



KENESAW PUBLIC SCHOOL

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# THE BLUE DEVIL BUGLE

## November 2020

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- 11/4 FFA Fall CDE
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- 11/9 TVC Vocal Clinic
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- 11/11 Veteran's Day Celebration
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- 11/16 JH Girls Basketball (H) Franklin, JH Wrestling (A) Ravenna Triangular

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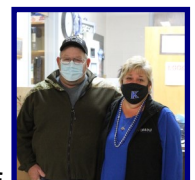
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## Gail Whitesel awarded a Nebraska Paraeducator of the Year Award for 2020



Gail was one of three individuals selected from the statewide nominations. She received a surprise congratulations in school on Thursday, October 22. Students, staff, and family were present for the announcement of the award. Kenesaw Public Schools is truly lucky to have Gail as a staff member supporting our staff and students.



The Nebraska Department of Education will recognize Gail at the award luncheon during the 2020 Paraeducator Conference on November 10, 2020.



## Junior Class Shoe Drive

By Chloe Uden



The Kenesaw Junior class began a shoe drive on August 20th with the goal of collecting 100 bags of shoes filled with 25 pairs. They placed shoe donation boxes around Kenesaw; for example, in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, the commons area in the new gym, the Kenesaw Market, and the Ford dealership. They even placed boxes in some business around Hastings. Their fundraiser was through a company called Funds2Orgs, a for-profit company and social enterprise that partners with nonprofits, schools, churches, and other groups to help them plan and implement a shoe drive fundraising campaign.

They also supply all the materials needed for the fundraiser, those being 33-gallon bags, rubber bands, and marketing material templates. Funds2Orgs only accepts pairs of gently worn and used shoes, excluding shoes that have holes, tears, thrift store shoes, roller skates/rollerblades, and wet or moldy shoes. The Juniors were lucky to have such a supportive community to help gather shoe donations that they reached their goal of 100 bags and even then filled 59 more bags (and counting). With the overachievement of their goal, the Juniors will receive even more money for Project D.C.!

The Juniors want to give a big thanks to everyone who donated!

## Student of the Month

Kaylee Larson  
August 2020

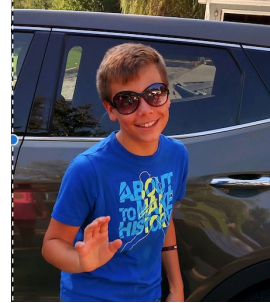


Kaylee Larson possesses many admirable qualities; however, her drive toward success is especially impressive, which makes her an excellent Kenesaw Public Schools representative of Student of the Month.

Kaylee is a true scholar, always working hard to earn high academic achievements. She is very meticulous not only to learn but also to master the curriculum offered to her. She displays professionalism with her co- and extra-curricular endeavors, too. To see that smile on her face, the precise moves, and the ease of artistry displayed during every dance performance indicates a skilled practitioner of the art of dance. She alone choreographs the routines for the crowd's enjoyment. In her other school responsibilities ( NHS, Band, Color Guard, Choir, FBLA, Student Council, One-Act Crew ), she also demonstrates leadership and enthusiasm with such finesse.

Yet Kaylee's contribution of her time and talents to Kenesaw Schools is not her only obligation. Kaylee works three school nights a week at The Bridge in Hastings, as well as every Saturday, providing day-care services. Certainly she has learned how to manage her time each day, make the most of every day, and help others along the way. We are very proud of her. Congratulations, Kaylee!

Deric Goldenstein  
September 2020



Senior Deric Goldenstein is the September choice for Student of the Month. Deric exemplifies everything a Blue Devil should be:

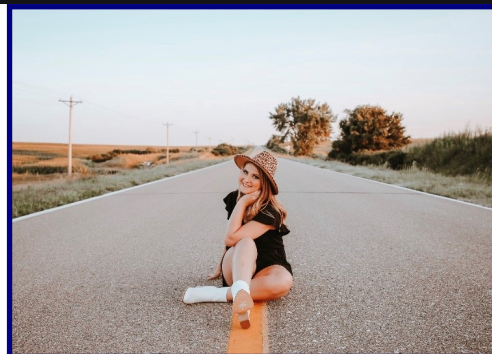
- He works hard in class, maintaining his A Honor Roll status.
- He shows commitment to the extracurricular activities.
- He helps those around him and always has a positive attitude -- even when "times get tough."
- He respects his teachers, and he encourages and respects his peers and teammates, as evident by his being selected Homecoming King.
- He is willing to "go the extra mile" to achieve success as he has proven by being awarded the NSAA and U.S. Bank® Believers & Achievers award, which recognizes only 48 Nebraska students / future leaders for their participation and achievements in academics and extracurriculars, and for their commitment to citizenship.

