional leadership conferences, FBLA members compete in academic events related to Business

and Information Technology, and learn from each other at student-led seminars as well as from business professionals. These events provide students real work experience and allows them to bridge the gap between school and real world experiences. The conference also pro-

vides students the chance to expand their network and be recognized for their efforts.

Eight Lancaster students qualified for the state competition, which was scheduled to be held in Madison last month. The state competition was subsequently canceled as

a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lancaster's Kelly Freymiller earned first place in Healthcare Administration and Mason Crooks earned first place in Cyber Security. Paige Lowing earned second place in Graphic Design.

Mason, a senior, has been a member of the FBLA since his sophomore year.

"After I decided I wanted to study engineering, the computer application events through FBLA looked very appealing," he said. "I talked to Mrs. [Jennifer] Wehrle and became incredibly involved with FBLA.

"FBLA has taught me numerous things in this short time. In particular, I am now aware of the massive amounts of work that is required to run an extracurricular activity. Further, I am more aware of business etiquette in my daily life."

What was Crooks' reaction to learning he had qualified for the state competition?

"Due to my event falling during the first semester finals week, I was not able to devote very much time to studying for my event," he said. "I was incredibly surprised and happy to learn that my test score had earned me a trip to the State Leadership Conference."

Freymiller, a sophomore, has been a member of the FBLA for two years.

"Before joining, I was



Contributed photo

Lancaster High School FBLA members who qualified for the state competition were, from left: Kelly Freymiller, Paige Lowing, Violet Hibbard, Alycia Boyd, Avery Crooks and Mason Crooks. Not pictured: Alayna Carl and Synger Runde.

looking for anything to get me involved in high school activities, and I have known Mrs. Wehrle, our advisor, for most of my life," she said. "She told me that she thought

"During my time in FBLA, I have developed my leadership skills and learned a lot. I have learned never to doubt yourself, the characteristics of a good leader, how important connections are, the importance of hard work, and many other valuable life skills."

I'd like it, so I gave it a shot.

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What was Freymiller's reaction to learning she

had qualified for the state competition?

"This year's regional competition is definitely something I will remember for a lifetime," she said. "When it was time

for the awards ceremony I was very nervous that I hadn't done as well as I wanted, but then they called my name for the top five competitors in my event. All of us went up to the stage dumbstruck that our names had been called.

"The announcer started naming people off starting with fifth [place], he continued calling names, and

I still hadn't heard mine. Finally, he called mine in the first place position. I was so shocked all I could do was smile and thank everyone who was telling me congratulations."

Earning third place finishes were Alayna Carl (Hospitality Management), Alycia Boyd (Business Calculations), Avery Crooks (Job Interview), Synger Runde (Intro to Business Procedures) and Violet Hibbard (Business Ethics).

Finishing in fourth place were Jenna Wolf, Laine Burks and Madison Schneider (Social Media Campaign), and Larry Pluemer (Organizational Leadership).

Other place winners for Lancaster were: Eden Bowen and Mikayla Smith (fifth place, Management Decision Making), Kendra Kindrai (fifth place, Organizational Leadership), Morgan Cooley (fifth place, Entrepreneurship), Ross Howard (sixth place, Journalism), Hannah Pierce and Kylie Larson (sixth place, Broadcast Journalism), Bridee Burks (sixth place, Securities and Investments), Brooke Schwab and Kylie Hale (sixth place, Marketing), and Ella Jackering and Sydney Busch (eighth place, Intro to Business Presentation).

