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members assist with charity and fundraising opportunities. Such a focus on community involvement means that Mandan High School's students had a major impact on the local businesses, many of whom are more than happy to both receive assistance and support their future endeavors.

"Everyone in Mandan is always willing to help," said Brown. "Business owners are happy to lend their time, whether it's through donations, listening in to our presentations, or serving on our advisory committee. We have a great relationship."

"I think people love to see how involved we are with our school and FBLA," said Wilkens, "and how we're putting effort into something for our future. They really appreciate that in students."

This, of course, isn't to say that citizens are the only ones who benefit from the arrangement. According to the students, the opportunity to get involved in every facet of the community around them (and

likewise, the elective as a whole) has allowed them to learn more about both business and personal development to a stunning degree.

"Networking is definitely a major thing," said Wilkens. "We go to different conferences and events, where you meet so many different people from everywhere. You learn a lot of new names and faces that are good to know in the community, and it helps point you on the right path after high school."

"In addition to meeting people," said Forde, "I think that FLBA teaches you a lot that you can use in the future. Taking an accounting test or working in a group with your friends can help prepare you for what those sorts of things look like in a professional setting."

Those in charge of the group, meanwhile, have taken pride in seeing just how much its members grow over time, and Brown notes that students who enter tend to leave with newfound confidence and abilities that far surpass what they originally thought

was possible.

"Seeing them come in as wide-eyed freshmen and out as skilled young professionals is wonderful," said Brown. "Comparing their first presentations to their recent work, they're miles apart. I think they're also much better at stepping up and taking leadership roles, and much more willing to go out and help in the community. When we need to start reaching out to businesses, they're the ones who understand what's going on."

While their time with the school may end in the next few years, Mandan High's FBLA members still have plenty of opportunities to continue their involvement, as many colleges also operate their own branches. Even beyond their time in education, the organization's alumni and volunteer programs ensure that former members can still have a hand in guiding the next generation- and according to those currently in the program, the things they gain from this experience will last a lifetime either way.

"I used to be very introverted when I first went to high school," said Wilkens, "but I'm a lot more social now, and a lot of that came from interacting with people through the FBLA. It helps you open up to the world, and be prepared to do anything."

"It opens your perspective on the world," said Miller. "Meeting and helping people from not just Mandan or North Dakota but around the country really shows you how many people see the importance of these skills, and gives you a drive to keep learning them."

The Middle and High School National Leadership Conference is set to take place from June 29th to July 2nd. More information on both the competitions and the volunteer and alumni programs can be found on the FBLA's website.

Event Calendar

Frozen Meals Almont

If interested in getting Frozen meals for the week, please pick up application on bulletin board in hallway next to Farmer supply. They are delivered on Tuesdays. Call 663-6528 with any questions.

New Salem/ Almont Bookmobile

New Salem - School 10:30-2:30 and Downtown 3:30-4:45p 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month

May 13 and May 27
May 27 Downtown ONLY

Almont - 2:15-3:00p
May 27

Aging in Community

NDSU Aging in Community is a private grant funded project focused on improving quality of life for older adults living in rural North Dakota communities. NDSU Aging in Community offers educational and social events as well as care coordination to improve health for those living independently in New Salem and the surrounding areas. Please join us for a brief informative discussion around the free services that Aging in Community offers, on April 29th

at 1:30 in the meeting room at the Metropolitan. The discussion will be followed by Wheel of Fortune team play. Join old friends and make new ones while you spin the wheel, call letters and solve puzzles. Please give Kyla a call at 701-348-9907 with any questions. We hope to see you on the 29th.

Athletic Banquet

The New Salem - Almont High School Athletic Department and the Holstein Booster Club invite all New Salem - Almont student athletes who have completed the varsity, junior varsity, or junior high sports season.

The banquet will be held on Monday, May 5th, 2025 6:00 p.m. in the New Salem City Auditorium on 400 Main Avenue

We also invite family and friends to celebrate individual and team athletic accomplishments.

The Brent Lauf Scholarship recipients will be announced during the banquet.

Enjoy an evening of presentations, recognition, door prizes, and a great meal!

Doors open at 5:45 p.m. Meal will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets sold at the door - \$15 per person- Varsity, Junior Varsity, Junior High Athletes and Coaches - No Charge

Passport Event for the New Salem Area

We will be in New Salem on Saturday, May 3rd, at the Metro Perk Coffee Shop. We will process passports from 10:00 until 1:00; we will have forms available, take photos, and answer any questions. People will need to bring proof of citizenship, photo ID, and a check or money order for payment for the passport. The photos and processing fees can be paid with a check, card, or cash. Please bring any old/expired passports. Children under the age of 16 must have both biological parents present, 16 & 17- year- olds must be accompanied by one parent. More information can be found on the MMPL website, or call the library at 667-5365 to have any questions answered.



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The New Salem-Almont School Board has set June 10, 2025, as the date for the annual school board election. The following positions are up for election: Tammy Gilstad from Area 1 and Mark Feland from Area 4. All positions are three-year terms.

Area 1 represents the City of New Salem. Area 4 represents the Almont/Sims District.

Interested candidates must reside within the geographic boundaries of the area they represent but will be voted on at large. Anyone interested in filing for these positions may pick up the proper forms at the Business Manager's office at the high school. The deadline for filing to have your name on the ballot is 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 25, 2025.

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