All of these character traits and principles by which he lives, make Deric an epitome of success and a truly deserving Blue Devil of the Month.

# Senior Spotlights

## Grace Eckhardt

Grace Eckhardt, daughter of Mike and Amy Eckhardt, is currently in FFA, SkillsUSA, 4-H, golf, FBLA, and One-Act. She plans to hopefully go to University of Nebraska Lincoln and get her degree in Agronomy. Her advice for the underclassmen is "Don't be scared to be who you are—it makes high school suck trying to be someone else." The thing she will miss most is bothering Mrs. Meyer about FFA stuff. Time management and how to bust a project out in 20 minutes before it is due and running on 2 hours of sleep being able to function has helped prepare her for the future. Her favorite memory from high school is playing with a group of girls at a golf tournament and hearing them call a corn field a wheat field.... Like what?



"Anything my father has ever said working the heifers." -Mike Eckhardt



## Hope Nienhueser

Hope Nienhueser, daughter of Jeff and Amy Nienhueser, is currently in Volleyball, Basketball, Band, Track, FFA, Choir, NHS, LYF, and K-Club. She plans to go to Hastings College to play volleyball and major in Business Administration. Her advice for the underclassmen is "To take in moments as they come and never take an opportunity to do something you love for granted." The thing she will miss most is being with her sister and playing sports with her. Mrs. Bonnie Engelhardt's English class has helped prepare her for the future because of deadlines, structure, and knowledge. Her favorite memory from high school is cheering at the Boys State Championship games her freshman year or all of the subdistrict volleyball games.

"Dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them" -Walt Disney

## Austin Peterson

Austin James Peterson, son of Michael and Shana Peterson, is currently in Football, Basketball, FBLA, Track, and Band. He plans to go to Central Community College in Hastings to become an electrician. His advice for the underclassmen is "Enjoy every bit of high school because even though there are times when it isn't fun, you'll miss it when it's over." The thing he will miss most is the Friday night lights. Study Skills in 7th grade has helped prepare him for the future. His favorite memory from high school is making Ramen noodle doughnuts in Careers class.



"You must strive to find your own voice because the longer you wait to begin, the less likely you are to find it at all." -Robin Williams



## Volleyball

By Kaylee Steer



head coach Alyssa Jeffrey. With a win, the Lady Devils will be District Champions and head to the Substate game on Saturday. (10/31/2020)

\*The Blue Devils beat Shelton in 3 sets and will play Johnson-Brock at Substate

The 19-9 Lady Blue Devils are heading into Subdistricts with confidence and fire as they are set to play Shelton tonight (10/27/2020) for the third time this season. "Preparing for this game, there is always that stress knowing that we are 0-2 against them. After a lot of talking with each other, I feel like we have a good game plan and I have so much faith in this team going into this," says senior setter Kaylee Steer. "Going into tonight's game, I feel really good about it all. The team chemistry is amazing right now and all of my girls are on the same wavelength. We are starting to put the pieces of the puzzle back together, and we feel confident that we will come out with a win tonight." says first-year



Photo Courtesy of  
Becky Katzberg

## Football

By Tyson Denkert



Playing in Lincoln for the state football championship has been the goal for the Kenesaw Blue Devil football team all year. They have been working hard in games and practices to achieve it. Every game hasn't been promised to the team, so they have been treating every day as their last. After a tough loss to the BDS Eagles, 23-43, on Friday October 2, the team was shown that there is room to improve in many places in order to be the best they can be and compete at a high level. They have handled Blue Hill, 73-34 and Palmer, 61-18, after that loss to BDS and are now not overlooking any team because every game could be the last. Now that playoffs are starting and the road ahead will be a tough one, they are focused and determined to

play for the championship. They had a rematch with Palmer in the first round of playoffs on Thursday, October 22 and defeated them 52-16. They will travel to Allen on Friday, October 30 to take on the Allen Eagles. They have talked all year how this is the year to get it done. If they win this year, it will be the first ever State Championship for the Kenesaw football team. Same as other years, the battle with injuries is always present. The team has been blessed to not have a major injury that can mess up their season. They've had a few bumps and bruises throughout the season, including a lot of hurt wrists. This team is now in crunch time and are working tirelessly to continue on through the playoffs. Each game for them could be their last, so come support the boys and GO BIG BLUE!



## Cross Country

By Mr. Jace Morgan



Trevor Kuehn was our lone upperclassmen this year and he had the task of leading 6 Freshman and 2 Sophomores. Trevor earned a medal at 2 meets this year and improved his times by about 2 minutes at each course. He showed great improvement this year and I wish he had another year with the team. Levi received a medal during the last regular meet of the season and ran some good races. With some off-season work and the experience he gained this year, I look for him to score high at a lot of meets next year.