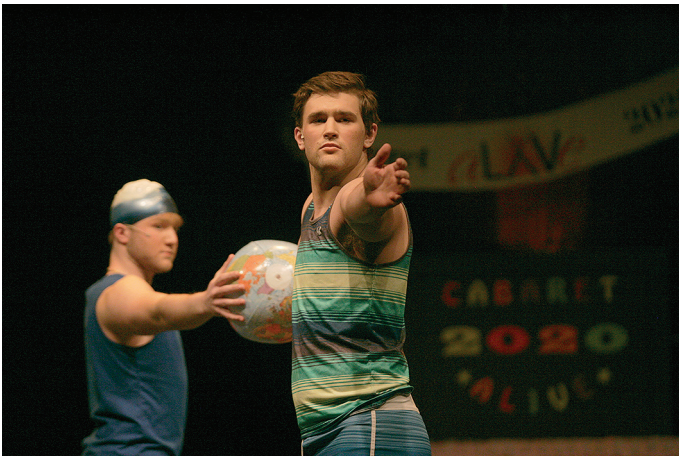
"We have seen amazing growth in our Lancaster FBLA chapter this year," said adviser

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65th Cabaret

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Lancaster High School students presented the 65th edition of Cabaret, "Alive," Feb. 15-16. Ninety-six students were involved in the annual production. Duane Wilcox began the annual tradition in 1955. Dubbed the Lancaster Variety Show in its first year, the showcase became known as Cabaret in 1956. Photos by Robert Callahan.



Ian Martin (left) and Caden Straka had the world in their hands during this interlude.



The Song Spinners and all performers closed out the show with "More I Cannot Wish You" / "I Lived" / "Finale"



The Lancaster High School choir gentlemen performed "Stayin' Alive."



The Song Spinners began the second act of the show with "The Heart of..." "the Cabaret"



All Treble performed "Dynamite."



Reenacting a classic Saturday Night Live skit were, from left: Brooklyn Connelly, Ian Martin and Mason Crooks.



Like the Energizer Bunny, Cabaret keeps going strong after all these years.



Singing "I Can't Stand the Rain" were, from left: Rianna Straka, Sydney Busch, Madison Tracy, Abby Burr, Jasmin Clauer and Erin Walker.



Jackson Uppena looked the part as he sang "Life's For the Living".



The Chamber Singers would have made Freddie Mercury proud with their performance of "Bohemian Rhapsody".

Walker named Herb Kohl Foundation Excellence Scholar

Lancaster High School senior will receive a \$10,000 scholarship

The selection committee for the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Student Scholarship, Teacher Fellowship and Principal Leadership program has announced recipients of the 312 Herb Kohl Foundation awards for Wisconsin students, teachers and principals. Awards in the amount of \$6,000 are being made to 100 teachers, 16 principals, and their schools, and \$10,000 scholarships will be given to 193 graduating high school students.

Lancaster High School senior Erin Walker has been selected a 2020 Herb Kohl Foundation Excellence Scholar. She will receive a \$10,000 scholarship that may be used at any postsecondary institution and is not limited to Wisconsin. Erin is the daughter of Laurie and Steve Walker of Lancaster.

Excellence Scholarship recipients have demonstrated excellence in the academic arena and high motivation to achieve, have displayed a broad range of activity and leadership outside the academic setting, and have shown strong promise for succeeding in college and beyond.

Fellowship recipients are educators who have been chosen for their superior ability to inspire a love of learning in their

students, their ability to motivate others, and their leadership and service within and outside the classroom.

Leadership Award recipients are school principals who are being recognized for setting high standards for instruction, achievement and character, and creating a climate to best serve students, families, staff and community.

“I was surprised, to say the least, when I was told I got the scholarship,” Erin said. “I knew that hundreds of students who were just as involved and dedicated as I am had applied, so to hear that my application was chosen was super exciting.”

Walker credited her education and the Lancaster community for the achievement.

“Through my academic and community involvement, I have made several life-long connections with my teachers, bosses, mentors and others

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Photo courtesy of Mary Hampton Photography

Lancaster High School senior Erin Walker has been chosen as a 2020 Herb Kohl Foundation Excellence Scholar.

that have shaped me into the person I am today,” she said. “Without their guidance, as well as the support of my family and friends, I would not have received this scholarship. I am beyond grateful for this award and will find it extremely useful as I continue my education after graduation.”

