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## CHILD CARE

*By Maryellen Homan*

Students are brushing up on their storytelling techniques and preparing to present some fun holiday lessons to children in selected local day care facilities. They are learning more about the health and safety of caring for children and will soon be undergoing CPR certification and the process of fingerprinting through the local OPD. Fun snacks will be evaluated during the unit on nutrition & wellness, too.

## CHEF TRAINING

*By Maryellen Homan*

Chef Training Students began the month preparing a catered dinner for SRCTC's advisory board members at their fall meeting. High school students planned and made three types of stew and apple crisp while junior high students prepared Caesar salad dressing and croutons. Sophomore "Chef Seth" (Sukut) donned his chef coat and toque to serve and bus the meal. Baking knowledge and techniques were the focus for the rest of the month. Several non-yeast products were tried and evaluated such as various quick breads, muffins, flatbreads and pastries. The highlight was "Bake and Take" where each student made a pie of their choice to take home. Delicious pumpkin, pecan, chocolate and banana cream pies with flaky homemade crusts were certainly enjoyed by family and friends during the Thanksgiving holiday. Yeast was the beast for homemade pizza dough using various mixing techniques. The dough became the basis for all sorts of unique pizzas such as chicken bacon ranch and even an original chicken enchilada creation.

## FCCLA

*By Maryellen Homan*

Statewide, FCCLA districts were reorganized this year. Our District 5 Leadership Meeting was held in Jamestown on November 21 with the theme "Be Yourself". Fourteen schools were represented with 183 members in attendance. Ten of twelve members from Oakes were able to attend and included Makayla Schafer, Izaiah Schafer, Marietta Privatt, Goldie Loep, Sierra Carlson, Abbigayle Glander, Sydney Schroeder, Madison Reiser, Lily Reiser and Zoey Reiser. Members participated in four workshops that included leadership activities and college prep tips and advice from the University of Jamestown reps. Students' favorite presentation was a self-defense course from a veteran state trooper which provided an eye-opening awareness in how to protect yourself in risky situations. Everyone loved the idea of being able to give comfort to those in need through the community service project of making tie blankets. Each chapter donated beautiful, colorful fleece and worked diligently to finish as many blankets as they could during the session. As a result, each chapter returned home with four blankets and a backpack filled with assorted items to give away. The Oakes FCCLA members agreed to give their items to Social Services for distribution. Local outgoing and incoming district officers, Goldie Loep and Marietta Tauer-Privatt, participated in a lovely candle-light installation ceremony. The newly elected district president was Karly Just from La Moure.



## DECA By Leonard Kjelland

Two Southeast Region Career and Technology students from Oakes attended the DECA Central Region and Development Conference in Detroit Michigan November 15<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup>. SRCTC DECA Vice-President Coy Awender and SRCTC DECA Social Media officer Garret Meehl attended the conference. At the conference, Coy and Garret both competed in written and role-play competitions. Coy was recognized for finishing in the top tier of his written test completion and was awarded with a medal on stage!

In addition to competing, students were able to attend general sessions with author, salesperson, entrepreneur and keynote speaker Phil M. Jones. In between general sessions, Coy and Garret participated in breakout sessions that included topics on branding yourself, career opportunities and analytics hosted by representatives from the Detroit Lions.



When not in sessions, students toured Detroit. Tours included the Ford car factory where students were able to view the assembly line and development process for creating a Ford vehicle, as well as a visit to the Henry Ford Museum. In the Museum, Coy and Garret were able to see the presidential vehicle John F. Kennedy was in when he was assassinated, a replica of the Wright Brothers plane, letters and items belonging to George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, the bus Rosa Parks was on, and many other historical items. The students also had the opportunity to take a riverboat cruise on the Detroit River, visit Ford Field and see General Motors world headquarters at the conference.

In all, nearly 1,500 students attended CRLC from states including North Dakota, Minnesota, South Dakota, Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Kentucky and Manitoba.

Also congratulations to SRCTC DECA President Claire Wagner for being awarded DECA member of the month for October for her work for and contributions to the SRCTC DECA chapter! Claire attended DECA's Fall Leadership Conference in October where she attended chapter president meetings and participated in a North Dakota DECA breakout session panel. On the panel, Claire discussed DECA and leadership related questions with over 100 DECA students from across the state. Claire is also working on completing

DECA's chapter campaigns for November with the other SRCTC DECA officers.

## FFA By Dan Spellerberg



Oakes/Sargent Central/Ellendale FFA's Farm Business Management Team placed 7<sup>th</sup> in the Nation at the National FFA Convention and Expo. After winning the State Farm Business Management CDE last June at the North Dakota State FFA Convention, the team qualified themselves to compete at Nationals. Members of this team included Sean Hermes, Max Muggli, Erich Scheffert and Caleb Hauck, with Advisor Daniel Spellerberg. Individually, Erich and Sean received silver awards, Max a gold award, and Caleb was 2<sup>nd</sup> High Individual. They competed against 41 other State Champion teams. This contest took place during the 91<sup>st</sup> National FFA Convention and Expo held in Indianapolis, Indiana October 24-27.

Other highlights from the convention included Brittany Roney receiving her American Degree. This is a prestigious award, earned by only 1% of FFA members. Over 67,000 FFA members from across all 50 states and Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands traveled to Indianapolis to attend the Convention and Expo.