The rest of the boys' team also showed some great improvement, and next year with more experience under their belt, hopefully they will earn some top 15 finishes. Kynsie was our only girl and showed some great work ethic this season. She had a top 10 finish at our Conference Meet, earning her first medal of her high school career and also some stitches thanks to a low hanging branch. We gained a wealth of experience this year, and I hope that leads to future success for the Blue Devil Cross Country team.



2020	PR	Brick Yard (8/27)	Gibson (9/3)	Loup City (9/10)	Ravenna (9/17)	UNK (9/28)	TVC-(10/1) Hebron	Franklin (10/8)	Districts- Minden
Trevor Kuehn	19:53	22:09	21:23 25	20:12 11	20:39	20:21	19:53	20:37 9	DNR
Brayden Sidders	23:43:00	DNR	DNR	28:07:00	29:31:00	DNR	23:43:00	30:55:00	DNR
Caiden Milam	25:09:00	30:24:00	29:41:00	30:39:00	28:43:00	DNR	26:20:00	30:55:00	DNR
Levi Schroeder	20:22	23:09	21:49	21:14 23	21:07:00	21:42	20:37	21:08 11	20:22
Brayden Couitts	22:08	27:01:00	26:51	23:27	23:32	22:43	22:08	31:15:00	22:48
Brock Fletcher	26:14	29:20:00	DNR	27:19	29:52	DNR	26:14	DNR	DNR
Beau Lewis	23:00	24:39:00	24:48:00	24:19:00	24:40:00	23:45	23:20	24:06:00	23:00
Ben Adams	23:31	23:50	DNR	23:36	23:31	25:09:00	DNR	24:23:00	23:58
Kynsie Adams	27:51:00	32:00:00	30:14:00	29:30:00	30:58:00	DNR	27:51:00	33:12:00	28:55:00

## National Honor Society News

The month of November will be a busy one for the Kenesaw National Honor Society. On November 11 we will be hosting our annual Veteran's Day program. This year because of Covid our program will be done virtually and be available on the school web page. As always we invite all our veterans to come to the school at 8:30 the morning of the event for complimentary rolls and coffee. We will then be hosting a private viewing for our veterans and guests of the virtual Veteran's Day program in the new gym. Students will be seeing this program in their own classrooms.

The next day, November 12, the NHS will be hosting a blood drive in the new gym. We will be following some new guidelines and not be allowed to have any walk in appointments. However, in the days leading up to the event we will be opening up for appointments. The drive will be in the new gym from 10 AM until 5 PM. Last year we had a strong turnout, and we hope to have a similar turnout this year. Please consider making an appointment when it opens up to the public and come out and support this project.

## School Store

In September, Kenesaw Public School joined SchoolStore. SchoolStore is a great way to support our school by shopping at your favorite online merchants or donating a Caring For Classrooms gift card. SchoolStore.com is an online shopping mall where over 200 nationally known online merchants have agreed to give a percentage of sales to K-12 schools. Companies like WalMart.com, Sears, Target, DisneyStore.com, Family Book Store, and Oriental Trading Company participate. Most merchant contributions to your school will average 5%-10%, but some go as high as 50% of sales.

You can also donate a Caring For Classrooms gift card to a student's classroom. Your donation will be used by their teacher for needed supplies. Donating a Caring For Classroom gift card is a wonderful way to enhance the reading and learning experience for an entire classroom.

Thank you to all who have donated to the Caring For Classrooms program. Our teachers have received over \$3500 in gift cards.

If you have any questions about participating in this program please send a text message to 402-984-5864 and Kathryn Mousel will be happy to help you get signed up.

## Junior High Sports

By Blake Hoelting

The Junior High sports have ended, having had some amazing games. The athletes learned a lot, win or lose.

The Junior High Football team ended their season with a loss to Ravenna 0-36. The year was finished off with a 2-2 record. Coach Einrem said, "The Players worked hard during the season, and we got better in many areas." The games as of September 21 were Kenesaw 26 Heartland-Giltner 34; Kenesaw 34 Lawrence-Nelson 0; Kenesaw 50 Giltner-Heartland 8; and Kenesaw 0 Ravenna 36.

The Junior High Cross Country team ended their season with the Falcon Invite. The season had a rough ending with some injuries, but even with these drawbacks, they still worked very hard and were always motivated to improve.

The Junior High Volleyball team (3-2) also ended their season on October 12. The A team's final game was a win against Lawrence/Nelson 25-14, 25-15. Coach Engelhardt said, "The girls progressed nicely throughout the season. Being a bit "old school" in my approach to coaching, I feel the focus of any season should be fundamentals. I hope they had some fun along the way learning these fundamentals that make the game easier."