Excellence Scholarship, Fellowship and Leadership Award recipients are selected by

a statewide committee composed of civic leaders, and representatives of education-related associations and the program’s co-sponsors: The Wisconsin Newspaper Association Foundation, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Wisconsin Council of Religious and Independent Schools (WCRIS), regional Cooperative Educational Service Agencies (CESA), the Association of Wisconsin School Administrators, and the Wisconsin Parents Association.

“I think it is significant that Wisconsin’s students, teachers, principals and schools are recognized for their devotion to education and learning,” said

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LHS students win 15 medals at SWC Math Contest

Lancaster High School students tallied an incredible medal haul at the Southwest Wisconsin Conference Math Contest in Richland Center on March 4.

Fifteen LHS students earned medals and four more students were just one correct answer away from a medal.

Medal winners

Division 1: Chloe Crapp, Jayden Lolwing (bronze), Brooklyn Russell (bronze), MaKenna Breuer (silver), Jacob DiVall (silver).

Division 2: Kaitlyn NeCollins, Ella Jackering, Madi Reukauf, Alaina Stader (gold), Dakota White (gold).

Division 3: Anna Murphy, Avery Crooks, Gabi Dressler (bronze), Grace Schaffer (silver), Isaac Dhyanchand (gold).

Division 4: Ellie Rie-



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Representing Lancaster High School at the SWC Math Contest were, front row from left: Brooklyn Russell, Anna Murphy, Gabi Dressler, Avery Crooks, Ella Jackering and Kristin Muench; second row: Mrs. Fuchs, Madi Reukauf, MaKenna Breuer, Grace Schaffer, Chloe Crapp and Alaina Stader; third row: Jayden Lolwing, Dakota White, Kelsey NeCollins, Ellie Riedel, Kieran Jahnke. Zach Mendis, Aaron Murphy and Mrs. Noble; back row: Jacob DiVall, Isaac Dhyanchand, Jeremiah Ihm, James Vincent, Ryan Gallinger, Matthew Vesperman and Mason Crooks.

del, Kieran Jahnke, Kristin Muench (silver), Zach Mendis (silver), Matthew

Vesperman (gold).

Division 5: James Vincent, Jeremiah Ihm, Ryan

Gallinger (bronze), Aaron Murphy (bronze), Mason Crooks (silver).

Lancaster Middle School students earn four gold medals at Math Contest

Ten talented students represented Lancaster Middle School at the Southwest Wisconsin Conference Math Contest in Richland Center on March 4.

Four students — Leah Muench, Kate McWilliams, Myleigh Bender and Jarod Trumm-Nihles — earned a gold medal for finishing in the top 15 out of 60 students. Muench placed third overall.



Representing LMS were, front row from left: Kylee Sitts, Leah Muench and Kate McWilliams; back row: Josephine Dressler, Christina Buttles, Emily Pierce, Kendra Vesperman, Myleigh Bender, Jarod Trumm-Nihles and Michael Murphy.

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Fund and the Friends of Winskill.”

In addition, David Daniel of American Players Theatre brought his week-long Potency of Poetry residency to Lancaster Middle School in October. He shared his time and talents with seventh and eighth grade students. Daniel’s residency is made possible by a grant from the Lancaster Community Fund’s Merlet and Schacht Family endowments.

“We recognize that the schools stretch their money as far as it can go, so anything we can do above and beyond just makes it better,” said Community Fund advisory board member Megan Slane. “Whereas some of the other entities that come to us, we can do more matching grants because they have a little bit more power and leverage to raise funds. Already the schools do a lot: Friends of Winskill contributes quite a bit in matching some of the projects we do. The teachers and the students, they stretch their dollar as much as they can.”

“We are focused on the youth of Lancaster, and that is one of the things that the Community Fund is very supportive of,” explained Community Fund advisory board member Kevin Raisbeck. “Not just the high school, middle school and Winskill, but St. Clement as well. There has been a lot of support there as well.”

“At the same time, we fund way more things than just the school. There are lots of organizations—the City, the K9, the drug dog, the Grantland Theatre—there are so many things we have funded for years. It is not just the school, but the school obviously has applied for several grants and been awarded.”

“As a board, our duty—when we sign our pledge and we meet with Rod [Roggensack] to go over our introduction to the board—is to seek out projects in the community that are worthy of the Community Fund’s



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David Daniel of American Players Theatre visited Lancaster Middle School in October thanks to the Lancaster Community Fund.

time and resources,” added Community Fund advisory board chairperson Joseph Krantz.

Murphy pointed out he originally wrote a grant request for far less than \$15,000, after which a counter-proposal was made.

“One of the greatest things I can say about the Community Fund is I wrote a grant for half of this. I explained to a very slight degree, that this was kind of the beginning of something larger,” he said. “They contacted me and said, ‘What is the larger project?’, and kind of made a counter-proposal to me. They said, you can do it the way you wrote it, or you can do the whole project, but you are going to have to match it with some additional funds. The school district then matched the other portion.”

“The special thing I think was just saying, ‘Hey, what is the bigger project? Let’s do that.’ That is the nice part, I think.”

A step ahead

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- Face to face if the student wishes to attend the Southwest Tech campus

The program began in fall 2018 and has been growing at a rapid rate. In fall 2018, a total of 17 students from five school districts, Boscobel, Black Hawk, Lancaster,

Mineral Point, and Potosi, enrolled in a total of 103 credits. In fall 2019, the number of students has grown to 47 students enrolled in a total of 173 Southwest Tech credits. Districts represented this fall include Barneveld, Black Hawk, Boscobel, Cuba City, Fennimore, Highland, Ithaca, Lancaster, Mineral Point, North Crawford, Pecatonica, Potosi, Richland Center, Southwestern, Wauzeka-Steuben and Weston.

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S-u-p-e-r S-p-e-l-l-e-r-s: Kendra Vesperman is tops at LMS



Lancaster Middle School eighth grader Kendra Vesperman represented LMS at the 33rd Telegraph Herald Regional Spelling Bee at Loras College in Dubuque last month. A total of 32 students from area schools were invited to compete. Kendra advanced to the fourth round, being bested by only nine students. Kendra (left) won the LMS Spelling Bee in February. Clem Duve (middle) was the school's first alternate and Abby Timmerman was second alternate.

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Leading the way

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Jennifer Wehrle. "I have been really impressed with our membership's hard work and determination to make this a successful year. Although our year was cut short, I know that determination will follow through to next

year and make us even stronger."

What does Freymiller enjoy most about FBLA?

"The thing I enjoy most about FBLA is all the people," she said. "Everyone at the conventions are very kind and it is very easy to make new friends."

Mason concurred.

"I enjoyed the friendships I made in FBLA

most of all," he said. "I am lucky to spend numerous hours with great people at FBLA events, people I will miss as I move on with my life."

Wisconsin FBLA is the state organization for all students participating in business education programs. In the 2018-2019 school year, Wisconsin FBLA-PBL operated chap-

ters at 214 schools across Wisconsin, with a total of 6,832 members with an additional 53 professional division members.

Lancaster Community Schools Communications Director Robert Callahan contributed to this report.

Scholar

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Dr. Chris Cody, WCRIS board president.

The Kohl Foundation Scholarship and Fellowship program was established by Herb Kohl, philanthropist and busi-

nessman, in 1990. Currently in its 30th year of recognizing educational excellence, the foundation has awarded \$20.9 million to Wisconsin educators, principals, students and schools.

"Education is the key to the future of Wisconsin and our nation. I am very

proud of the accomplishments of these students, teachers, and principals and look forward to the great contributions they will make in the future," Kohl said.

Regional recognition luncheons honoring the recipients were scheduled to be held in spring,

2020. Kohl will attend all luncheons and present awards to recipients.

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FLYING ARROW SCOREBOARD

The Platteville/Belmont/Lancaster gymnastics team finished second at the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) Division 2 Platteville sectional to earn its place at the WIAA state championships. The Hillmen qualified for the team state championships for a third straight year and a 10th time in 11 seasons after upsetting Southwest Wisconsin Conference (SWC) champion Dodgeville/Mineral Point — which topped Platteville/Lancaster/Belmont at the SWC Championships. The Hillmen finished ninth in the team competition at the WIAA championships. Lancaster's **Brooklyn VanNatta** earned Southwest Wisconsin Conference (SWC) All-Conference first team honors in the vault and floor exercise. She earned second team accolades in the all-around, and honorable mention status in the uneven bars and balance beam. Thanks to top-five finishes at the sectional competition, VanNatta competed in the Division 2 individual state championships in the balance beam, floor exercise, vault and all-around.