## FFA News

By Grace Eckhardt



Kenesaw FFA has been up to many great things, and the year has just begun! Officer interviews had to be pushed back due to Covid: interviews were at the beginning of the year unlike normal when they would be in May. The 2020-2021 officer team includes President - Grace Eckhardt, Vice President - Baylen Johnson, Secretary - Hope Nienhueser, Treasurer - Micheala Edwards, Reporter - Liam Parker, Sentinel - Gracie Coffey, and Parliamentarian - Nattalie Coffey.



This year was the first year Kenesaw FFA has been represented at both The Nebraska State Fair and AKSARBEN, both these shows are highly competitive livestock shows. Grace Eckhardt represented the chapter, showing her sheep in both FFA and 4-H divisions. Grace received honors of several ribbons. Although no big wins were brought home, the chapter's name was brought into the livestock world for the first time. The chapter hopes to grow in the number of kids who plan to exhibit at The Nebraska State Fair.

They recently competed in Land Judging in Clay County. The competition looked different due to Covid-19: each chapter had their own time slots, and chapters were not able to interact with each other in hopes to avoid an outbreak. The Kenesaw chapter took 16 kids to participate and compete. Although no one placed in a ribbon category, everyone learned and enjoyed the opportunity to be able to compete. The chapter and its members have been worried that they may not get many opportunities to go to many competitions or conferences due to Covid.

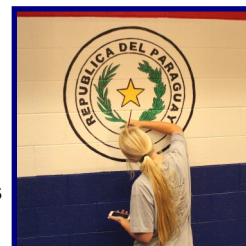
They have upcoming events such as Fall CDE competitions which will include Agriculture Communications, Farm Business, Bio Technology, Agronomy, Nursery and Landscape, Meats, and Natural Resources. These contests will be done virtually on November 4!

## Mural Painting

By Cecelia Parker



On Saturday, October 17, students gave up their day to help beautify the school by painting murals on the walls around Kenesaw Public Schools. In the Spanish room, the Paraguayan flag was painted because Mrs. DeWitt, the Spanish teacher, lived there for several years. Along the new music hallway, students painted the beginning notes of the Kenesaw High School song. There are plans to paint more murals around the school in the coming future.





# KIDS' CORNER

1. What are you thankful for?
2. What is your favorite food on Thanksgiving?
3. Do you like Thanksgiving or Halloween more?
4. What is your favorite thing to do on Thanksgiving?
5. If you could eat Thanksgiving dinner with anyone in the world, who would it be?



Tenley Prella

1. That we have horses
2. Turkey
3. Halloween because I like candy a lot
4. See my family
5. My grandma

Third Grade



Julia Benton

1. My kite
2. Chicken
3. Halloween because of Trick or Treating
4. Hanging out with my family
5. My mom and dad

Preschool



Hunter Kothe

1. My teachers
2. Turkey itself
3. Halloween because is spooky
4. Hang out with my family
5. My friend Kaleb

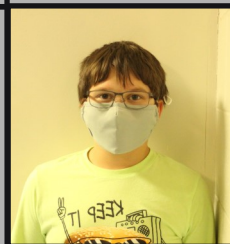
Fourth Grade



Mason Washington

1. My dads truck
2. Turkey
3. Halloween because I get candy
4. Play with Mia (family)
5. My family

Kindergarten



Matthew Long

1. Friends
2. Turkey
3. Halloween because you get candy
4. Spend time with family
5. I don't know

Fifth Grade



Eva Wiese

1. Friends and family
2. Turkey
3. Both
4. Spend time with my family
5. My friend

First Grade



Lieron Suck

1. Friends and family
2. Turkey or pie
3. Halloween because I get candy
4. Play games with my family
5. Steph Curry

Sixth Grade



Bodie Higel

1. My family
2. Mashed potatoes
3. Halloween because I get to dress up!
4. Play football with my family
5. Cade Spring, my friend who moved away

Second Grade

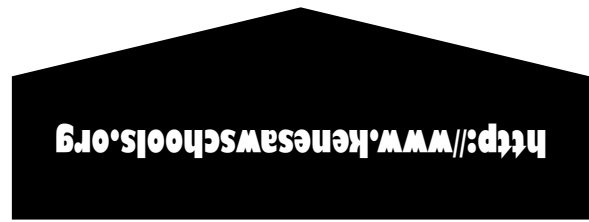


Annika Hellner

1. Family and friends
2. Pumpkin Pie
3. Halloween because it's Halloween.
4. Go to my aunt's house
5. My best friend

High School

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