The Lancaster wrestling team posted a 4-1 mark in SWC dual meets, with its lone loss coming to Prairie du Chien. Lancaster's **Remington Bontre-**



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The Platteville/Belmont/Lancaster gymnastics team qualified for the WIAA state championships for the third straight year.



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Lancaster's Logan Schneider ended his prep career at the WIAA individual championships after punching his ticket to state with a sectional title.

ger (113 pounds) earned All-Conference first team honors. Joining him on the first team were **Isaac Oyen** (152), **Allen Cohen** (182), **Caden Straka** (220) and **Myles Bender** (285). Earning a spot on the All-Conference second team were **Joe Esser** (106), **Carter Lull** (132),

Matthew Crosby (138), **Brent Wagner** (182) and **Dustin Wolf** (195). **Logan Schneider** (145) earned honorable mention status. Bontreger, Schneider and Wolf punched their ticket to the WIAA individual championships. Bontreger finished second and Wolf earned a

fifth-place finish.

The Platteville/Lancaster boys swimming team scored 230 points to place fifth at the Southern Lakes Conference (SLC) championships. Following a 3-4 finish in SLC dual meets and their fifth place finish at the championship meet, the Hillmen finished fifth in the final conference standings.

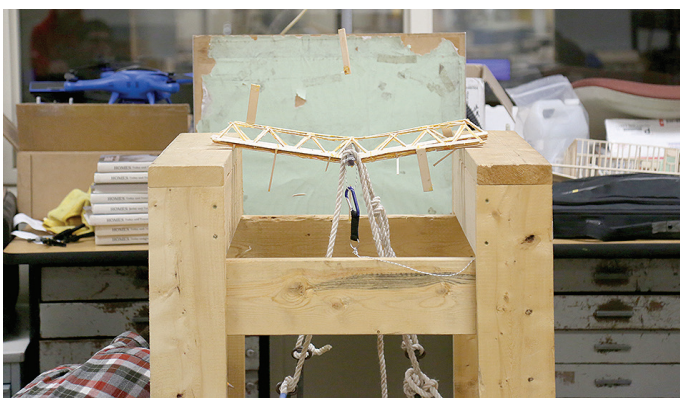
The Lancaster girls basketball team played to a 12-12 mark overall and were 3-7 in SWC play. The Flying Arrows defeated Fennimore, 45-40, in a WIAA Division 4 regional quarterfinal before falling to Mineral Point in a regional semifinal. Lancaster's **Kylie Kelly** and **Bridee Burks** earned All-Conference second team accolades. **Sophie Uppena** earned honorable mention status.

The Lancaster boys basketball team finished the 2019-2020 season 13-10 overall and 6-4 in the SWC. The Flying Arrows were upset by Boscobel, 62-52, in a WIAA Division 4 regional quarterfinal game. Lancaster's **Dawson Bowen** earned All-Conference first team honors and **Hayden Knapp** was named to the second team. **Aaron Murphy** and **Hayden Wagner** earned honorable mention recognition.

Olympic Memories

Lancaster's FFA Chapter held its annual Ag Olympics competition on Monday night, Feb. 24. From bobbing for apples to the bale toss, the competition was fierce.





TEST OF STRENGTH

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Lancaster High School students in Mr. Keats' Physics class and Mr. Mumm's Project Lead The Way Principles of Engineering class teamed up to test the design of bridges in December. Teams of two or three students built bridges to span 18 inches using only wood, wood glue and dental floss. The bridges had to weigh less than 1/3 of a pound. This year's top bridge held 225 pounds, more than 600 times its own weight!